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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 2.30pm Tuesday 17 November 2017

After a fine few days in the Alps, the weather is on the change again with fronts coming down from the north. The first front will bring nothing more than some cloud and the odd light shower to the eastern Austrian Alps later today. The second slightly more active cold front will bring a moderate fall of snow to the north-eastern quarter of the Alps on Sunday and Monday.

On Sunday and Monday we can expect between 10cm and 30cm of new snow above 1500m across a good part of the Austrian Alps (except for the far south) with 40cm+ possible in some favoured spots such as the Vorarlberg (e.g. Lech-Zürs) and the Salzburgerland (e.g. Dachstein glacier).

Some north-eastern parts of the Swiss Alps (e.g. Flumserberg, Braunwald) could also see 20-30cm above 1500m, but the further west you go the less snow there will be, with only a dusting likely for the north-western Alps (e.g. Portes du Soleil). The southern Alps will also largely miss out, though it will turn colder for a time in all areas.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Saturday will be mostly dry with variable cloud, thickest in the northern Austrian Alps later in the day. The best of any sunshine will be in Osttirol and Carinthia, south of the main Alpine ridge. Freezing levels will typically be close to 1500m.

Sunday will be mostly cloudy with snow at times (above 500-800m) in most areas except for the far south (i.e. Carinthia) where it will stay mostly dry with some sunny spells.

Monday will see a few flurries (500-800m) in the central and eastern Austrian Alps, these will die away for a time but possibly return from the north later. Elsewhere there will be variable cloud with a few sunny spell, with just the odd isolated shower or flurry early in the day.



Changeable skies this afternoon over Leogang in Austria – 17 November 2017 – Photo: saalfelden-leogang.com

France

Saturday will be dry with plenty of sunshine in France, especially in the south. Some high cloud is likely further north later in the day. Freezing levels will generally be close to or a little above 2000m.

Sunday will be sunny in the far southern Alps. The northern Alps (roughly north of Grenoble) will be cloudier with a few mostly light showers and a dusting of snow (1000m) in places, especially in the Haute-Savoie (e.g. Portes du Soleil).

Monday should be mostly dry with variable cloud.

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Sunny skies in Isola 2000 this afternoon where it is expected to stay fine over the weekend – 17 November 2017 – Photo: isola2000.com

Italy

Saturday will be dry with good sunny spells and freezing levels close to 1500m.

Sunday will see more in the way of cloud, especially close to the border areas where a few flurries (800-1200m) are possible. The best of any sunshine will be in the far south-west close to the Mediterranean.

Monday will be mostly dry with variable cloud and some sunny spells.



Sunny skies in Sestriere today – 17 November 2017 – Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

Saturday will be mostly dry with some sunshine but cloud will increase from the north later in the day.

Sunday will be mostly cloudy with some showers (snow 600-900m) heaviest in the northern Alps and east of Engelberg (e.g. Braunwald). Areas closest to the Italian border will see the least snow.

Monday will be variable with some sunny spells, especially in the west, but also the chance of showers, especially in the eastern Swiss Alps and later in the day (snow 1000-1500m).



Fine weather in the Portes du Soleil today where a dusting of snow is expected on Sunday – 17 November 2017 – Photo: champery.ch

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Outlook:

Further weather fronts are likely to clip the northern and eastern Alps on **Tuesday**, with the possibility of showers (snow 900-1400m) across parts of Austria as well as the northern and eastern Swiss Alps. Most other parts of the Alps will be dry.

The rest of the week should then be mostly fine and increasingly mild.

Our next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 21 November 2017, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates