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It may be mid-April, but there is still plenty of good skiing to be had in the Alps if you know where to look. In fact many parts of the Alps have seen some fresh snow in the past 24 hours, especially (but not exclusively) at altitude and in the north.

That said, it still pays to select your ski resort carefully if you are planning a trip to the Alps over the next week or two. Many low resorts are already closed (particularly in Italy and Austria) and most others will follow over the next couple of weeks.

Fluctuating temperatures and an increasingly strong sun also mean that you should try and pick a resort with plenty of north-facing terrain above 2200m, preferably even above 2500m. Examples include **Val Thorens**, **Val d'Isere**, **Zermatt**, **Sölden** and **Obergurgl**.

Across the pond, ski resorts are also closing down for the season, with just a handful of big names still likely to be open by next week, mostly in California, Colorado, Utah and Canada...

Austria

Most of the low Austrian ski resorts are now closed, but you can still find plenty of good skiing in Austria, and even some fresh snow at altitude.

Glaciers aside, some of the best options right now are **Ischgl** (0/75cm), **Obergurgl** (10/100cm) and **Lech/Zürs** (40/135cm).



Good snow cover still on Ischgl's upper slopes - Photo: ischgl.com

France

Come mid-April, France (as ever) has some of the most extensive and varied terrain still open, with **Val d'Isère/Tignes** (80/165cm) and **Val Thorens** (130/245cm) as good a bet as anywhere right now.

Quite a few lower ski resorts, such as **Megève** (0/130cm), are also still operational, though not surprisingly snow cover and quality is much more variable.

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Still plenty of good snow at altitude in Les Arcs - Photo: facebook.com/lesarcs

Italy

Most low Italian ski resorts are now closed for the season, but a handful of higher ones remain open and offer decent skiing.

Cervinia (60/215cm) is perhaps the best bet in Italy right now, but, further east, **Livigno** (0/120cm) is another good option.

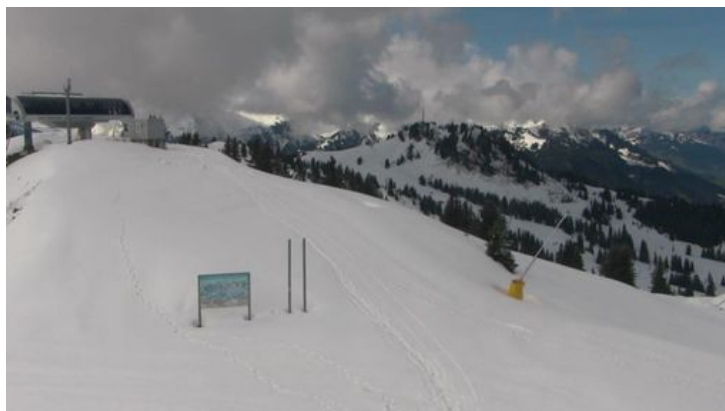


Excellent snow conditions up top in Cervinia - Photo: cervinia.it

Switzerland

On the whole, Switzerland has a greater percentage of its resorts open than the other Alpine countries, even if snow conditions are now highly variable lower down.

At altitude, however, there is some excellent skiing still to be had - even some fresh snow today - with **Zermatt** (0/230cm) and **Engelberg** (0/375cm) two of the more attractive propositions right now.



Fresh snow this morning up top in Gstaad, though most of the area is now closed - Photo: gstaad.ch

Rest of Europe

Most Pyrenean resorts, including those in Andorra, have now closed for the season - **Cauterets** in France (0/310cm) being one notable exception.

Bulgarian ski resorts are also mostly closed or closing, with just **Bansko** (0/160cm) still open this week, with spring-snow conditions.

Not surprisingly, there are more options still available in Scandinavia, with Norway's **Hemsedal** (95cm mid-mountain) as good a bet as anywhere.

The snow in Scotland is now quite patchy, but you can still ski on the upper mountains of both **Glencoe** (0/30cm) and **Cairngorm** (0-30cm).



Struggling on in Scotland's Glencoe - Photo: winterhighland.info

USA

Many Colorado ski resorts are now closed or in their final few days, despite reasonable snow depths for the time of year. **Breckenridge** currently has 183cm mid-mountain, while **Vail** has 168cm.

Mammoth (218/510cm) in California, and **Snowbird** (249cm mid-mountain) in Utah will carry on for some weeks, however, despite the protracted period of mild weather.

Canada

Many Canadian ski resorts are now closed for the season, but **Whistler** is carrying on with a very respectable mid-mountain base of 277cm. Expect spring snow conditions, though, with freezing levels rising to 3600m on Sunday.

It's also turning very mild in **Banff**, after a brief cooler interlude. There's plenty of snow though, with mid-mountain base depths at around 130cm.



Plenty of snow in Lake Louise, despite the recent mild weather - Photo: skilouise.com

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