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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 5.30pm Friday 9 December 2016

High pressure continues to dominate the weather in the Alps. A weakening cold front will bring a little snow to the eastern Austrian Alps later on Sunday and early on Monday, but for most regions there is still no snow in the forecast for at least a week and more than likely quite a bit longer.

Anyone following [Today in the Alps](#) this week will know that we have been talking about a possible breakdown in the weather sometime between 17 and 21 December. This is still possible, but the models are very uncertain right now with some predicting that high pressure will remain in control until Christmas. Stay tuned!

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Saturday will be dry with plenty of sunshine, and freezing levels still above 3000m.

Sunday will start bright in most areas but thickening cloud will bring a few showers (rain/snow limit around 1500m but dropping) to the north-eastern Austrian Alps (mainly to the east of Salzburg) later. It will feel noticeably cooler everywhere.

Monday will see further showers (snow 500-1000m) in the north-eastern Austrian Alps dying out later. Other areas will be mostly dry with variable cloud. It will feel cool everywhere.

France

Saturday will be dry with good sunny spells, but feeling very mild with freezing levels well over 3000m.

Sunday and **Monday** will also be dry with good sunny spells, however, it will turn colder, especially in the north, with freezing levels closer to 2000m.



Fabulous visibility from the slopes of Les Orres in the southern French Alps this afternoon – 9 December 2016 – Photo: lesorres.com

Italy

Saturday will be dry with plenty of sunshine, and very mild with freezing levels in excess of 3000m.

Sunday and **Monday** will also be dry with plenty of sunshine, but it will turn colder, especially in the eastern Italian Alps where freezing levels will lower to 1500m or so.

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Blue skies in the Italian Piedmont. This is Alpe Devero near the Swiss border – 9 December 2016 – Photo: distrettolaghi.it

Switzerland

Saturday will be dry with good sunny spells. It will feel very mild with freezing levels well in excess of 3000m.

Sunday and **Monday** will also be dry with good sunny spells, however, colder air will drift down from the north later on **Sunday** and on **Monday** with freezing levels falling to 1500m or less in eastern Switzerland (remaining around 2000m in the west).

Outlook:

Next week will remain mostly dry with plenty of sunshine. It will start relatively cool, especially in the east, but with freezing levels beginning to climb again in the west.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 13 December 2016, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates