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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 1.50pm Friday 31 March 2017

High pressure has been dominating the weather in the Alps all this week with fine, mostly sunny and increasingly warm conditions for most.

There will be a change in the weather this weekend, with cooler more unsettled conditions in the western Alps. However, significant snowfalls will be quite localised and the weather will settle down again (everywhere) next week.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Saturday will be mostly dry with variable cloud, sunny spells and just the outside chance of a shower in the south later. It will remain quite warm with freezing levels around 2500m, but dropping a little in the west later.

Sunday and **Monday** will see variable cloud and a scattering of showers here and there (snow 2000m) but no significant snowfall is expected.



Looking decidedly spring-like in the lower Austrian resorts. This is Zell-am-See - 31 March 2017 - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

Saturday may see a few bright spells early on though there will generally be a lot of cloud. There will also be a few showers, these becoming more prolonged later in the day and in the southern French Alps (especially close to the Italian border) with snow above 1600-1800m.

It will remain mostly cloudy on Sunday with further showers in places, these again most frequent in the south and close to the Italian border with a rain/snow limit between 1500 and 1800m. Except for the odd early shower Monday should be mostly dry with increasing amounts of sunshine.

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Excellent cover still in Montgenèvre – 31 March 2017 – Photo: montgenevre.com

Italy

Saturday will be mostly cloudy in the western Italian Alps with showers becoming more frequent later in the day, especially close to the French border (snow 1500-1800m). The central and eastern Italian Alps will see fewer showers and a better chance of brighter spells.

Sunday will see little change in the weather, except that any rain/snow (1200-1600m) will be more concentrated in the south-western Italian Alps.

Monday should be mostly dry with increasing amounts of sunshine.



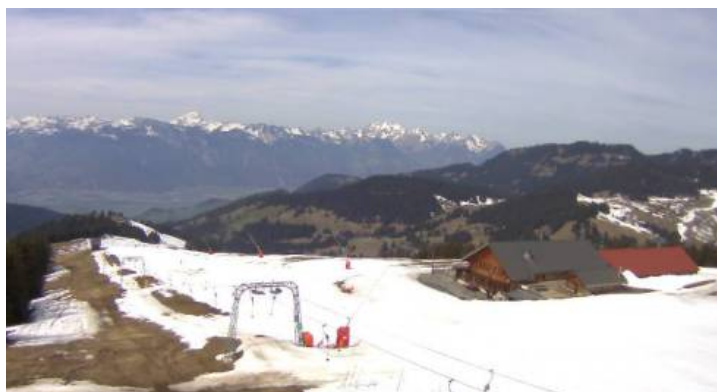
Bright today in Sestriere, but some snow is expected over the weekend – 31 March 2017 – Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

Saturday will start mostly dry but some showers (snow 1800-2000m) are likely later in the day in the south-west. Any snow is unlikely to amount to much though.

Sunday will see further mostly light showers in the far south/south-western Swiss Alps (snow 1600-1900m). However, many regions will stay dry with occasional bright or sunny spells, especially in the north-east.

Monday will see any early showers in the far eastern Swiss Alps quickly die away to leave most places dry with good sunny spells.



Spring snow conditions in Villars – 31 March 2017 – Photo: villars.ch

Outlook:

Much of next week will be dry with plenty of sunshine across the Alps. Afternoon temperatures will be pleasant without it being excessively warm.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 4 April 2017, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates

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