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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 11am Friday 3 February 2017

The weather in the Alps is in an unsettled but not terribly cold phase, as a succession of storms roll in off the Atlantic.

The latest weather models confirm that it is the western Alps (chiefly France, Switzerland and the far north-west of Italy) that will see the most snow over the next few days (30-70cm at altitude), while the eastern Alps (i.e. Austria) will only see bits and pieces. Watch out for some rain at times in the very lowest areas.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Friday** will see variable cloud, thickest in the south (Osttirol, Carinthia) where a few showers are likely, especially later on, with some snow above 1300m.

Saturday will start mostly dry with variable cloud and the best of any sunshine in the north (e.g. Kitzbühel). However, there will still be one or two showers (snow 1000m) in the south. Further precipitation will reach the far west (e.g. St Anton) in the afternoon, with a rain/snow limit starting at around 1400m but falling as the day goes on. Snowfall totals will be modest - just a few centimetres here and there.

Sunday will be mostly dry with variable cloud and some sunny spells, especially in the east. Further west a few showers are again likely later in the day, with a rain/snow limit around or under 1000m.



Dry across much of Austria today, though bits and pieces of snow are expected over the next few days. This is Zell-am-See - 3 February 2017 - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

The rest of **Friday** will see thickening cloud with some precipitation expected later (snow above 1300m) and overnight.

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with further rain/snow (1200-1400m at first, dropping later) and some significant accumulations in places.

Sunday should see a reprieve in the weather early in the day, but more snow is expected later with a rain/snow limit around 1300m, falling later.

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Bright skies in Les Saisies, but further snow is expected later today – 3 February 2017 – Photo: lessaisies.com

Italy

The rest of **Friday** will see variable cloud, with occasional snow (1300m) in the central and eastern Italian Alps (e.g. Livigno, Dolomites). The western Italian Alps will be drier and brighter for a time, though cloudier weather is likely later, with the risk of one or two flurries.

Saturday and **Sunday** will see variable cloud and a few scattered flurries, with heavier snow likely in the far north-west (e.g. Courmayeur) later on both days. The rain/snow limit will be between 1000m and 1400m, though it will be lower in the far north-west later on. The best of any brightness will be in the eastern Italian Alps.



Fresh snow this morning in Sestriere, with a little more expected over the weekend – 3 February 2017 – Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

Except for some early snow in the far south-west, most of **Friday** will see variable cloud and some sunny spells. However, showers (snow 1200m) will reach the west again later in the afternoon, spreading further east overnight.

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain or snow (1000-1400m), heaviest in the western Swiss Alps.

Sunday will also remain mostly cloudy, with further showers or longer outbreaks of rain/snow (1000-1200m, dropping later), especially later in the day and heaviest in the west.



Snowing this morning in St Moritz - 3 February 2017 - Photo: snow-eye.com

Outlook:

It will remain rather unsettled but will turn colder early next week with further snow in places, chiefly across the northern Alps at first but with the possibility of some heavy snow in the south-west Italian Alps mid-week. Watch this space...

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 10 February 2017, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates