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## Latest snow report

Updated: 1.15pm Thursday 10 November 2016

Snow conditions in the Alps are excellent for mid-November, especially across the north-west, where further heavy snow is falling today. We would even go so far as to say that above 1800m, most (though not quite all) alpine resorts have secured their base for the winter, something of a relief in light of the run of very poor early seasons we have witnessed in recent years.

It will turn milder next week, but not before we have seen lots more snow across the northern half of the Alps over the next 24 to 36 hours. What's more, the medium term models are hinting at a return to colder and snowier weather towards the end of the month.

### Austria

Austria still provides the greatest number of skiing options in the Alps right now. Weather-permitting, all eight glaciers are open and have fresh snow, with the most extensive terrain in **Hintertux**, **Kaprun**, **Stubai** and **Sölden**.

You can also ski in **Kitzbühel** on an area of carefully managed "old snow" preserved from last year and don't be surprised to see one or two other impromptu openings this weekend with heavy snow forecast on Friday but brighter skies extending from the west on Saturday.



Good snow cover all the way down to resort in Lech - 10 November 2016 - Photo: lechzuers.com

### France

Weather-permitting, only **Tignes** (30/100cm) is properly open right now and will open its long "double M" run down to resort tomorrow.

On Friday, **Courchevel** (30/80cm) will be offering a pre-season taster with a day of free skiing. **Alpe d'Huez** has just announced that it will also open a handful of runs on Saturday and Sunday.

After more snow today, all three areas are expected to see brighter skies later tomorrow and on Saturday.

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Blizzard conditions at altitude in Val d'Isère - 10 November 2016 - Photo: valdinet.com

### Italy

Italian resorts may have missed the heaviest of the snow in recent days, but there is still some excellent skiing on offer.

You can currently ski (weather-permitting) in **Cervinia** (35/135cm), **Val Senales** (10/90cm) and **Sulda** (0/60cm). Of these, **Cervinia** will offer the most extensive slopes once the weather improves, with plenty of snow to mid-station level, not to mention its links to **Zermatt**.

Don't be surprised if one or two other resorts also open prematurely in the next few days.



Less new snow but still wintry looking conditions in Livigno - 10 November 2016 - Photo: valtline.it

### Switzerland

In Switzerland, weather-permitting, you can currently ski in **Zermatt**, **Saas-Fee**, **Glacier 3000** (near Les Diablerets) and **Diavolezza** (near St Moritz). All of these areas have some fresh snow but by far the most extensive terrain is to be found in **Zermatt** (5/100cm) and **Saas-Fee** (10/125cm).

**Verbier** will also open a couple of non-glacial runs tomorrow in the **Lac de Vaux** area tomorrow – though weather conditions may be challenging early in the day.



### Rest of Europe

There is very little open in Europe beyond the Alps yet, despite some decent snowfall in the Pyrenees.

In Finland you can ski in **Ruka** (2/25cm), but only in a very limited capacity.

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### USA

There is very little lift-served skiing open in the US right now. One of the few exceptions is **Arapahoe Basin** (40cm upper base), thanks largely to artificial snow. Colorado's **Loveland** and California's **Mammoth** are also expected to open a handful of runs today.

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### Canada

In Canada, **Sunshine Village** is the only major ski area open right now, where there is a 73cm upper base.

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