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The current storm cycle, which has dumped up to 1m of snow at altitude in some north-western parts of the Alps, is coming to an end. Friday will see further snow showers in places, chiefly in the northern Alps but, after today, we will need to wait at least a week before the next chance of any significant and widespread snow.

Tomorrow (Saturday) looks set to be a particularly epic skiing day in the northern and western Alps, with lots of sunshine and cool (but not overly) frigid temperatures.

With lots of deep powder around the temptation to go off-piste will be high, but note that there are considerable dangers, both from avalanches and obstacles under the snow (namely rocks). We strongly advise not to go off the beaten track unless you know exactly what you are doing or are with a properly qualified guide.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Friday** will be cloudy with showers or longer spells of snow (above 500-800m).

Saturday will see some early flurries (300-500m), especially in the eastern Alps. These will die out later. In the west it could become quite sunny later.

Sunday will be mostly dry with variable cloud and milder temperatures (freezing levels close to 1600m).



Plenty of fresh snow in the Austrian Vorarlberg. This is Schröcken – 11 November 2016 – Photo: warth-schroecken.com

France

The rest of **Friday** will see scattered snow showers (600-900m) across the northern French Alps, gradually dying away later. Further south there will be more in the way of sunshine.

Saturday will be dry with long sunny spells (above any valley fog patches). However, it will still feel chilly, with freezing levels between 1000m and 1400m at first, rising later.

Sunday will be milder but cloudier with occasional light rain or showers in places (a dusting of snow in places above 1600-1800m).

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Last day of snow in the Megève area as the current storm cycle comes to an end – 11 November 2016 – Photo: combloux.com

Italy

The rest of **Friday** will see variable cloud and a few snow showers (700-1000m), mostly in the far north-west and, later, in far north-east.

Saturday will be mostly fine with almost unbroken sunshine in the west, and a little more cloud at first in the far eastern Italian Alps. It will remain relatively chilly.

On **Sunday** it will remain mostly fine, but western areas will see more in the way of cloud at times. It will turn a little milder with freezing levels between 1400m and 1800m.



Brightening up in Sestriere this afternoon – 11 November 2016 – Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly cloudy with further showers or longer spells of snow (600-900m), especially across the northern and western Swiss Alps. The best of any brighter, drier weather will be in the far south and south-east.

Saturday will be mostly dry with variable cloud in the east and long sunny spells developing further west – though it will still feel chilly.

Sunday will be milder, but generally cloudier, with the chance of the odd light shower, especially in the west (snow 1500m).



Snowy scenes in Zermatt this morning, but it will be drier over the next few days – 11 November 2016 – Photo: zermatt.com

Outlook:

The first half of next week looks like being mostly dry, with sunny spells and relatively mild temperatures.

After today, the next chance of any significant snow is probably going to be next weekend, but that's too far off to be certain just yet...

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 15 November 2016, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates and where is currently open in the Alps