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Snow conditions remain excellent for mid-March across most parts of the Alps. The very best skiing is in the Italian Piedmont (e.g. **Alagna, Sestriere, Prato Nevoso, Limone**), at least if it's powder you're after, with between 25cm and 50cm of new snow falling on Wednesday, and up to 1m locally in the far south.

Elsewhere in the Alps there has been less new snow, but conditions are holding up well. Yes there will be a freeze-thaw cycle in progress when the sun is out - as it often will be over the next few days - but relatively low ambient temperatures and humidity will ensure that afternoon slush won't be as bad as it can be at this time of year. What's more, high shady slopes will remain firm and "wintry" all day long.

Across the pond, conditions are also good, with new snow in most resorts...

Austria

Austria missed most of the snow from the latest storm but, on-piste at least, conditions remain very good, especially at altitude. **Zürs** reports snow depths of 115/190cm depending on altitude, while **Kaprun** has 150/200cm.

Some greenery is beginning to show lower down, but that is to be expected in the middle of March and for now you can still find some perfectly enjoyable piste skiing in the likes of **Söll** (50/60cm) and **Igls** (25/60cm).



Dusk in Bad Kleinkirchheim in southern Austria - Photo: badkleinkirchheim.at

France

Some southern French ski resorts benefited from yesterday's storm - **Abriès** in the Queyras, for example, had a powder day today. However, most of the French Alps haven't seen any serious snow for 10 days or so now.

That said, conditions remain good for mid-March, especially at altitude, with 161/310cm of snow in **Alpe d'Huez** and 190/280cm in **Avoriaz**, for example. Lower lying **Morzine** is also holding up ok, with 30/120cm.



Skiing in June? Yep, there are plenty of good options in the Alps! tinyurl.com/llt6xzy



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Decent cover even in low-lying Lans en Vercors - Photo: lansenvercors.com

Italy

Conditions remain excellent across most Italian ski resorts. The best of the fresh is in the Piedmont, where we saw 30cm falling in Alagna (30/160cm) yesterday and as much as 100cm further south in notoriously snowy **Prato Nevoso** (150/290cm).

Further east, most Dolomite resorts missed the heaviest snow this time around, but Cortina (110/190cm) remains in very good shape for mid-March.



Another massive dump in Prato Nevoso in the south-western Italian Alps - Photo: facebook.com/PratoNevoso

Switzerland

Most Swiss ski resorts are still in very good shape, especially at altitude and onpiste, with 25/285cm of snow packed down on the slopes of Zermatt and 43/370cm in **Andermatt**.

Lower down, the snow is also holding up reasonably well thanks to recent low temperatures. Wengen currently has 20/120cm depending on altitude, while Champéry has 50/200cm.



Excellent snow conditions in Grimentz - Photo: valdanniviers.ch

Rest of Europe

There is plenty of good skiing left in the Pyrenees right now. Best of all perhaps is Spain's **Baqueira Beret** (140/235cm), where there was 5cm of fresh on Wednesday and further flurries are forecast to end the week.

In Bulgaria, ${\bf Bansko}~(65/100{\rm cm})~{\rm had}~{\rm a}~{\rm dusting}~{\rm yesterday},$ which helped freshen up the pistes.

Meanwhile, it has been warm and sunny in Scotland, particularly in the west, where the snow is most definitely spring-like in **Glencoe** (40/100cm).

Spring snow conditions rule in much of Norway, where ${\it Hemsedal}$ has base depths of 120cm mid-mountain.



Warm temperatures are taking their toll in Scotland. This is Glencoe - Photo: winterhighland.info

USA

Snow conditions are excellent across most western US resorts. Colorado's **Winter Park** (193cm mid-mountain) has seen 70cm of fresh in the last seven days, with more falling today. Powdery conditions are also reported in **Snowbird**, Utah where the mid-mountain base is 260cm deep.

The most impressive stats of all, however, belong to **Mammoth** in California, where there is 274/510cm of snow depending on altitude.

Canada

It's mild and sunny in **Whistler** right now, but snow conditions remain excellent on the upper mountain where the base is 355cm deep. The next snow is expected on Sunday, but again only at altitude.

Further inland, conditions remain good in **Big White** (303cm upper mountain), where further snow is also expected later in the weekend and early next week.



Great skiing in Whistler still, despite the mild and sunny weather - Photo: whistlerblackcomb.com

Next full snow report will be on Monday 21 March 2016, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for regular updates