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### Latest snow forecast

**Updated: 5pm Tuesday 14 March 2017**

High pressure will dominate the weather in the Alps this week, with plenty of sunshine for most, and just a few areas of cloud drifting around from time to time.

It will turn more unsettled for a time this weekend, with some snow in places, but it will probably not be as widespread or significant as originally hoped. Current indications are that the Swiss and Austrian Alps will catch most of the snow while the southern French and Italian Alps will stay mostly dry.

Back to this week, and it will remain dry and mostly sunny with just a few areas of cloud drifting down from the north now and again. Freezing levels will typically be between 1800m and 2500m in the eastern Alps, and between 2500m and 3200m in the western Alps, with chilly nights and warm feeling afternoons (though not excessively warm for the time of year).

### Detailed forecast:

#### Austria

**Wednesday** will be dry with variable cloud and sunny spells, these being most generous in the west. Freezing levels will be between 1800m and 2600m, highest in the west (e.g. St Anton).

Freezing levels will be similar on **Thursday** but it will be universally sunnier.

**Friday** should also be mostly sunny, though cloud may thicken up from the north late in the day.



Fine spring weather this week in Warth-Schröcken – 14 March 2017 – Photo: warth-schroecken.com

#### France

**Wednesday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine and just a scattering of clouds. Freezing levels will be close to or even above 3000m.

**Thursday** will again be mostly fine, with the best of the sunshine in the northern Alps and perhaps some scattered clouds further south. Freezing levels will drop a fraction but it will still feel warm in the sun.

**Friday** should be universally sunny with freezing levels typically around 2600m.

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Beautiful spring weather in Le Corbier – 14 March 2017 – Photo: sybelles.com

### Italy

**Wednesday** will be mostly sunny with just a few clouds here and there. Freezing levels will typically be between 2500m and 3100m, highest in the west.

**Thursday** will remain mostly fine with the best of the sunshine in the eastern Italian Alps (e.g. Dolomites) and some clouds at times in the west (e.g. Sestriere). Freezing levels will be a touch lower in the west.

**Friday** should be universally sunny again with little change in temperature.



Plenty of snow still in high altitude Livigno – 14 March 2017 – Photo: valtline.it

### Switzerland

**Wednesday** will be mostly sunny, though some areas of high cloud are likely in the south. Freezing levels will be between 2600m and 3000m, highest in the west.

**Thursday** and **Friday** will remain mostly sunny, with just a few clouds here and there and freezing levels a touch lower in the west.



Glorious in eastern Switzerland today. This is Biel-Kinzigag – 14 March 2017 – Photo: biel-kinzigag.ch

### Outlook:

This weekend will be cloudier with rain or snow in places, mostly in the northern half of the Alps and heaviest in Switzerland and Austria (e.g. Bernese Oberland, Engelberg, Lech, St Anton, Kaprun). The rain/snow limit will gradually fall to 1000-1500m.

After a reprieve early next week, it looks like turning unsettled again from Tuesday onwards, but never especially cold.

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**Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 17 March 2017, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**