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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 12.45pm Friday 18 November 2016

The weather in the Alps remains unsettled, with further snow but also some rain in places over the next few days. Temperatures will drop temporarily on Saturday but, generally speaking, it will remain quite mild – even becoming very mild on the northern side of the Alps early next week where the [Foehn](#) will be blowing.

Most of today's snow will be in the western Alps, only above 2000m or so at first (lower in some north-western Italian valleys) before it lowers more generally later in the day and overnight. On Saturday, the heaviest precipitation will be further east.

Snowfall totals this weekend will be highly variable but don't expect much below 1500m. Above 2000m, most areas should see between 5-30cm, perhaps 40-50cm in one or two favoured locations such as the border areas between south-east Switzerland and Italy, and south-west Austria and Italy.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly dry with variable clouds, though a little rain may reach the far west later (snow 2000m).

Saturday will see showers or longer spells of rain in all areas, heaviest in the south (East Tirol, Carinthia). The rain/snow limit will be around 1000-1200m in the west, 2000m at first in the east but dropping later.

Sunday will be mostly dry with variable cloud, and a little milder again.



Bright skies in the northern Austrian Alps today. This is Zell-am-See - 18 November 2016 - Photo: zellamsee-kaprun.com

France

The rest of **Friday** will see showers or longer spells of rain spread to most areas, continuing overnight. The rain/snow limit will start close to 2000m in most places but will fall to between 1200m and 1600m later tonight.

Saturday will start mostly dry with some residual showers in places (snow 1000-1400m), but skies should brighten in most areas as the day wears on.

Sunday will see variable cloud. Many places will stay dry but some showers (snow 1600-1800m) are likely later, mostly in the south and west.

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Raining in Méribel this afternoon but it should increasingly turn to snow tonight - 18 November 2016
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Italy

The rest of **Friday** will see showers or longer spells of rain for many, heaviest in the far north-west (upper Aosta) at first, and later in the central Italian Alps (Lombardy). The eastern Italian Alps should stay dry until tonight. The rain/snow limit will be highly variable – as low as 1400m in parts of the upper Aosta Valley, more generally 1800-2000m, but falling from the west tonight.

Saturday will see the heaviest precipitation in the eastern half of the Italian Alps with a rain/snow limit initially around 2000m in the far east, falling to between 1200m and 1700m later. After a few early showers/flurries, the western Italian Alps should be brighter.

Sunday will be mostly dry in the eastern Italian Alps. Further west, showers will return, heaviest later in the day and in the northern Piedmonte and north-eastern Aosta region with a rain/snow limit around 1400-1600m.



Fresh snow near Courmayeur this afternoon, where freezing levels are lower than on the French side of Mt Blanc - 18 November 2016 - Photo: courmayeur-mtblanc.com

Switzerland

The rest of **Friday** will see showers or longer spells of rain in the west spreading slowly east and continuing in many places overnight. Some southern regions will only see a few showers. The rain/snow limit will start at around 2000m but drop to between 1000m and 1500m by the end of the night.

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with showers (snow 1000-1200m) clearing from the west as the day progresses.

Sunday will be mostly dry with variable cloud but snow (1200m) may return to the far south later.



Outlook:

The first part of next week will be dominated by a strong southerly airflow that will bring bad weather to the southern side of the Alps, the heaviest precipitation around and to the east of the Monte Rosa region, with a rain/snow limit of around 1500-1800m.

On the northern side of Alps a strong [Foehn](#) will bring warmer, drier but at times very windy weather.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 22 November 2016, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates and where is currently open in the Alps