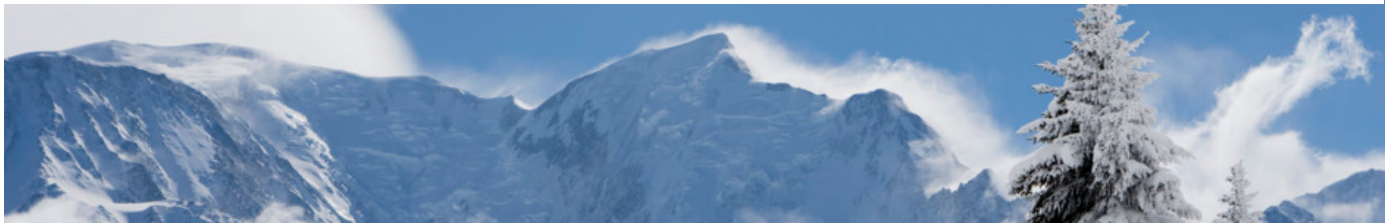




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Updated: 9.30pm Thursday 13 February 2020

Snow conditions in the Alps are mixed as we approach the busiest week of the season. Most resorts still have plenty of snow, especially at altitude, but the mild weather pattern of recent weeks has meant that some low resorts are in urgent need of new snow, especially in the north-west (e.g. Morzine, Gstaad).

It is important to note that these resorts do still have plenty of snow at altitude, but many of the low valleys in the French and western Swiss Alps are now nearly or completely devoid of natural snow, which is unusual for mid-February.

Higher up, the situation is much more positive, with resorts such as Val d'Isère, Val Thorens, Avoriaz, Verbier, Zermatt, Cervinia, Mürren, St Moritz, Ischgl, St Anton, Sölden and Obergurgl all in good shape as we enter the second half of the season.

Some new snow is expected across the Alps today/tonight, heaviest at altitude and in the north-west. There will then be a drier, brighter and very mild spell of weather for all areas late on Friday and through the weekend, before it then turns unsettled again early next week.

Across the pond there have been huge snowfalls across many western US resorts in recent days...

Austria

Snow conditions are pretty good across most of Austria, and even excellent at altitude in resorts such as **Ischgl** (70/140cm) and **Obergurgl** (65/135cm).

Lower down, milder weather has made snow quality a bit more variable, but there is still plenty of good skiing to be had in the likes of **Saalbach** (50/115cm) and the **Ski Welt** (10/90cm).

The weather will be a bit mixed over the next few days – mostly dry and mild over the weekend, but with some showers or flurries early next week.



Good skiing in the Vorarlberg right now with more snow forecast tonight – 13 February 2020 – Photo: mellau.com

France

Snow conditions in the French Alps remain very good at altitude, with further snow falling today in the likes of **Avoriaz** (110/260cm) and **Les Arcs** (185/290cm).

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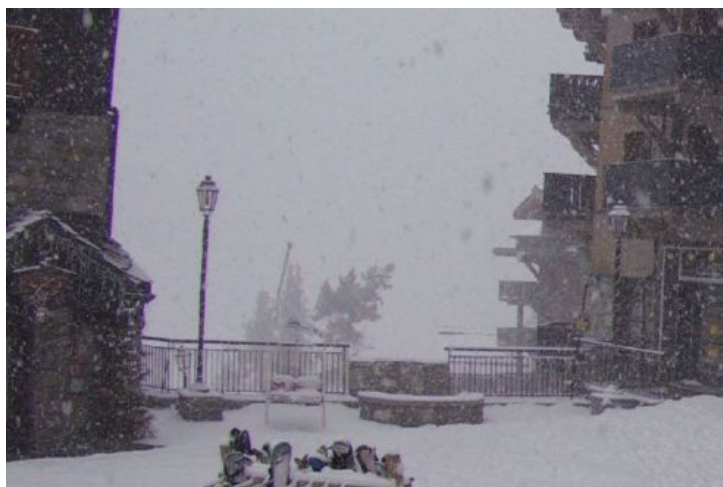
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The picture is more mixed lower down though, with some decent skiing still on offer in the likes of **Morzine** (5/120cm) and **La Clusaz** (10/160cm), but natural snow cover at resort level is only patchy at best.

The southern French Alps are generally in good shape, with base depths of 45/210cm in **Serre Chevalier** and 90/150cm in **Isola 2000**.

Expect generally dry and mild weather everywhere on Sunday before it turns more unsettled again on Monday and Tuesday, with a bit of snow in places, mostly in the northern half of the French Alps.



Snowing today in Les Arcs - 13 February 2020 - Photo: lesarcs.com

Italy

Snow conditions remain good across most of Italy, especially at altitude in the north-west where fresh snow has fallen in recent days.

Cervinia now has snow depths of 105/270cm while La Thuile has 40/250cm, however both resorts are quite vulnerable to wind which has been a big issue at times this week.

Further east there is also plenty of good skiing available in the Dolomites, with base depths of 60/160cm in **Madonna di Campiglio** and 50/155cm in **Selva**.



Plenty of good skiing on offer in the Monte Rosa region - 13 February 2020 - Photo: facebook.com/visitmonterosa

Switzerland

Switzerland is currently offering lots of good skiing, even if natural snow is in short supply in some of the lower resorts in the north and west.

Gstaad (5/90cm), for example, can still offer plenty of good skiing (and at the time of writing it was snowing again at altitude) but is virtually devoid of snow at resort level. Higher altitude **Davos** (70/180cm) and **Zermatt** (50/180cm) are two resorts that are in better overall shape, and also have some fresh snow.

Expect mild and mostly fine weather across Switzerland this weekend before further showers or flurries move in from the north-west early next week.

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Heavy snow in Bettmeralp this afternoon - 13 February 2020 - Photo: bettmeralp.ch

Rest of Europe

We are happy to report that there is at last plenty of snow in Scotland. Weather permitting - the wind will be an issue again this weekend - all five main areas should be up and running, with base depths of 25/40cm at **Glenshee** and 25/50cm at **Cairngorm**.

In the Pyrenees, very mild weather has led to a rapid thaw of the snow at lower levels. Higher up there is still plenty of good piste skiing though, with base depths of 70/170cm in Spain's **Baqueira Beret** and 30/110cm in France's **Peyragudes**.

There is also plenty of good skiing on offer in Scandinavia, where Norway's **Voss** has 90/190cm depending on altitude, with some serious snow in the forecast for next week. Sweden's **Åre** is also in good shape with 80/100cm depending on altitude.



Great conditions in Glenshee today - 13 February 2020 - Photo: winterhighland.com

USA

Many western US resorts have seen huge snowfalls over the last week, meaning that there is now some superb skiing on offer. Colorado is no exception, with fantastic conditions both on and off piste in **Vail** where the mid-mountain base is now 213cm.

Montana's **Big Sky** is another resort that is wallowing in the white stuff, with a very healthy 271cm upper base and more snow in the forecast.

Canada

Whistler continues to offer plenty of good skiing even if the 23cm of new snow in the last week is well short of some of its western US competitors. A few more flurries are forecast over next few days before the weather settles down again early next week.

Light snow is also expected over the weekend further inland in the **Banff/Lake Louise** area, where temperatures are colder and the upper snow depth is 162cm.

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Wintry looking conditions in Canada's Silver Star - 13 February 2020 - Photo: snoweye.com

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