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# Latest snow report

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There is still plenty of good skiing left in the Alps, even if only a handful of ski resorts remain open, with more due to close this weekend.

April's weather has been typically changeable. Earlier in the week we were reporting widespread snow (50-75cm in some favoured locations such as the **Hintertux** glacier, for example). This was then followed by a spell of much warmer, sunnier weather. Now we are looking at another wintry blast this weekend, with significant snow for the northern Alps in particular - where it may fall as low as 800-1000m by Sunday!

With the wintry weather continuing into next week, anyone lucky enough to find themselves in the Alps should have a real blast. Not only will there be fresh snow - especially in the northern Alps - but the slopes should also be deserted!

Across the pond, the best conditions are in Colorado, though only a handful of resorts are still open...

### **Austria**

Glaciers aside, only a handful of Austrian ski resorts will remain open past this weekend, most notably **Obergurgl** (10/100cm) and **Ischgl** (20/70cm), both of which offer excellent cover at altitude. Other good (glacial) bets include **Hintertux** (0/285cm) and **Stubai** (0/250cm).

New snow is expected for all these resorts over the weekend and into the first part of next week.



Perfect pistes on the Hintertux glacier - Photo: facebook.com/Hintertux.Glacier

# France

Most of the remaining open French ski resorts will close this weekend, despite decent snow cover at altitude. The main exceptions being **Val Thorens** (130/235cm) and **Tignes** (60/150cm), which both close on 8 May, and **Val d'Isère** (60/145cm) and **Argentière** (0/265cm) which both close on 1 May.

Cold temperatures and fresh snow are expected over the weekend and into the first part of next week, which means excellent snow conditions are likely, weather permitting.



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



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Good snow cover still in Tignes, even at resort level - Photo: tignes.net

Very few Italian ski resorts will remain open past this weekend. The most obvious exception is **Cervinia** (50/225cm) which closes on 1 May and offers the highest skiing in the country.

Another good bet is **Livigno** (6/152cm) which will keep its Carosello 3000 area open until 8 May, despite it not being a glacier!

Further light to moderate snowfalls are expected across both these resorts over the weekend.



Cervinia offers by far the most extensive skiing in Italy right now - Photo: Cervinia.it

# Switzerland

There are still a decent number of Swiss ski resorts at least partially open, though most will be closing this weekend.

Zermatt (0/220cm), with its extensive glacier and links to Cervinia, remains one of the best bets and is (theoretically) open 365 days a year. Further north, **Engelberg** (0/375cm) is another good option.

Both these resorts can expect some snow this weekend and into the first part of next week, heaviest in the northern Swiss Alps.



Lots of snow up top still in Engelberg - Photo: engelberg.ch

# **Rest of Europe**

Most Pyrenean resorts are now closed with just Cauterets (0/290cm), of the household names at least, continuing to operate until Sunday.

Outside the Alps, the only other region in Europe with multiple options left open is Scandinavia. Norway's Hemsedal, for example, still has nearly 1m of snow packed down on its upper slopes, while **Levi** in Finland has 70cm.

In Scotland, **Cairngorm** (5/80cm) and **Glencoe** (0/30cm) are the last two resorts standing and, with snow in the forecast, could find themselves skiing into May.



Skiing still possible at altitude in Glencoe, with more snow in the forecast - Photo: winterhighland.info

## USA

Most US ski resorts have now closed for the season, but not generally for the lack of snow. Colorado's **Arapahoe Basin** is one exception, open until early June. Here there has been lots of new snow over the last week with midmountain depths still close to 2m.

Utah's **Snowbird** (238cm mid-mountain) has also seen new snow and will open at weekends until the end of May at least.

Over in California there is also a handful of resorts still in operation - notably  $\bf Mammoth$  (170/457cm), where skiing is sometimes possible until the early summer.

# Canada

In **Whistler**, Whistler mountain is now closed, though skiing will continue until the end of May on adjacent Blackcomb mountain, where conditions are typically spring-like and the mid-mountain base is around 2m deep.

Over in Lake Louise it is also very mild, with settled snow depths of 83/122cm depending on altitude.



Reasonable snow cover remaining in Lake Louise, despite the warm weather - Photo: skilouise.com

Next full snow report will be on Thursday 28 April 2016, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for regular updates