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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 6.30pm Friday 19 January 2018

The weather in the Alps remains very unsettled, with further significant and potentially disruptive snow set to hit the north and west this weekend. There will also be rain, especially later on Sunday and on Monday, which could cause flooding in parts of France and Switzerland.

By the end of this latest round of storms we expect to see record-breaking snow depths at altitude in some northern and western parts of the Alps. Another 100cm+ of snow is possible above 2000m in places by the end of Monday, such as on the upper slopes of Tignes, Flaine, Chamonix, Zermatt, Verbier, Mürren, Engelberg, Lech and St Anton.

If you are out and about in the Alps this weekend, especially in the north and west, be vigilant and heed all local warnings. Don't ski off-piste and don't drive in the mountains without chains and winter tyres!

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Saturday will be mostly fine with sunny spells in the southern Austrian Alps (Carinthia). Further north and west it may start dry but showers will increase later (snow 300-700m), heaviest in the far west (e.g. Lech).

Sunday will see heavy snow to low levels in the western Austrian Alps. Further east it will be a little lighter and more sporadic, and in the far south (Carinthia) it may stay mostly dry.

It will turn much milder on **Monday** with further significant precipitation for many, again heaviest in the west but with a rain/snow limit rising to 1400m. The far south may again stay mostly dry.

France

Saturday will be generally cloudy in the French Alps, with a few showers giving way to some heavier and more persistent precipitation later in the day. The rain/snow limit will start around 600m but rise to 1000-1200m later. The far south may stay dry and bright.

Sunday will again be mostly cloudy with further rain or snow, always heaviest in the northern two-thirds of the French Alps. The rain/snow limit will start at around 1000-1300m but will rise to 1800m in places later. The far south will again stay mostly dry.

Monday will be mild with further rain (snow 1800-2000m) across the northern Alps.



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<https://twitter.com/CerviniaVal/status/1320372177292623872>

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Italy

Saturday will start mostly dry in the Italian Alps, but showers or longer spells of precipitation will reach the western Italian Alps (e.g. Courmayeur, Cervinia) later in the day with a rain/snow limit rising from 600m to 1200m later. The eastern Italian Alps (e.g. Dolomites) will be fine for much of the day before cloud invades later but it should stay dry until nightfall.

Sunday will be more generally cloudy with showers in just about all regions. The rain/snow limit will rise to between 1200m and 1500m in the west, but will remain lower further east.

Monday will be mild with further showers in the western Italian Alps (snow 1800m), but mostly dry further east, though there will still be plenty of cloud.

Switzerland

Saturday will see scattered showers in the Swiss Alps turn to more persistent rain/snow in the afternoon, heaviest in the north and west. The rain/snow limit will start low but rise towards 1200m in some exposed areas later. The far south (Ticino) may stay mostly dry.

Sunday will again be mostly cloudy with further significant precipitation, especially in the northern and western Swiss Alps. The rain/snow limit may start relatively low but will rise to 1500m or higher in some exposed ranges later (remaining lower in the enclosed central valleys).

It will turn milder on **Monday** with further rain/snow, with the snow-line this time rising to 1500-1800m in most places. The far south may again see little if any precipitation.



A rare glimpse of the sun today in Zermatt – 19 January 2018 – Photo: facebook.com/Zermatt.Matterhorn

Outlook:

On Tuesday, any of the lingering rain or snow in the north will die out leaving most of the Alps with a fine but very mild spell of weather mid-week.

Our next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 23 January 2018, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for regular updates

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