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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 3.15pm Friday 24 November 2017

Following several days of mostly fine and mild weather in the Alps, winter is about to return with the arrival of a cold front from the north-west on Saturday. Not only will this front bring a moderate fall of snow to many areas, it will also set up a pattern towards a longer term period of wintry weather that will last into December.

In the short term, many parts of the Alps will see between 10cm and 30cm of snow this weekend (40cm+ in a few favoured spots) with most of the snow falling on Saturday.

A couple of areas that might see little or no snow are the far southern French Alps (e.g. Isola 2000) and the eastern Aosta valley (e.g. Monte Rosa).

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Saturday will start dry in most places in Austria, with the best of any sunshine in the east. However, the weather will gradually deteriorate from the west with rain or snow reaching most places as the day progresses. The rain/snow limit will start at around 1400-1700m but will fall rapidly to under 1000m later.

Sunday will be mostly cloudy with snow showers to low levels (300-600m).

On **Monday** there may still be a few flurries (600-800m) in the northern Austrian Alps but most places will be dry, with the best of any sunshine in the south.



Fine weather in the Austrian Vorarlberg today but snow is expected this weekend. This is Damüls – 24 November 2017 – Photo: damuels.at

France

Saturday will be mostly cloudy in the French Alps with rain or snow, heaviest in the northern Alps (e.g. Chamonix, Grand Massif) and more showery further south (e.g. Les 2 Alpes), but possibly staying dry in the far south (e.g. Isola 2000). The rain/snow limit will start at around 1700m but will fall to well under 1000m later in the day.

Sunday will be cold with sunny spells but also a few light flurries, mostly in the northern Alps, though not amounting to much. The further south you are, the more likely there will be spells of sunshine.

Monday will be chilly but mostly fine with freezing levels between 600m and 1000m in the north, and between 1000m and 1500m further south.

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Mostly fine this weekend, but a major new storm is on its way to the Alps:

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Still bright over La Plagne this afternoon but it will snow tomorrow – 24 November 2017 – Photo: winter-laplagne.com

Italy

Saturday will be mostly cloudy in the Italian Alps with a few showers, heaviest close to the border areas. The rain/snow limit will start at around 1600-1800m but drop later in the day.

Sunday will be mostly dry with sunny spells but will feel chilly, with freezing levels generally below 1000m.

It will remain mostly fine on **Monday** with temperatures recovering a fraction, but still relatively cold for the time of year.



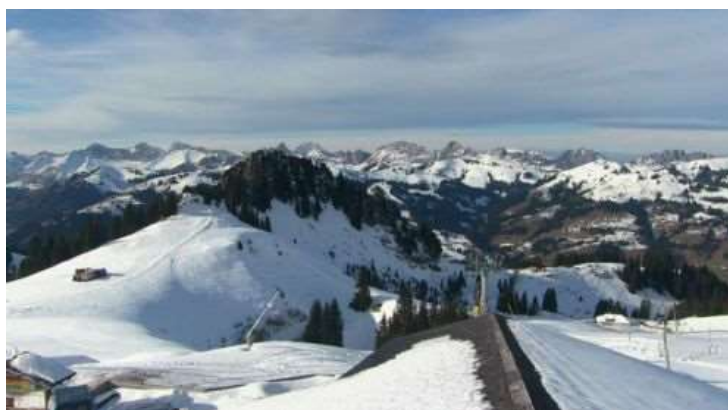
Changeable skies over Sestriere but any snowfall this weekend is expected to remain light – 24 November 2017 – Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

Saturday will be mostly cloudy in Switzerland, with rain or snow (easing later) especially in the far south (Ticino). The rain/snow limit will start at around 1700m but will drop to under 1000m as the day progresses.

Sunday will see a few snow showers to low altitudes (300m) across the northern Swiss Alps. Elsewhere it will be mostly dry with sunny spells, but chilly.

Monday will be mostly fine but still relatively cold with freezing levels between 600m and 1400m.



High cloud spreading across the northern Swiss Alps this afternoon as weather fronts approach from the north-west. This is Gstaad – 24 November 2017 – Photo: gstaad.ch

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Outlook:

After a mostly fine day on Tuesday, further snow is likely in many places mid-week. Temperatures will remain below average for the time of year, perhaps turning very cold later in the week.

Our next detailed snow forecast for the Alps will be on Tuesday 28 November 2017, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates