

[Latest snow report](#)

[Latest snow forecast](#)

[Season progress report](#)

[Who got the most snow?](#)

[The complete guide to...](#)

[The snow quality equation](#)

[What is the Foehn?](#)

[Avoiding rain](#)

[Avalanche awareness](#)

[Archive](#)

[2016-17](#)

[2015-16](#)

[2014-15](#)

[2013-14](#)

[2012-13](#)

Latest snow report

Updated: 6.30pm Monday 20 February 2017

Snow conditions in the Alps are reasonable rather than spectacular, all things considered.

Last week (probably the busiest of the season so far) was mostly sunny and, with the vast majority of skiers happy to stick to the piste, all was well. This week, however, things will become a little more complicated, first with some rain (below 1500m or so) in the eastern Alps tomorrow, then with rising temperatures more generally.

On-piste at least there will again be plenty of good skiing on offer. The off-piste, however, will be decidedly mixed and, looking longer term, there are some concerns as to how some low altitude areas will fare later in the season. The sun is getting stronger now and snow levels remain considerably below par in many parts of the Alps.

There are no such concerns across the pond where the western US in particular continues to catch the high with further massive snow falls...

Austria

On-piste snow conditions in Austria have generally been quite good in recent days. However, the snow quality will become more variable this week due to fluctuating temperatures and changeable weather, with a mixture of rain and snow (1600m) forecast tomorrow.

High altitude **Obertauern** (110/170cm) and **Obergurgl** (20/115cm) are good bets right now. There is also reasonable snow cover in the **Ski Welt** (60/70cm), but here the going will be heavier this week, especially lower down.



On-piste snow cover still fine in Kitzbühel – 20 February 2017 – Photo: snow-eye.com

France

For most recreational skiers snow conditions are pretty good right now. Off-piste, however, the picture is more mixed.

For the best snow quality (on or off-piste) you need to aim high, with resorts such as **Val d'Isère** (90/175cm) and **Val Thorens** (95/205cm) as good as anywhere right now.

Lower down, you can still find decent piste skiing in **La Clusaz** (20/130cm) and **Morzine** (30/50cm), but here the cover is noticeably thinner.

weathertoski 

weathertoski
Retweeted

 **BBC Weather**
@bbcweather


UK's longest-lasting patch of snow melts away:
bbc.in/2fKIFNn Jo



4h

 **weathertoski**
@weathertoski


Like 0



weatherto...

3.1k likes

Like Page

Follow me on: 

Tweet this page 



snow-wise
SKI HOLIDAY EXPERTS

Tailor-made ski holidays
and short breaks
to some of the finest hotels
in the Alps

020 3397 8450



Contact us...

Got a burning question about weather or snow conditions in the Alps?

[Contact us](#) and we'll do our best to answer it...

E: info@weathertoski.co.uk

T: +44 (0)20 3151 3154



Decent on-piste skiing conditions in Notre Dame de Bellecombe – 20 February 2017 – Photo: valdardy-mtblanc.com

Italy

There is still lots of excellent piste skiing to be found in Italy. Like everywhere else in the Alps, however, good off-piste opportunities are not quite so straight forward and the weather is set to remain mild for much of this week.

Some of the best conditions right now can be found in **Sestriere** (50/140cm). Further east, **Livigno** is also in good shape with 35/95cm.



Good pistes in the Milky Way – 20 February 2017 – Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

On-piste at least, most resorts are skiing quite well right now. However, off-piste opportunities are less obvious, and it is forecast to stay mild for much of this week.

Zermatt (5/140cm) is as good a bet as most right now, even if there is very little snow at village level. Further north and east, **Davos** has 50/110cm, with a dusting of new snow possible on Tuesday.



Plenty of snow at altitude in the Valais – 20 February 2017 – Photo: bettmeralp.ch

Rest of Europe

The Pyrenees still have lots of snow right now, with base depths of 100/150cm in Andorra's **Soldeu** and 160/240cm in Spain's **Baqueira Beret**.

Bulgaria hasn't seen any new snow in a while but there is still good piste skiing in **Bansko** (70/150cm).

Scandinavian resorts have also been bone dry of late. Finland's **Ruka** currently has 65cm mid-mountain, while Norway's **Geilo** has 75cm.

Scottish skiing is again on hold, however, due to mild temperatures and only very patchy snow cover.

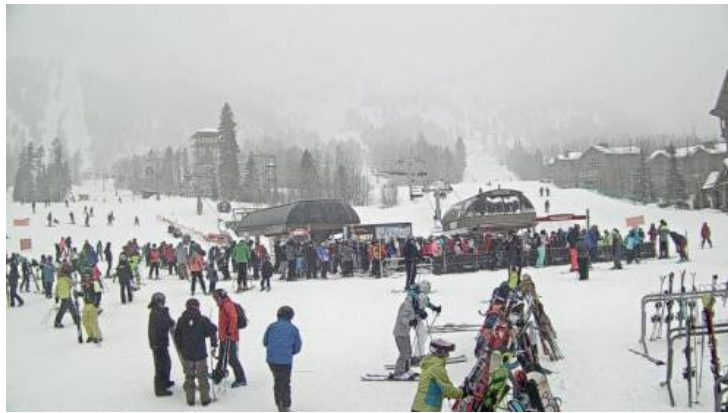


Excellent snow cover in the French Pyrenees. This is the Pic de Bigorre – 20 February 2017 – Photo: snow-eye.com

USA

Snow conditions continue to astound in many western US resorts. Wyoming's **Jackson Hole** (230cm/340cm) has seen another 50cm in the past 48 hours, with lots more in the forecast. Utah's **Alta** is also wallowing in powder, with mid-mountain base depths approaching 3m.

Most eye-catching of all, however, is California's **Mammoth** which now claims base depths of 447/889cm and where more snow is forecast!



Snowing again in Jackson Hole – 20 February 2017 – Photo: jacksonhole.com

Canada

Snow conditions are also pretty good in western Canada, even if the stats are generally less impressive than in the western US.

Lake Louise currently has 117/173cm of settled snow depending on altitude, while Whistler has 253cm (upper mountain).

**Next full snow report will be on Thursday 23 February 2017,
but see [Today in the Alps](#) for regular updates**