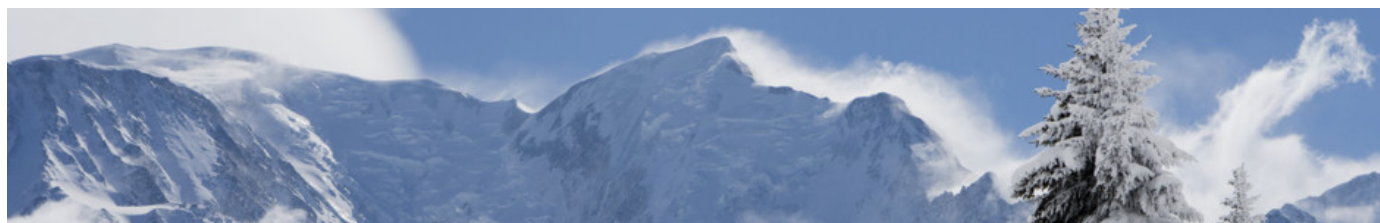




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Latest snow report

Updated: 1pm Thursday 10 March 2016

The weather may be settling down in the Alps, but temperatures remain relatively low for mid-March, and snow conditions are excellent.

The deepest snow is still at altitude in the western Alps, where many resorts are posting upper depths in excess of 3m. Indeed **Flaine** has now surpassed 4m, and **Chamonix** has a staggering 6m (though that is at the top of the 3842m *Aiguille du Midi*).

Elsewhere in the Alps, the situation is also very positive, even if snow depths are generally more modest. After their very dry early season, the southern Alps have been transformed by multiple snowfalls in recent weeks. The low Austrian resorts are also much improved and holding their snow well as we approach the final phase of the season.

All in all prospects for Easter are excellent and, although there may not be any more big snowfalls on the horizon, it should stay relatively cool for some time to come.

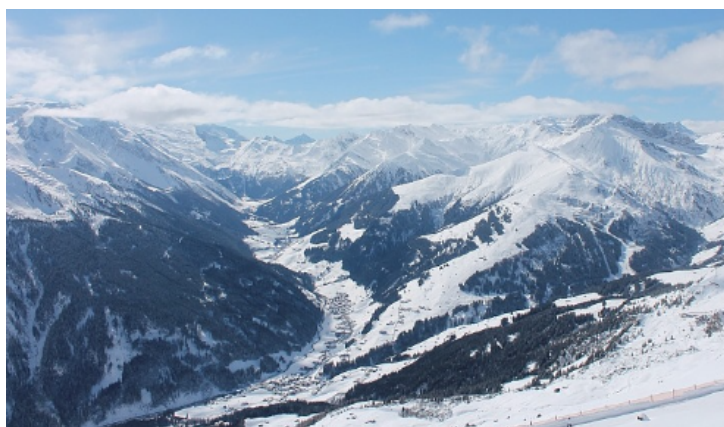
Across the pond, California continues to hog the fresh snow, but most of the western US and Canada are in pretty good shape for mid-March...

Austria

Most Austrian ski resorts are in very good shape right now thanks to new snow and relatively low temperatures. The biggest dumps this week have been in the south and east, in resorts such as **Nassfeld** (20/180cm) and **Obertauern** (150/180cm).

Further north, some low resorts such as **Söll** (50/60cm) are still posting modest depths, but even here conditions are described as excellent, especially on-piste.

There will be plenty of sunshine over the next few days, but also a few snow flurries this weekend, especially in the east.




Great late season conditions in the Tux valley - Photo: foto-webcam.eu


France

Snow conditions are excellent just about everywhere in France, but especially at altitude and in the north, where **Val d'Isère** has 312/165cm and **Flaine** has 175/405cm.


Even the lower resorts such as **Les Gets** (95/155cm) are in great shape, helped by multiple recent snowfalls and relatively low temperatures.

There isn't much snow in the immediate forecast, but it will stay on the cool side which will limit the impact of any freeze-thaw cycles, which are inevitable under sunny skies at this time of year.



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Impressive snow depths in Avoriaz - Photo: facebook.com/Avoriaz1800

Italy

Italian ski resorts are enjoying some fabulous skiing this week.

The heaviest of the recent snow has been in the far east, where settled snow depths have now reached 110/200cm in **Cortina**, and 120/180cm in **Arabba**, a massive turn around from just a few short weeks ago.

There is also some excellent skiing to be found further west in **Sestriere** (70/110cm) and **Champoluc** (60/160cm).

A few snow flurries are possible here and there over the weekend, especially in the east, but by and large it will remain sunny and relatively cool.



Excellent snow conditions in the Dolomites. This is Kronplatz - Photo: kronplatz.com

Switzerland

As elsewhere in the Alps, snow conditions are superb across much of Switzerland. The heaviest snow this week has been in the north, where resorts such as **Engelberg** (40/350cm) can still offer plenty of powder.

Further south, **Zermatt** (55/255cm) and **St Moritz** (85/140cm) are also in excellent shape, both on and off-piste.

The weather is forecast to stay relatively cool over the next few days, with plenty of sunshine and just the outside chance of a flurry later in the weekend.



Fabulous skiing in the Swiss Engadin. This is Scuol - Photo: scuol.ch

Rest of Europe

Many Pyrenean ski resorts saw new snow yesterday, including 30cm+ for Spain's **Baqueira Beret**, where snow depths are now 130/245cm depending on altitude.

Lots of snow is also forecast in Bulgaria over the next few days, which is good news for the likes of **Borovets** (80/90cm), which has endured a very dry mid-season spell.

By contrast, the weather has settled down again in Norway, though snow conditions remain excellent in **Hemsedal** (145cm mid-mountain).

Excellent skiing can also be found in Scotland, where there is fresh snow in **Glencoe** (68/128cm) and all lifts are open.



Scotland is having another strong late season. This is Glencoe - Photo: winterhighland.info

USA

Californian ski resorts have seen a lot of snow in the last week, with well over 1m in **Squaw** where the upper base is now 368cm deep.

There has also been snow in Utah and Colorado, though in more modest quantities. Excellent skiing is reported in both **Snowbird** (213cm mid-mountain) in Utah, and **Vail** (135cm mid-mountain) in Colorado.

Canada

Lots of snow is forecast at altitude over the next few days in **Whistler** (317cm mid-mountain), where conditions are expected to be excellent at altitude. However, with fluctuation freezing levels it will often fall as rain at resort level.

Further inland, snowfalls are expected to be much lighter in **Fernie** (318cm mid-mountain), but snow conditions are still excellent.



Excellent snow cover in Interior BC, as you would expect. This is Sun Peaks - Photo:
sunpeaksresort.com

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