



Information Note

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Despite the mid-May season, the ski mountaineering season continues at high altitude. There is still a good/excellent snowcover, especially in the side valleys where, at the northern expositions, you can wear skis from 2000 m and sometimes even 1850-1900 m. We advise you to choose the routes along wide and open slopes because they are still smooth, more easily skiable, while in the channels there are more avalanche debris.

Typical spring conditions and therefore linked to the night refreezing and the increase in temperatures. The most important parameter to evaluate when planning trips is the presence of clear nights that allow you to have optimal freezing, as happened Thursday and Friday morning, and therefore a weak danger of avalanches. Obviously it is necessary to finish the trip in time, before the diurnal heat increase and completely melts the surface crust. The main avalanche problem is wet snow. However, if the night is mostly cloudy, the refreezing will be poor even in the early morning and limited only to the higher altitudes

At high altitude, above 3300 m, there is still a more or less crusty layer with 40 cm of winter snow in transformation, faster to the south and to the west, further north and east. There are still small sporadic wind accumulations that are stabilizing.

For the next few days there is a dynamic and very variable weather: nice sunny moments alternate with periods with cloudy cover, even compact, and scattered showers. Weak wind

The next information note will be issued on the basis of the nivo-meteorological evolution.

