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Latest snow report

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Snow conditions in the Alps are exceptional for mid-November. That doesn't mean they still will be in a month's time but, at altitude at least (and in places lower down too), the base is now secure just about everywhere. What's more, after a calmer spell of weather, more snow is likely later in the week and next weekend.

Around two dozen ski resorts were partially open across the Alps this weekend, with a whole lot more planning to join them next weekend. The skiing isn't confined to high altitudes either, with more and more non-glacial terrain opening all the time. All in all then, the picture in the Alps is a very positive one.

The situation is not quite as rosy across the pond, where only Sunshine Village (near Banff) is offering any extensive terrain. However, with all this snow in the Alps, it is easy to forget that it is only mid-November and there are still several weeks before the season kicks off proper.

Austria

All eight Austrian glacier areas are open and in excellent condition, with **Sölden** (10/130cm) and **Hintertux** (25/105cm) both offering over 40km of runs, including some non-glacial terrain.

A handful of entirely non-glacial ski resorts are also in operation, albeit in a limited capacity, including **Kitzbühel** and **Schladming**. **Obergurgl** will also kick off this Thursday.



Looking fabulous in Ischgl, which opens on 24 November – 14 November 2016 – Photo: ischgl.com

France

Tignes is still the only ski resort in France to be open daily, and has fabulous snow conditions right down to resort (Val Claret). **Val Thorens** (60/110cm) will follow suit this weekend, a week earlier than planned, thanks to its fantastic top to bottom cover. **Alpe d'Huez** (25/90cm) is already up and running, but at weekends only.

No doubt one or two other resorts will also open soon due to the excellent snow conditions.

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No words needed! This is what Val Thorens was looking like on Saturday – 14 November 2016 – Photo: [facebook.com/valthorens.resort](https://www.facebook.com/valthorens.resort)

Italy

Cervinia (50/190cm) continues to be Italy's best bet and, with such excellent early season snow cover, it will open all the way down to resort as of this weekend.

A handful of other Italian ski areas are partially open, including **Solda** (30/60cm) and **Val Senales** (15/85cm).



Lots of snow in Cervinia, even at resort level -- 14 November 2016 – Photo: [facebook.com/breuilcerviniavaltournensche](https://www.facebook.com/breuilcerviniavaltournensche)

Switzerland

Snow conditions are excellent right now in all the Swiss ski areas that are up and running.

The most extensive slopes are still to be found in **Zermatt** (5/100cm) and **Saas-Fee** (10/125cm). However, a number of other resorts are also open (at weekends only) including **Verbier** (20/245cm) and **Crans Montana** (60/130cm).



A wintry looking scene in Zermatt this morning – 14 November 2016 – Photo: [facebook.com/Zermatt.matterhorn](https://www.facebook.com/Zermatt.matterhorn)

Rest of Europe

Outside the Alps there is very little lift-served skiing on offer as yet.

A handful of resorts are offering limited terrain in Scandinavia, including Norway's **Hemsedal** (30cm upper base) and Finland's **Ruka** (20cm upper base).

Some higher parts of the Pyrenees have reasonable snow cover but as yet nothing is open.

USA

A handful of ski resorts are open in the western US but the skiing is still very limited and heavily reliant on artificial snow. California's **Mammoth** is currently offering 13 trails on an upper base of about 95cm.

Canada

Sunshine Village (near Banff) is open and offering by far the greatest extent of lift-served skiing in North America right now, with 74 trails and an upper base of about 75cm.



Sunshine Village is the only decent option in North America right now – 14 November 2016 – Photo: facebook.com/sunshinevillageresort

**Next full snow report will be on Thursday 17 November 2016,
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