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# Latest snow report

Updated: 7.15pm Monday 13 February 2017

On piste at least, snow conditions in the Alps are pretty good this half term – all the better for the sunshine that will prevail across most (but not quite all) regions this week.

Off the beaten track the situation is more complicated. There is some fresh snow across the far south-western Alps (e.g. Sestriere) at the moment, otherwise the off-piste is quite mixed. There are considerable dangers too, confirmed by a number of recent avalanche incidents, some of them fatal. We always recommend taking a good guide to help reduce the risks.

Across the pond, snow conditions continue to impress in both the western US and western Canada, with some truly astonishing snow depths in places, especially in California...

#### Austria

On-piste at least, all regions in Austria have plenty of snow, even if snow depths remain modest at low altitude. **Söll** currently has 60/70cm depending on altitude, while **Zell-am-See** has 35/85cm.

The very best conditions are higher up, in the like of  $\bf Z\ddot{u}rs$  (70/100cm) and  $\bf Obertauern$  (110/170cm).

Sunny and mild weather is expected for much of the coming week.



Decent snow cover in the Tux valley – 13 February 2017 – Photo: foto-webcam.eu

# France

Most French resorts are skiing very well during this first half term week, even if the off-piste is largely tracked out and/or quite hazardous in places. **Les Gets** has 45/90cm of snow packed down on its slopes depending on altitude, while **Val d'Isère** has 95/190cm.

There is also plenty of snow further south, with a particularly impressive 150/260cm in **Montgenèvre** which has been skiing superbly most of the season.

Apart from some early cloud in the southern Alps close to the Italian border, the forecast is for plenty of sunshine and relatively mild temperatures for much of this week.

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Good pistes in La Clusaz right now, but more snow would still be welcome – 13 February 2017 -

#### Italy

Some south-western Italian alpine resorts, such as **Sestriere** (50/150cm), have fresh snow today and will be in great shape both on and off-piste once the weather improves later tomorrow (though the usual off-piste precautions should be taken).

Elsewhere in the Italian Alps there is also some very enjoyable skiing to be had, though most of it will be on-piste. Snow depths are now 35/100cm depending on altitude in **Livigno**, and 50/90cm in **Madonna di Campiglio**.



Fresh snow in Sestriere today – 13 February 2017 – Photo: vialattea.it

# Switzerland

Snow conditions are generally very good across Swiss resorts, especially onpiste. **Zermatt** currently has 15/145 of snow depending on altitude, while **St Moritz** has 40/90cm.

Except for some cloud close to the south-western Italian border early on this week, the rest of this half term week should see plenty of sunshine.



Great piste skiing in the Portes du Soleil this week – 13 February 2017 – Photo: tele-morgins.ch

# Rest of Europe

Snow conditions are excellent in the Pyrenees with impressive base depths of 160/240cm in Spain's **Baqueira Beret** and 100/150cm in Andorra's **Soldeu**.

There is also plenty of snow in Bulgaria's **Borovets** (130/155cm), with the most enjoyable skiing on-piste.

Skiing is finally possible in all five main Scottish ski areas after a very disappointing start to the season. Base depths are now 25/40cm in **Glencoe** and 10/30cm in **Glenshee**.



Plenty of snow in the French Pyrenees - 13 February 2017 - Photo: cauterets.com

# USA

Snow conditions continue to impress in the western US, with Wyoming's **Jackson Hole** (215/307cm) and Utah's **Snowbird** (276cm) skiing as well as anywhere right now.

The deepest snow, however, is over in California where  ${\bf Mammoth}{}'\!s$  upper base is not far off 8m!

#### Canada

**Whistler** (260cm upper base) continues to offer plenty of good skiing, with more snow forecast later this week, though there will also be rain at times lower down.

Further inland, the **Banff/Lake Louise** area is in excellent condition, with 116/162cm on the pistes depending on altitude.



Dawn in Whistler – 13 February 2017 – Photo: whistler-blackcomb.com

Next full snow report will be on Monday 20 February 2017, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for regular updates

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