WE KNOW SNOW



Latest snow report

Latest snow forecast

Season progress report

Who got the most snow 2014-15?

Who got the most snow 2014-15 - N America

The snow quality equation

What is the Foehn?

Avoiding rain

Avalanche awareness

Who got the most snow 2013-14?

Who got the most snow 2013-14 - N. America

Who got the most snow 2012-13?

Who got the most snow 2012-13 - N. America

The winter of 2012-13 in pictures

Archive

2015-16

2014-15

2013-14

2012-13

Latest snow report

Updated: 3pm Thursday 3 March 2016

On balance, snow conditions in the Alps are now probably the best they have been all season. At altitude in the northern and western Alps (e.g. **Val d'Isère**, **Avoriaz**, **Verbier**, **Engelberg**) conditions have been good since the New Year, and they will improve even further this week with lots of new snow in the forecast.

In the southern Alps, especially in the Dolomites (e.g. **Cortina, Selva**), there has been a remarkable turnaround in recent weeks. Despite their very dry early winter, there has always been at least some decent piste skiing on offer - thanks to their extraordinary snow-making capabilities (particularly in Italy) - but now there is also plenty of natural snow, which has opened up more and more offpiste possibilities.

Other relatively weak areas, such as **Morzine** in the French Alps and some lowlying Austrian resorts, are also improving, which means that (all in all) late season prospects for the Alps are looking good.

Across the pond, all eyes are on California, where a series of massive storms is set to deliver 2-3m of snow over the next couple of weeks...

Austria

Most Austrian ski resorts have seen snow in recent days, which means that generally speaking conditions are very good for early March.

The very best skiing remains at altitude, with 130/220 cm in **Zürs** and 110/150 cm in **Obertauern**, both of which are in fantastic shape both on and offniste.

Even the lowest resorts, such as **Söll** (50/70cm), are much improved with new snow now at all levels. More snow is also forecast for many Austrian ski resorts over the next few days.



Much improved conditions in the Gastein valley - Photo: gastein.at

France

Snow conditions are generally excellent in France, especially across the northern French Alps where **Flaine** (140/330cm) reports 40cm of new snow up top, while **Les Arcs** (122/295cm) reports 25cm.

Even **Morzine**, which has struggled for much of the season, is improving rapidly, with new snow at resort level and upper base depths of 160cm.

Further south, snow depths are more modest (with some exceptions close to the Italian border), but conditions are still good, on the whole. **Serre Chevalier** currently has 20/143cm, while **Isola 2000** has 110/130cm.



Follow us on: **twitter**

Tweet this page







Contact us...

Got a burning question about weather or snow conditions in the Alps? Contact us and we'll do our best to answer it...

E: info@weathertoski.co.uk

T: +44 (0)20 3151 3154

Further snow is forecast across all French ski resorts in the next few days.



Serious snow in La Plagne! - Photo: facebook.com/LaPlagne

Snow conditions are now excellent across most Italian ski resorts.

The heaviest of the recent snowfall has been across the Dolomites, where Selva (for example) has seen 40cm and now has settled snow depths of 45/110cm - by far the highest they have been all season.

Further west, the **Monte Rosa** region is also in fantastic shape thanks to heavy snow earlier in the week. **Champoluc**, for example, now has 60/160cm depending on altitude.

More snow is expected in many Italian ski resorts over the next few days, heaviest in the central and eastern Alps on Saturday.



 $35 cm \ of \ new \ snow \ this \ morning \ in \ Cortina$ - Photo: dolomitisuperski.com

Switzerland

Generally speaking snow conditions are excellent across the Swiss Alps. St Moritz (55/120cm), which had struggled earlier in the season, now has plenty of snow and is skiing superbly.

Further west, where conditions have been good for much of the season, yet more snow has fallen. **Zermatt** now has 50/250cm, while **Verbier** has 40/255cm. Snow is also falling in lower lying **Wengen** (30/135cm), where lower depths had

Further snow is forecast across all Swiss ski resorts over the coming days.



Snowing for much of today in Morgins in the Swiss Portes du Soleil - Photo: telemorgins.ch

Rest of Europe

The Pyrenees are generally skiing well thanks to at least a little fresh snow in most resorts. Andorra's **Soldeu** has snow depths of 50/100cm and is in good shape right now. Spain's **Baqueira Beret** is doing even better though, with 110/195cm.

Bulgaria's snow drought continues, with reasonable pistes in leading resort **Bansko** (65/100cm), but little off-piste to speak of.

By contrast, $\bf Hemsedal$ has fresh snow and continues to offer excellent conditions, with 140cm of settled snow mid-mountain.

There is also plenty of snow in Scotland, and more in the forecast, with the most impressive figures currently in **Glencoe** (65/125cm).



Great snow cover in Glencoe in Scotland - Photo: winterhighland.info

USA

In the US, all eyes are on California, which is bracing itself for series of spectacular storms that could bring 2-3m of new snow in places over the next couple of weeks. **Mammoth** already has 229/419cm of settled snow thanks to big snowfalls earlier in the season, with these figures set to rise considerably.

Further north and east they are also expecting snow in Colorado and Utah, but generally in much more modest quantities. **Vail** (Colorado) has 135cm of snow mid-mountain, while **Alta** (Utah) has 213cm.

Canada

Whistler (282cm mid-mountain) is expecting some heavy snow at altitude over the next few days. However, as it is still mild here, this will mostly fall as rain lower down. Generally speaking though, there is lots of good skiing to be had on the upper half of the mountain.

Good skiing can also be found further inland, with fresh snow in $\bf Revelstoke$ (246cm mid-mountain), and more in the forecast.



Big White's famous "snow ghosts" - Photo: Karl Haegens (Facebook)

Next full snow report will be on Monday 7 March 2016, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for regular updates

