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Latest snow report

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Snow conditions in the Alps remain pretty good for late March, especially on the northern side where base depths are generally around or above average. Snow cover is patchier on the southern side, but even here there is some perfectly good piste skiing on offer, especially at altitude.

High pressure is currently dominating the weather in the Alps, with plenty of sunshine forecast over the next few days. Temperatures are also on the rise, meaning that spring-snow conditions will prevail.

The weather will turn colder again next week (especially mid-week) but whether we will see any significant new snow remains to be seen.

Across the pond there is still lots of good skiing on offer in both the western US and western Canada...

Austria

Snow conditions remain very good for the time of year across most Austrian ski resorts, with only parts of the south (e.g. Carinthia) below par in terms of snow cover.

Snow quality has also been pretty good this week thanks to the relatively cool weather, though it does still pay to go high. Right now high altitude **Obertauern** has base depths of 230/250cm, while lower-lying **Schladming** has 80/210cm.

Over the next few days warmer weather will mean increasingly spring-like snow, but colder weather will return next week with the chance of new snow.



Beautiful weather and good snow in Warth-Schröcken – 28 March 2019 – Photo: warth-schroecken.at

France

Snow conditions remain much better in the northern French Alps than in the south, where natural snow cover is much patchier. There is some perfectly decent piste skiing on offer in the southern Alps in the likes of **Risoul**, but the 50/70cm base here is modest.

There is more snow further north, but it still pays to go high if you are after more consistent snow quality. **Val d'Isère** currently has base depths of 115/200cm while **Avoriaz** has 170/300cm.

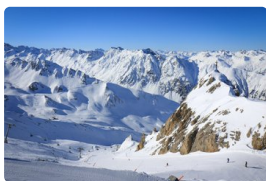
Expect increasing spring-snow conditions over the next few days before it turns colder from Tuesday onwards.

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Head to head... #Ischgl vs #StAnton
Which has the better snow?
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Val d'Isère is offering excellent snow conditions right now – 28 March 2019 – Photo: valdisere.com

Italy

Italian ski resorts have not seen much snow in recent weeks, which means that cover is now very patchy at low altitude. That said, there is still some perfectly good piste skiing on offer, especially higher up where resorts such as **Livigno** (76/200cm) and **Cervinia** (50/200cm) are in excellent nick. Lower down, **Sauze d'Oulx** (30/60cm) looks altogether more spring-like.

Spring conditions will be the order of the day across most Italian resorts over the next few days before it turns colder next week. Significant new snow seems unlikely at this stage, however.



Livigno is one of the better bets in Italy for a late season ski holiday – 28 March 2019 – Photo: livigno.eu

Switzerland

Snow conditions remain good in Swiss ski resorts for late March, especially at altitude where snow depths remain very impressive in resorts such as **Engelberg** (25/635cm) and **Andermatt** (45/600cm).

Lower down there is also some enjoyable piste skiing on offer in the likes of **Morgins** (80/140cm) and **Wengen** (0/190cm), though spring-snow conditions will dominate over the next few days.

Watch out for some colder weather next week, though whether this will be accompanied by any useful new snow remains to be seen.



Spring snow conditions in Champoussin in the Portes du Soleil – 28 March 2019 – Photo: telechampery.ch

Rest of Europe

There is still plenty of good skiing to be found in the Pyrenees although spring snow conditions now prevail even in higher resorts such as Spain's **Baqueira Beret** (105/180cm) and Andorra's **Pas de La Casa** (50/110cm).

Good skiing is also still possible in Scandinavia, where it will also turn very chilly next week which will help preserve the snow. Right now Norway's **Hemsedal** has upper base depths of 110cm, while Sweden's **Åre** has 86cm.

Skiing in Scotland remains very limited with the best of the action at **Glencoe**.



Less than ideal snow conditions in Scotland right now. This is Glencoe – 28 March 2019 – Photo: winterhighland.com

USA

The resorts of the western US are still offering lots of good skiing with base depths generally above average for the time of year. This is especially true in California where the upper base is nearly 6m in both **Mammoth** and **Squaw Valley**.

Further east, there is also plenty of snow in Utah's **Snowbird** (378cm upper base) and Colorado's **Vail** (196cm upper base), both of which have enjoyed good seasons.

Canada

There hasn't been a huge amount of snow in **Whistler** since we last reported but upper base depths remain at a healthy 230cm and there is still lot of enjoyable skiing to be had, even if conditions are somewhat spring-like lower down.

Snow conditions are currently better further inland, where **Lake Louise** has 20cm of new snow and upper base depths of 130cm.



View from the upper mountain in Whistler – 28 March 2019 – Photo: whistlerblackcomb.com

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