

Kilian Jornet reported summiting Mt. Everest via the North Route, without oxygen, on May 22 ("12:00am") and again on May 27 ("9:30pm").

Kilian's website contact form, <http://www.kilianjornet.cat/en/contact/>

His assistant Sara at the company Lymbus, info@lymbus.com

For both of his climbs, he has no summit photos, no summit video, no summit witnesses, his GPS tracking for the 27th begins at 8650m and descends from there, his GPS tracking for the 22nd gives a highpoint elevation reading of just over 8500m, and he did not call anyone via his satellite-smartphone from the summit, nor near the summit. Below I provide his GPS tracking (it is on a public Suunto Movescount page). Ironically, Suunto is one of his sponsors, and will not even use his Movescount tracking data, and instead has published this animated route-progression, entitling it,

["Watch a Suunto Movie of Suunto Ambassador Kilian Jornet's amazing Everest ascent from Base Camp to the Summit"](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9K0u8VrLeds>

The route-track is a very vague track, shown from a far away distance, and it is impossible to discern any relation between it and his May 22 GPS-tracking. Also, I could use a Suunto GPS program (the Suunto Movescount App, <http://www.suunto.com/en-NZ/Support/Movescount-Mobile-App-container-page/Suunto-Movescount-App/>), manually write in a route-track from basecamp to the summit, and have the animation done.

His sponsor Suunto did this article entitled

Kilian's Everest climb from Base Camp to the summit

<http://www.suunto.com/en-US/sports/News-Articles-container-page/kilians-everest-climb-from-base-camp-to-the-summit/>

Suunto adds this caption to their YouTube video that is in the article,

Watch a Suunto Movie of Kilian's amazingly fast ascent from Base Camp to the summit

The movie is of course not of Kilian climbing.

The video-box for the YouTube video states "Highest point 8848m". See my analysis of Kilian's GPS tracking for both of his Everest climbs below in this report. As you will find from his Movescount pages themselves, his highpoints are listed as 8593m, and 8678m. There is no highpoint listing of 8848m.

None of the multitude of articles done on him provide any summit photos/video; and he does not provide any at his websites, blogs, facebook page, twitter page, etc.

His sole climbing partner and photographer, Sebastian Montaz, did not go above 25,000 ([interview with him](#)). He took the highpoint photos of Kilian. The following provides 4 highpoint photos that are the only of such photos, each of which are used by Kilian and Sebastian on their social-media. If you search through all of the articles done on Kilian, it is evident that there are no other highpoint photos.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web17s/newswire-kilian-jornet-makes-two-rapid-everest-ascents>

<http://www.alpinist.com/media/web17s/kilian-jornet-everest-speed-ascents-2.jpg>

<http://www.alpinist.com/media/web17s/kilian-jornet-everest-speed-ascents-3.2.jpeg>

<http://www.alpinist.com/media/web17s/kilian-jornet-everest-speed-ascents-3.jpg>

<http://www.alpinist.com/media/web17s/kilian-jornet-everest-speed-ascents-5.jpg>

There is also en-route video taken by Sebastian apparently in a helicopter. I'm not sure where Kilian is on the mountain in the video, but he appears to be quite low on the mountain. The video is provided at the above Alpinist article, which also links to this page:

<https://www.facebook.com/kilianjornet/videos/10154399880735178/>

For his other Summits Of My Life climbs (Denali, etc), his GPS tracking is perfect, and he has abundant summit photos, often summit video, summit witnesses, etc. For example, his Denali GPS tracking is accurate, as it provides the summit's elevation, and provides a route-track to the summit, and a descent route-track.

<http://www.movescount.com/moves/move33912172>

He climbed Denali before Everest. And again, all of his other major climbs (Aconcagua, Elbrus, Kilimanjaro, etc., have accurate and complete GPS tracking.

I emailed with an array of climbers (their email addresses are below). Two Sherpa (Mingma Sherpa and his expedition leader), 2 USA climbers (cousins from Iowa, the Anderson cousins), a Russian (Alex Abramov), a German (Ralf Dujmovits, turned back above the 2nd step), and have not received replies from 3 people (2 from the US, Cory Richards, Adrian Ballinger, and 1 from Romania, Horia Colibasanu). I also received replies from 1 climber who summited the South Route on May 22 (Yannick Graziani of France), and Gordon Janow whose team summited on May 27 (the date that Kilian stated that he did his second summit, and at 9pm). Only Alex Abramov reports seeing Kilian -- May 22 at the Second Step. No one saw Kilian's headlight anywhere near the summit, nor at the summit, for either of his climbs.

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Ralf Dujmovits <ralf@ralf-dujmovits.de>

Gordon Janow <gjanow@alpineascents.com>

Yannick Graziani expedition2015@heliantis.fr
jm-bayaut@heliantis.fr

The three people who did not reply to me are

Horia Colibasanu contact@horiacolibasenu.com

Cory Richards cory@coryrichards.com

Adrian Ballinger adrian@alpenglowexpeditions.com

Regarding Kilian's 12am and 9:30pm claimed summit-times. It appears that reaching the summit at these times is opposite to what most people do, and that climbing through the afternoon and night to the summit, or anywhere on the mountain, is very rare, and extremely foolish. (Even on Rainier, etc., people, like on Everest, typically summit at sunrise or up to about 8am, and then descend, and never ascend through the late afternoon and night).

In the above [Alpinist article](#), the writer quotes his gear list (far down the article, and also quoted below) and one of the items is a "GoPro camera". The writer states, "[Jornet sent a list of everything he carried with him on the ascent in an email:](#)" Yet, he never used it at the summit, nor near the summit, for either of his climbs.

[Jornet sent a list of everything he carried with him on the ascent in an email:](#)

Boots (prototype with running liner and crampons)

Socks

Inner tights

Soft-shell pants

First layer

Soft-shell jacket

Thin down jacket
Down suit
Silk gloves
Mittens
2 Buff [headband/neck-gaiters]
Beanie [warm hat]
Headlamp
[Trekking] Poles
1 ice axe
Backpack
Gels and water
Sun cream and lip [protection]
GoPro camera
1 extra battery

This webpage of his provides one of his summit-articles, and shows what appears to be his highpoint, for one of his climbs.

<http://www.kilianjornet.cat/en/blog/kilian-jornet-reaches-the-summit-of-everest/>

The photo is the same as one of the photos in the Alpinist article, which is attached. The elevation would be 25,000' or lower, since Sebastian took the photo (see the [Red Bull article](#) with Sebastian in which he states that he did not go above 25,000').

At the bottom of this article of his, he provides a photo and list of his gear

<http://everest.summitsofmylife.com/>

<http://v.fastcdn.co/t/fdc58edd/ea9b7092/1497027384-16853481-960x490-All-Gear-Everest-low.jpg>

Shown and listed are a satellite-phone (SatSleeve), and GPS watch. Again, he did not use the satellite-phone from the summit, nor near the summit, for either of his climbs. Also, in the above Redbull article with his photographer Sebastian, Killian was absent for 18 hours during one climb, causing Sebastian and others intense concern. I speculate that Killian did this intentionally in order to avoid embarrassing himself - that is, that he likely did not want to verbally lie to anyone on the mountain via telephone that he was at the summit.

I plan to try to interview additional climbers once the Himalayan Database is finished for the 2017 season. I've been in discussion with Liz Hawley's assistant, Richard Salisbury, about Kilian's climbs, and my inquiry into them. I fear though that Kilian intentionally claimed evening and midnight summit times in order to evade the issue of whether he had summit witnesses. As discussed above, essentially no one climbs during these times of the day due to the multitude of extreme dangers to one's life.

It is astounding that he has abundant summit photos, video, GPS, witnesses, telephone calls, etc., from all of his other major climbs, except Everest, and, neither of his Everest climbs. He uses social-media very intensely to chronicle even his daily workouts, races, solo mountain runs, and he did nothing to prove his summits on the highest mountain in the world, on which he also claimed several speed records. Stangl in 2006 and Kammerlander in 1996 had summit photos for their Everest without-oxygen speed records, and in 2017 he has nothing, despite advancements in technology between 1996 and 2017?

May 24, 2006, Christian Stangl, 16 hours 42 minutes (summit photos [1](#), [2](#))

May 23, 1996, Hans Kammerlander, 16 hours 45 minutes (summit photo [1](#), also [1](#))

I wrote a history of Everest speedclimbing, which was published at this website by a UK Everest historian. Included is discussion of, and the photos from, Stangl's and Kammerlander's climbs and records.

<http://www.everest1953.co.uk/speed-climbing-records>

Unlike his Denali and other climbs, he gives vague, rounded-off times for his Everest climbs. He usually gives to-the-minute times, as he did for Denali.

GPS Analysis

Kilian's GPS data can be found at his Suunto Movescount page,
<http://www.movescount.com/members/member1018-kilianjornet>

I believe that there are reasons that he has not provided his Movescount pages for his 2 Everest climbs to the media, and has not published them on his websites and blog.

1st Everest Climb

For his first climb (May 21-22, although listed as May 20 on his Movescount page below), none of it makes sense.

<http://www.movescount.com/moves/move159990476>

First, these are the times that he claims for that first climb.

May 22, 2017, 12:00am summit-claim

Ascent: "Summit (8.848m) - Everest Advanced Base Camp (6.500m): 28h30"

Ascent-Descent: "Everest Advanced Base Camp (6.500m)-Summit (8.848m): 17h"

- 1) At the top of the page, his total-time is listed as 30h 56m (not 28h 30m)
- 2) His high-point, on the route-map (scroll over the dot at the summit) is 8593m. The summit is 8848m.
- 3) His high-point in the Graphs section that is below the map is also 8593m.
- 4) His total-time in the Graph is also 30h 56m.
- 5) In the Graphs, at "17h" he was at 8288m. This is the elevation of Camp 3, which is below the First Step, Second Step, and Third Step. Maps of the route:
<http://www.alanarnette.com/everest/everestnorthroutes.php>
<http://www.alanarnette.com/blog/2011/02/17/comparing-the-routes-of-everest/>
- 6) In his route-tracks (2 route-tracks for this climb), he was at 26h 30m at his high-point (8593m). You have to zoom-in considerable into the route-tracks, and then scroll over both slowly, in order to see the times and altitudes. One is his ascent-track, and one is his descent-track).
- 7) Also in the route-tracks, his finish-time is listed as 30h 56m.

At the top of his Movescount page, the numerical data that is listed is very inconsistent with his Graph-data, total-time, etc. A Movescount page would not register one high-point, and particular times, on the Graphs, and then provide different times and a different high-point at the numerical data at the top of the page.

I believe that he drew-in a route-line from his high-point (8593m) to the summit. And this is consistent with his lack of summit photos. The only on-mountain photos that he has appear to have been taken by his climbing partner; and the photos are very low on the mountain. I believe that the reason that Kilian has not published any self-taken photos nor self-taken video is that he wants to avoid the question about why he did not take any summit-photos.

2nd Everest climb

May 27, 2017, 9:30pm summit-claim

Ascent: "Everest Base Camp (5,100m) - Summit (8,848m): 26h"
Ascent-Descent: "Summit (8,848m) - Everest Advanced Base Camp (6,500m): 38h"

This is his Movescount page.

<http://www.movescount.com/moves/move159990614>

- 1) It shows that he did not reach the summit, and that his high-point was 8678m (in the Graphs, and the Map, by scrolling over the relevant places, and clicking on Altitude).
- 2) The one route-track that is provided is only for his descent, starting at 8678m ([Third Step](#)), downward to 7144m ([Camp 1](#)). There is no ascent-track, nor anything below Camp 1 for his descent.
- 3) His total-time at the top of the page is listed as 8hrs, and his total-time on the map is listed as 8hrs. This does not reflect what his claimed times are.
- 4) Again, there are no witnesses to him being at the summit, approaching the summit, and descending the summit, for this climb. (I still have to contact some climbers about this date, but currently no one has attested to the media to having witnessed him, and Kilian himself does not provide any witness names, that he saw X and Y at locations A and B, etc).
- 5) There is no double-route-track, as there is in the Movescount page for his first climb. Kilian likely deleted his ascent-information, and then possibly uploaded his descent-information, and perhaps forgot to tamper with it as he likely did for his 1st climb.

It is clear why Kilian did not use these GPS Movescount pages, especially the second one. It is also clear why he, in none of his abundant media coverage, nor on any of his multitude of website and blog pages, mentioned the names of any other climbers as people who he saw at various points. Lastly, for his 9pm summit-claim, he does not even mention being alone at the summit, as he did for his 12am summit-claim. And again, I still have to contact people from this May 27th climb, and so far have found that there was an issue of serious wind for that date which greatly impacted the decisions of many climbing teams, as reported at Everest chronicler Alan Arnette's website.

<http://www.alanarnette.com/blog/2017/05/25/everest-2017-left/>

Suunto did this article on Kilian's Denali record and provided his Movescount page.

<http://www.suunto.com/sports/News-Articles-container-page/Kilian-Denali-Record/>

"See for yourself! The route and all the details of Kilian's record ascent can be found [on Movescount](#)."

The link is the following, which is the same link that I provided above,

<http://www.movescount.com/moves/move33912172>

In contrast, in Suunto's 2 articles on Kilian's Everest climbs, they never provide his Movescount pages.

<http://www.suunto.com/en-US/sports/News-Articles-container-page/kilians-everest-climb-from-base-camp-to-the-summit/>

<http://www.suunto.com/en-US/sports/News-Articles-container-page/kilian-jornet-summits-everest-twice-in-a-week/>

I find the totality of the above to be quite incriminating of Kilian. And that the media (dozens of major media) have not questioned anything is baffling.

Aside from the issue of proof, I believe that the accretion of problems about both of his Everest climbs would be of immense interest to the public. I mean, he evaded any accountability, despite having a GPS watch, being sponsored by Suunto, having a GoPro camera, satellite-smartphone, and even a climbing partner who is a

professional photographer and who also used a helicopter to take photos of Kilian below 25,000'. And he did this for both of his Everest climbs. And he has abundant summit proof for Denali, Aconcagua, Kilimanjaro, Elbrus, etc. Not one journalist has questioned him in any way, which I believe he was gambling would be the case, because he in fact is a highly accomplished and highly celebrated, professional athlete.

As a summary:

Kilian's Everest articles from his website:

Kilian Jornet Reaches The Summit Of Everest

<http://blog.summitsofmylife.com/2017/05/22/kilian-jornet-reaches-the-summit-of-everest-2/>

Photo provided (not the summit; taken by Sebastian Montaz at or below 25,000 feet):

http://blog.summitsofmylife.com/wp-content/uploads/Kilian_xx.ss_-768x576.jpg

Kilian Jornet summited Mount Everest twice in a week without using supplemental oxygen.

<http://blog.summitsofmylife.com/2017/05/28/kilian-jornet-summited-mount-everest-twice-in-a-week-without-using-supplemental-oxygen-2/>

Photo provided (not the summit; taken by Sebastian Montaz at or below 25,000 feet):

<http://blog.summitsofmylife.com/wp-content/uploads/5-768x576.jpg>

Kilian Jornet summits Mount Everest twice in one week without using supplemental oxygen.

<http://blog.summitsofmylife.com/2017/05/28/kilian-jornet-summits-everest-twice-in-one-week-without-supplemental-oxygen-2/>

Photo provided (not the summit; taken by Sebastian Montaz at or below 25,000 feet):

<http://blog.summitsofmylife.com/wp-content/uploads/ndp1-768x576.png>

Suunto Movie: Kilian's Everest Climb from Base Camp to the Summit

<http://blog.summitsofmylife.com/2017/06/08/suunto-movie-kilians-everest-climb-from-base-camp-to-the-summit/>

Video provided, <https://youtu.be/9K0u8VrLeds>

(1) As discussed above, the elevation provided in the video-box is not the highpoint elevation in Kilian's GPS tracking (for either of his climbs).

(2) Suunto offers a free video animation service, as discussed above.

HOW TO CREATE SUUNTO MOVIES AND ADD THEM TO YOUR MOVESCOUNT MOVES

<http://www.suunto.com/en-US/sports/News-Articles-container-page/Tutorial-Tuesday-Suunto-Movie/>

Anyone can submit a route-track to Suunto for the free video animation service.

Kilian's other Summits Of My Life climbs:

Kilian's Denali climb.

Summit photo:

<http://summitsofmylife.com/public/img/proyecto/fotosProyectos/6/1.jpg>

<http://summitsofmylife.com/public/img/proyecto/fotosProyectos/6/3.jpg>

<http://adventureblog.nationalgeographic.com/files/2014/06/killian-jornet-summits-life.jpg>

(from this article):

<http://adventureblog.nationalgeographic.com/2014/07/01/kilian-jornet-on-setting-a-new-speed-record-on-denali/>

Kilian's Aconcagua climb.

Summit photos:

<http://blog.summitsofmylife.com/wp-content/uploads/Kilian-Jornet-Aconcagua-2014-Summits-of-My-Life2.jpg>

<https://i.ytimg.com/vi/HAOlCWv0a-g/maxresdefault.jpg>

Kilian's Kilimanjaro climb.

Summit video:

<https://youtu.be/MjZH6CfKLxE>

Summit photo:

<https://i.ytimg.com/vi/MjZH6CfKLxE/hqdefault.jpg>

Kilian's other climbs.

<http://summitsofmylife.com/en#/proyecto>

Click on each mountain for more information.

All mountains have summit photos, etc., except Everest.

Kilian's self-taken, high-point video with his GoPro Camera.

2m:28s - 3m:46s

<https://youtu.be/hZdG5v6Iuxo?t=148>

(French language video with similar footage between 1m:16s - 3m:32s <https://youtu.be/IuS4QQqWI78?t=76>)

He did not film himself above this point, for either of his climbs (22nd and 27th).

No media has asked why he does not have video of himself higher on the mountain than what is shown in the videos.

He films himself sitting on a rocky area on the mountain, well below the summit.

Then there is video of him ascending for a few seconds.

Then he videos himself descending (sliding on his backside slowly down the mountain, and then walking down).

Then there is video taken by Sebastian Montaz of him far down the mountain.

Then Kilian reports that they are leaving Everest after being there for 1 month.

The date of this video is therefore May 27. See my below comment on Alan Arnette's report of high winds on May 27.

On page 2-3 of the attached report, Alpinist Magazine reports, "[Jornet sent a list of everything he carried with him on the ascent in an email:](#)", and in his list is "[GoPro camera](#)".

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web17s/newswire-kilian-jornet-makes-two-rapid-everest-ascents>

Jornet does not state what day, nor time-of-day, it is in the videos. He comments on the high wind; and it is widely reported at this webpage and elsewhere that on May 27th (the date of Jornet's 2nd Everest summit-claim that there were high winds).

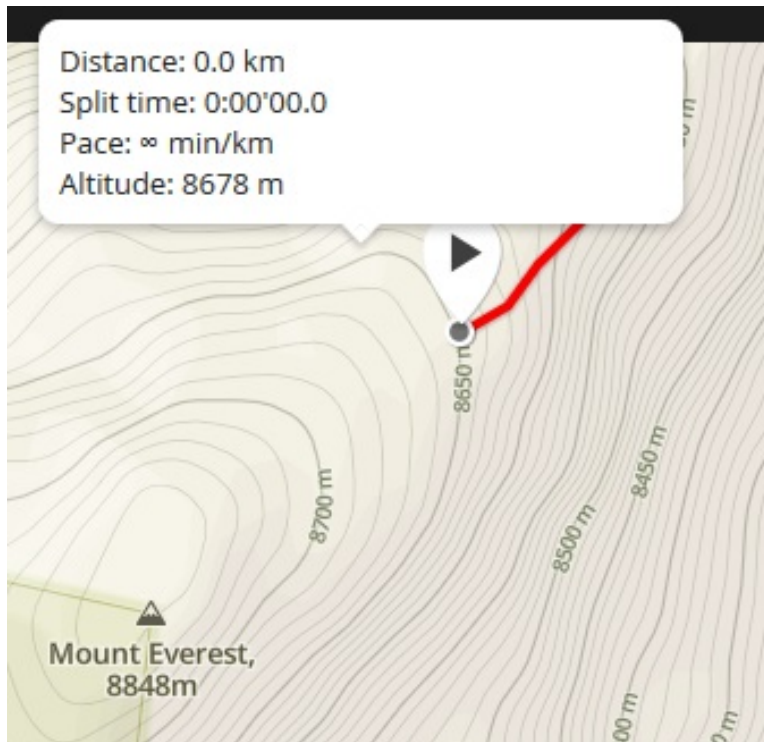
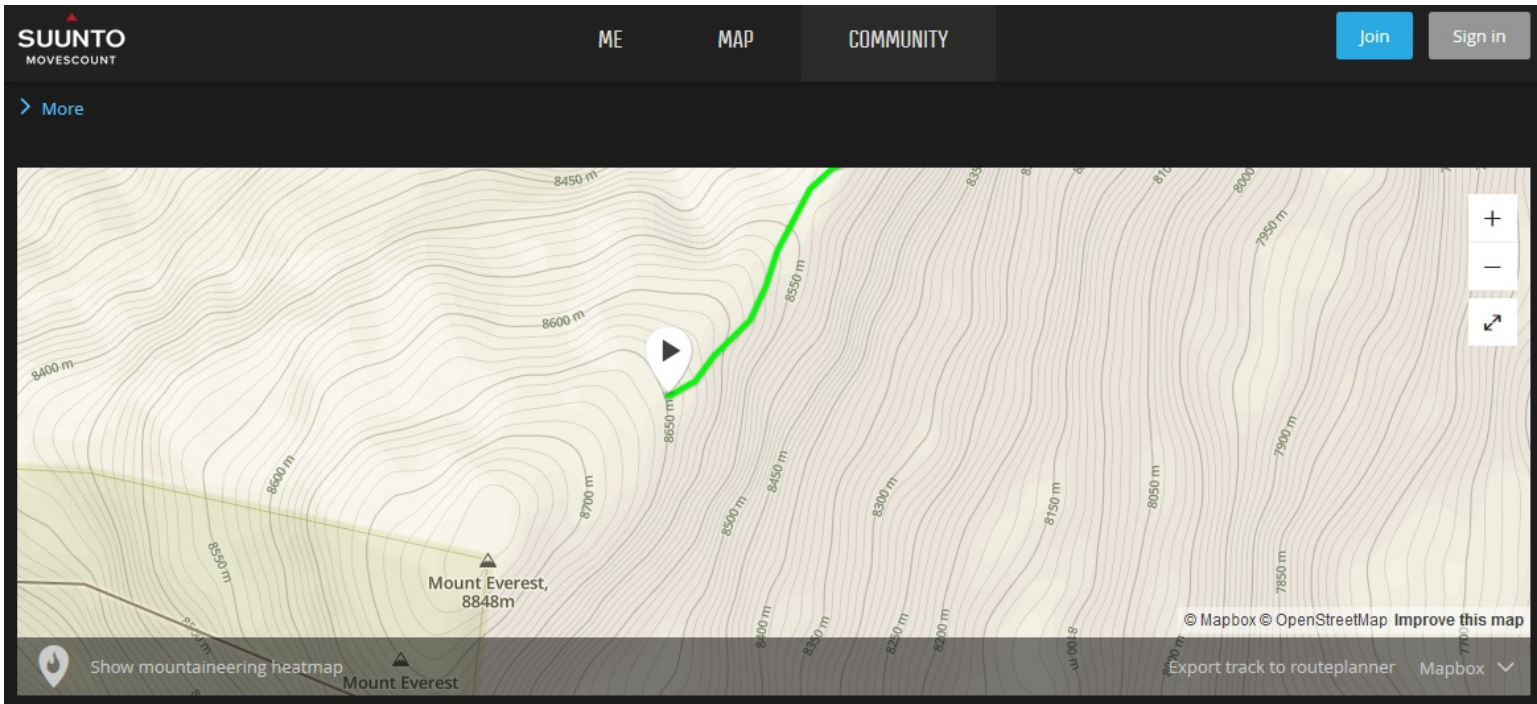
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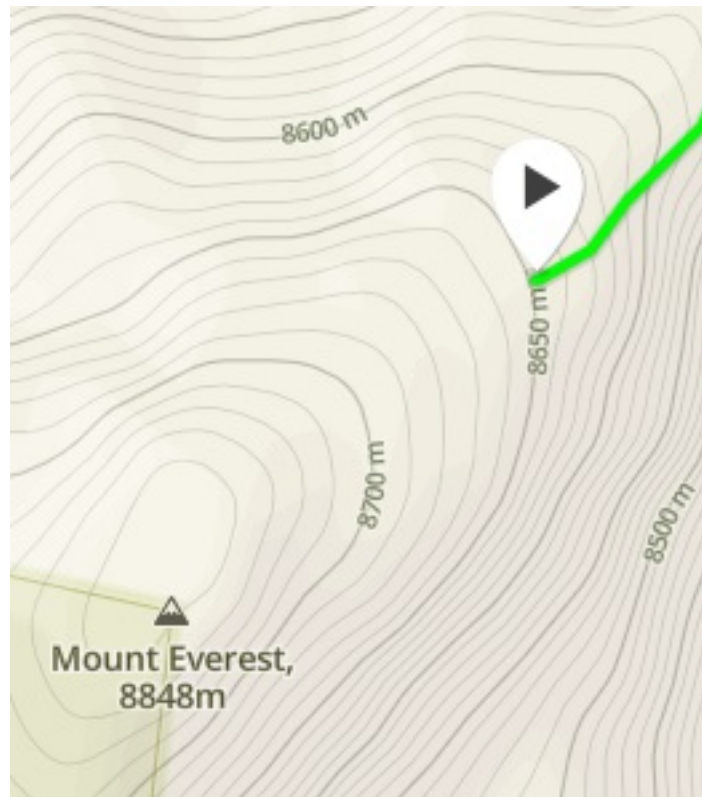
Additional evidence/proof of no summit on May 27th.

As discussed above, the following is his GPS Tracking for May 27. The tracking *begins* as a descent, and at "8678m", as shown in the below screen-shots of his GPS Tracking.

<http://www.movescount.com/moves/move159990614>

The above self-taken GoPro video of Kilian likely shows his highpoint, and where he began his GPS Tracking.





Use of fixed-lines:

It is widely reported that Kilian did not use fixed lines.

He also states this himself on his website:

“Alone, in a single climb and without oxygen or fixed ropes, Jornet has reached the summit of the world’s highest mountain (8,848 m)”

<http://blog.summitsofmylife.com/2017/05/22/kilian-jornets-ascent-of-everest/>

Also,

[Spanish man climbs Mount Everest in fastest known time](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/mount-everest-fastest-time-climb-kilian-jornet-a7752006.html)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/mount-everest-fastest-time-climb-kilian-jornet-a7752006.html>

May 23, 2017 - A Spanish climber has set a new record for summiting Everest, after reaching the top ... Kilian Jornet used neither bottled oxygen or fixed ropes.

Also,

[Kilian Jornet Summits Everest in Fastest Known Time | Outside Online](https://www.outsideonline.com/2187266/kilian-jornet-summits-everest-fastest-known-time)

<https://www.outsideonline.com/2187266/kilian-jornet-summits-everest-fastest-known-time>

May 22, 2017 - The 29-year-old Spaniard ascended via the North Face in a single climb, without using oxygen or fixed ropes, according to a statement issued.

The videos show that he in fact used fixed-lines. His fixed-line system can be seen on the front of his body, and the fixed-line under him, in front of him, and behind him, can also be seen.

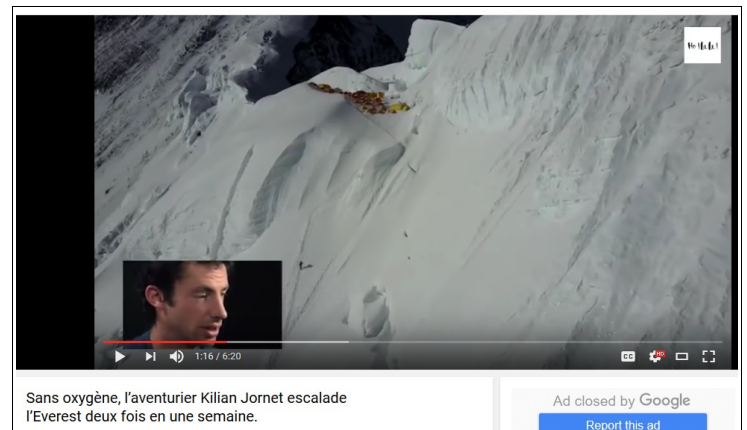


The following are screen-shot-photos of Kilian's use of fixed-lines, taken from the above video:





Screen-shot photos from the beginning of each YouTube video (at 2m:28s, and 1m:16s).



National Geographic, “.... fewer than 200 have done so without oxygen.”

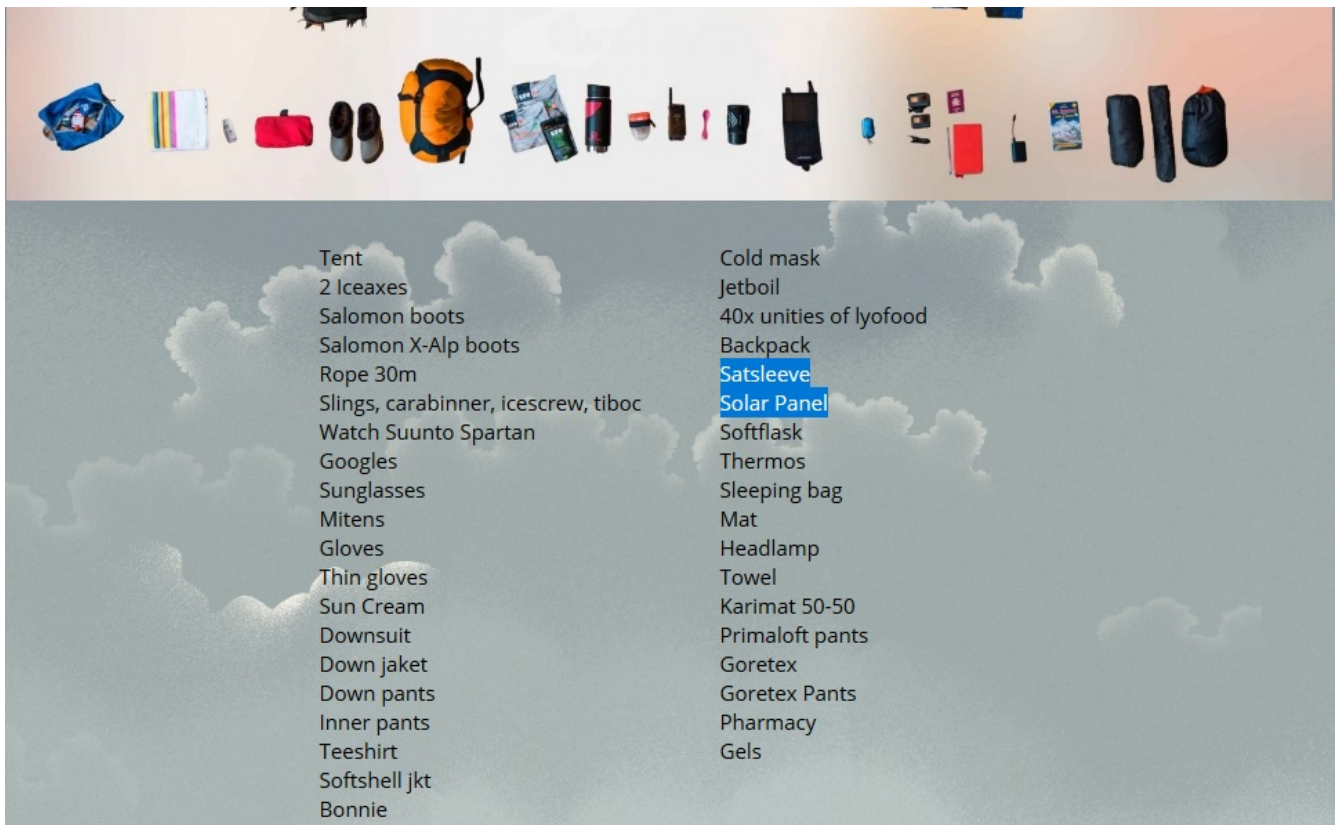
The first people to do so did so in 1978. Peter Habler, Reinhold Messner. The following is Messner' summit photo from his 1980 solo climb.



At the bottom of this article of his, he provides a photo and list of his gear

<http://v.fastcdn.co/t/fdc58edd/ea9b7092/1497027384-16853481-960x490-All-Gear-Everest-low.jpg>





Elapsed-Times

Below are Kilian's elapsed-times for his Summits of My Life Project as reported at his website

<http://summitsofmylife.com/#/proyecto>

Below is a photocopy of his webpage that has a listing of, and photo of, each of the mountains of his Summits Of M Life project. Click on each mountain-listing for his articles on each mountain.

– In #6 below (Everest), Kilian states that for his second climb, he “**did not use oxygen nor fixed ropes.**”

This is proven false, as demonstrated in the above photographs, video, and discussion.

– Each of Kilian's elapsed-times, except for Everest, are to the precise minute, and some are to the precise second. His primary Everest elapsed-times are rounded to the hour. He provides one split-time that is rounded to the half-hour. Moreover, in some of the below articles, regarding his elapsed-times on other mountains, he states that he used his chronometer to time himself. Why would all of his elapsed-times for all of the mountains be to the precise minute, and sometimes the precise second, except Everest (and for both of his Everest climbs)?

Each of Kilian's

1) 2012, Cross Mont Blanc, Part II, 8 hours, 42 minutes, 57 seconds

Excerpts from his article:

Courmayeur-Val Veni: 40'
Val Veni - Ref Monzino: 1hr 30-50'
Monzino-Eccles: 3hrs 30-2hrs
Eccles-Mont Blanc: 6hrs 17-2hrs 47 (5' stop summit)
Mont Blanc - Gouter: 6hrs 50 -27'
Gouter-Houches: 8hrs 15 -1hr 25
Houches-Chamonix: 8hrs 42'57'' - 27'

I felt as if I was flying on the descent from the summit and in 2 hours and 19 minutes i reached my destination, Chamonix Church square, where I stopped the chronometer at 8 hours 42m 57s.

2) 2103, Mont Blanc, 4 hours 57 minutes

3) 2013, Matterhorn, 2 hours 52 minutes

4) 2014, Denali, 11 hours 48 minutes

Excerpt from his article:

The chronometer showed 11h 48 ' (9h 45 ' to the summit) when Kilian Jornet arrived back at base camp, beating the previous record established in 2013 by Ed Warren (16h 46 ').

5) 2014, Aconcagua, 12 hours 49 minutes

6) 2017, Everest

Excerpt from his article:

First ascent: 26 h

Second ascent: 17 h

A dream come true twice in a week. Without artificial oxygen, fixed ropes and in a single run

Kilian Jornet climbed in a single push the north face of Mount Everest (8.848m) for the second time in a week. For this he did not use oxygen nor fixed ropes.

Accumulated route times

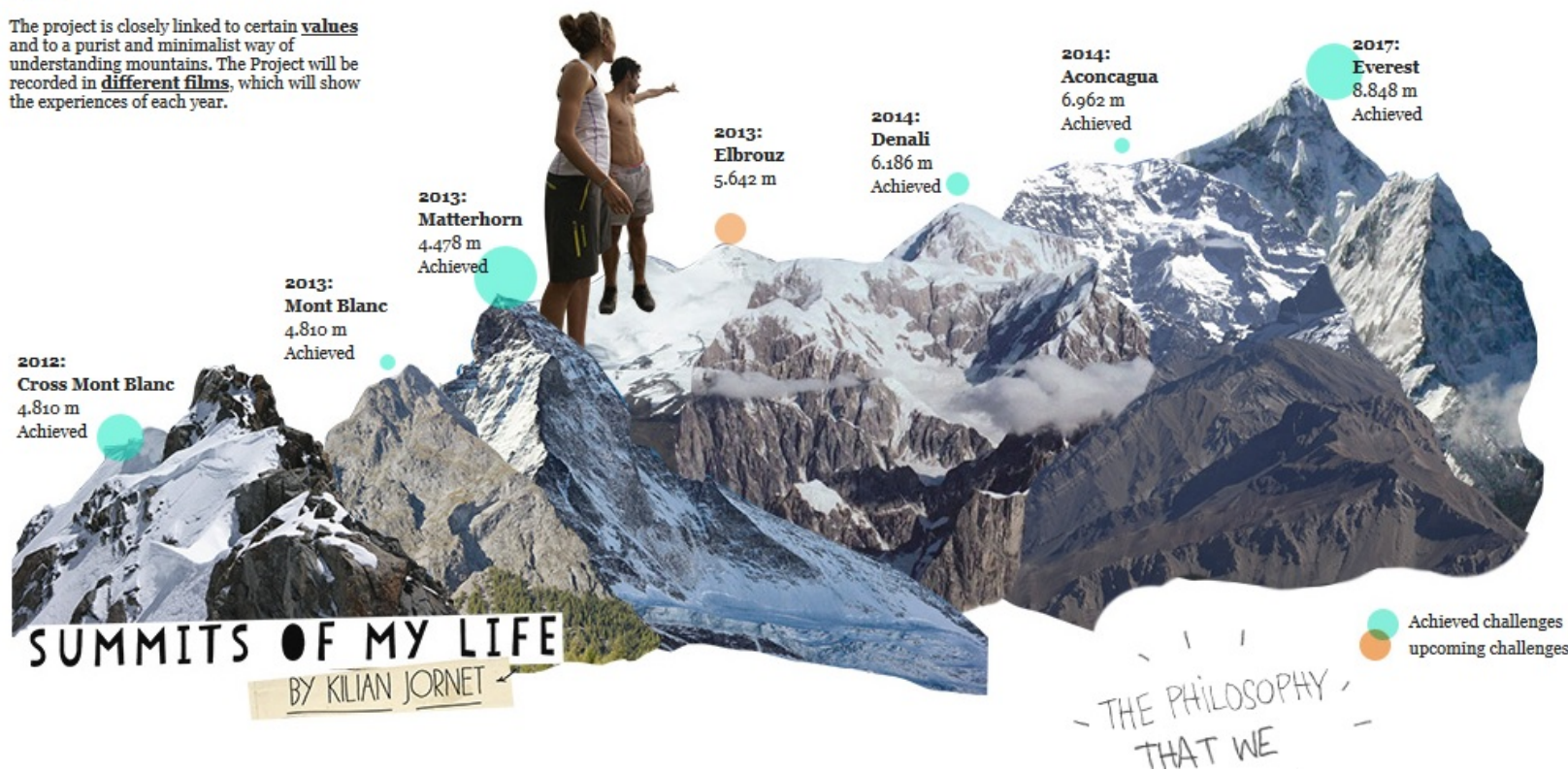
Everest Advanced Base Camp (6.400m)-Summit (8.848m): 17h

Summit (8.848m) - Everest Advanced Base Camp (6.400m): 28h30



Summits of My Life is Kilian Jornet's personal project, in which he will try to set ascent and descent records for the most important mountains on the planet, and is planned to culminate with the record attempt on the Mount Everest.

The project is closely linked to certain values and to a purist and minimalist way of understanding mountains. The Project will be recorded in different films, which will show the experiences of each year.



Update:

Jornet was caught cheating (breaking explicit rules) in a 50K race. (a) He shortcut a multitude of switchbacks, and, (b) continued to do so after being warned by race-staff to not do so. He was witnessed by many race-staff to have shortcut a multitude of switchbacks. He won the race only by 4 minutes. He was not awarded the race's financial price, but was awarded the 1st place by race organizer Karl Meltzer, who comments on his decision in the below article and video..

Article:

The 'Kilian Jornet Speedgoat 50K Controversy' (in Karl Meltzer's Words)

<http://runitfast.com/2012/07/30/the-kilian-jornet-speedgoat-50k-controversy-in-karl-meltzers-words/>

“ Kilian Jornet was caught cutting several switchbacks during the race. He was warned at mile 20 to stop but continued to do randomly throughout the race.”

Video of post-race interview:

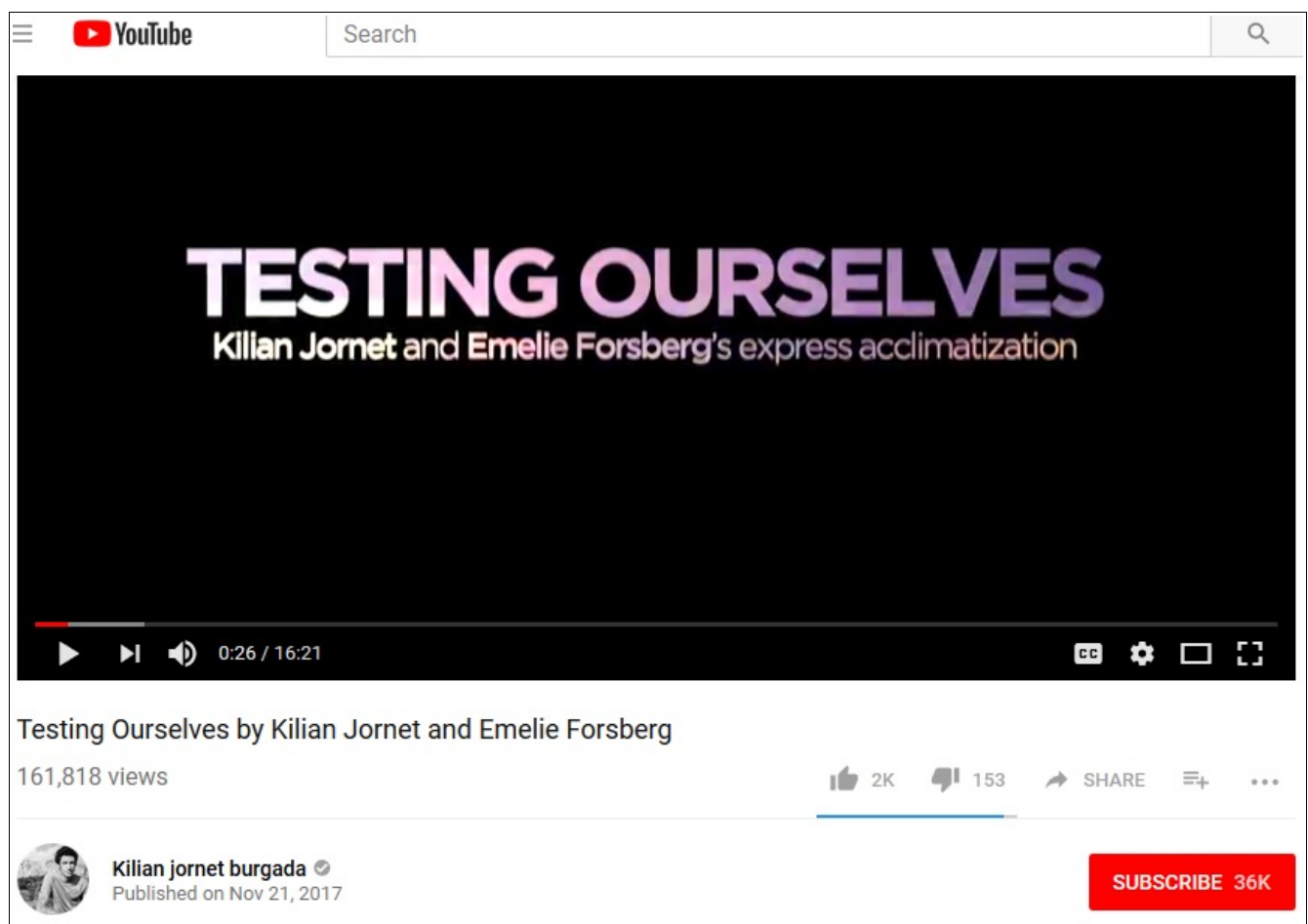
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyRew7lr5eE>

Update:

Jornet and his girlfriend Emelie Forsberg went to Cho Oyu in the spring of 2017, and produced the following 16 minute 21 second video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=813&v=AZ9Qi99yZvY

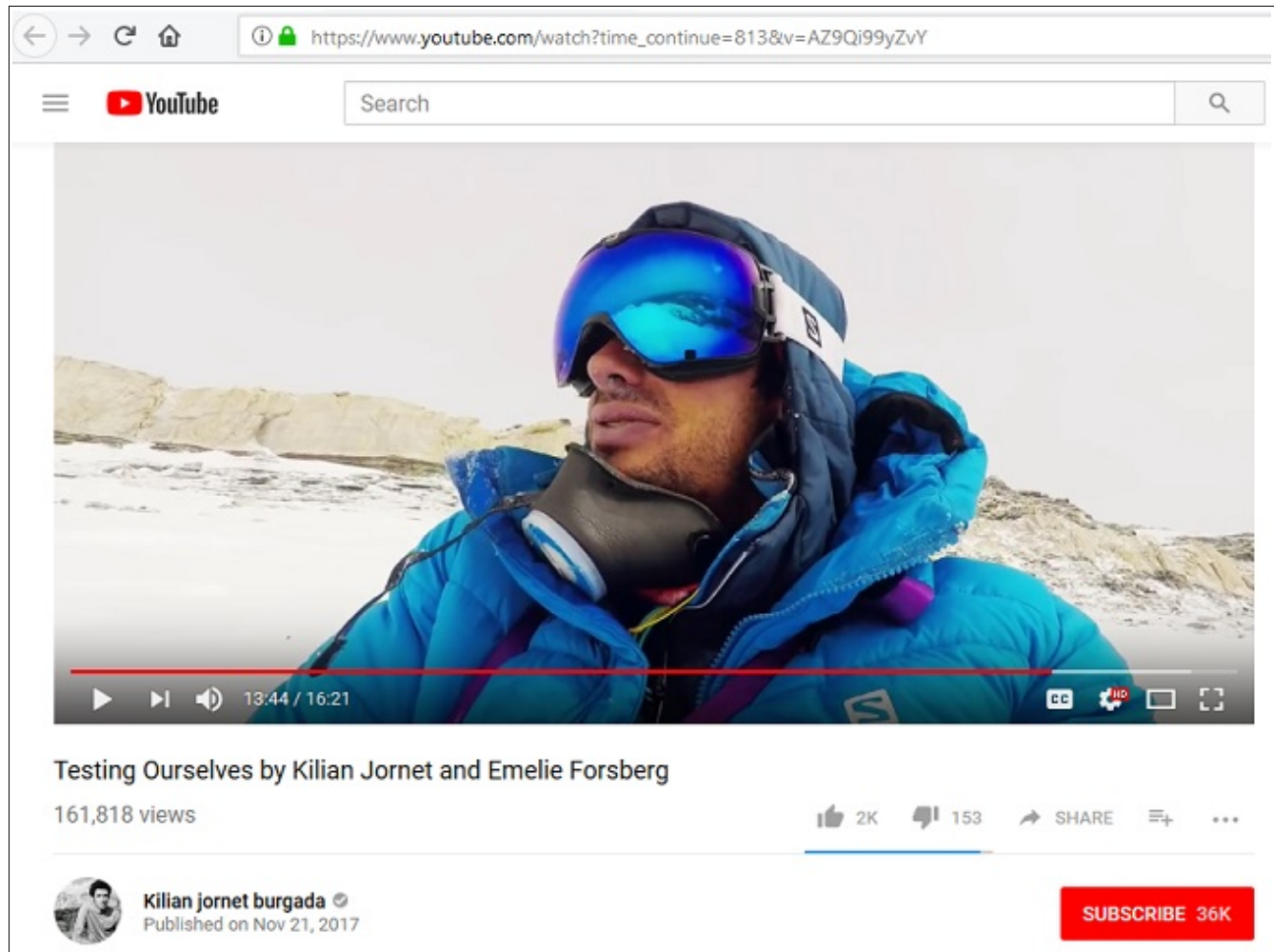
Screen-shot of the video at 00:26



From 12:50 onward, Jornet is shown climbing toward the summit alone. Emelie discontinued the climb at about 7,700 meters, as Jornet states here:

“After 9 days, on the 7th of May, we did our attempt, starting from Camp one (6.400m) at 1AM. It was a very windy and cold night. We climbed until we reach 7.500m and waited on a crevasse for the sun to shine, so we could warm up a bit. We continued an at Yellow Band (7.700m), Emelie decided to turn. The weather was supposed to get worse with heavy snowfalls, and an unequipped technical section looked too exposed to downclimb safely when tired. I was really impressed by Emelie, who was climbing really fast, and before that she had only been up to 6.000m! I decided to carry on.”

As is shown in the video at 12:55-13:48, Kilian states that he is at "8050 meters", and "150m from the summit". He comments on being tired, the wind, the snow, and he then, as is shown in the video from 14:10 onward, descends. As such, he did not reach the summit. The following is a screen-shot of his highpoint, and where he states the above about being at 8050 meters and 150 meters from the summit.



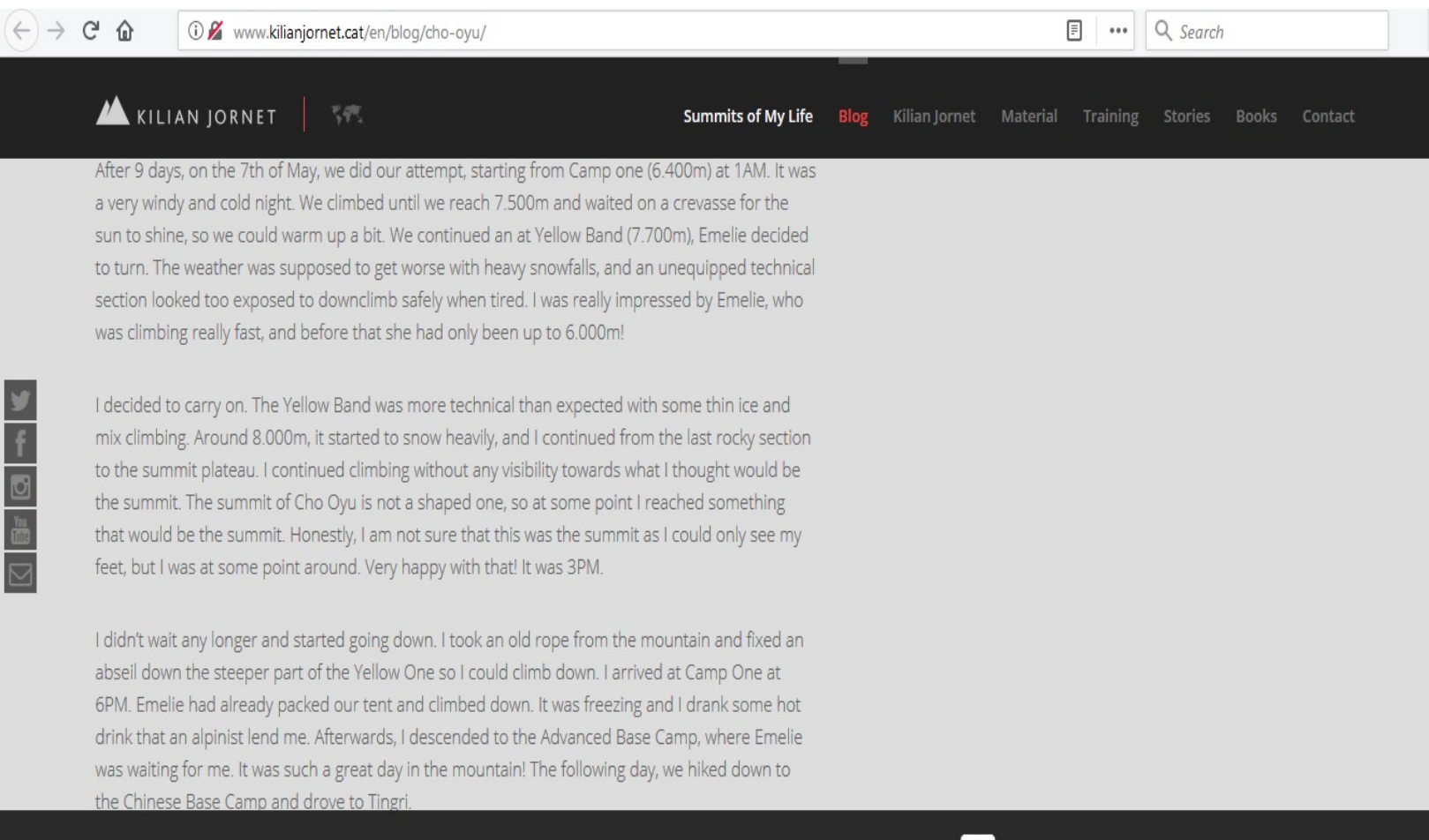
At Kilian's blog, 5th paragraph from the top he comments on reaching his highpoint.

<http://www.kilianjornet.cat/en/blog/cho-oyu/>

He states that there wasn't "any visibility", and that "I could only see my feet", and that he reached "something that would be the summit". As is shown in the video, and the above screen-shot, the visibility is excellent, much of the surrounding mountain can be seen. Also, anyone who learns about the mountain, and climbs the mountain, knows where the summit exactly is. There is only one true summit on any mountain, and it is well known exactly where the summit of Cho Oyu is. The following is Kilian's statement:

"I decided to carry on. The Yellow Band was more technical than expected with some thin ice and mix climbing. Around 8.000m, it started to snow heavily, and I continued from the last rocky section to the summit plateau. I continued climbing without any visibility towards what I thought would be the summit. The summit of Cho Oyu is not a shaped one, so at some point I reached something that would be the summit. Honestly, I am not sure that this was the summit as I could only see my feet, but I was at some point around. Very happy with that! It was 3PM."

The following is a screen-shot of his article:



At Kilian's website, in his Nov 27, 2017 article, he is quoted as stating that not only did he reached the summit, but that both he and Emelie did.

<http://www.kilianjornet.cat/en/blog/kilian-jornet-and-emelie-forsberg-present-testing-ourselves/>

Jornet states: "Although we did reach the summit, for us that wasn't the important thing. What interested us was to see how we felt after an acclimatisation that was totally different from any we'd done before."

The following is a screen-shot of his article:



Is it possible to climb 8,000m summit in a fortnight? What type of acclimatisation is necessary and how does it affect the body? These were the questions the athletes Kilian Jornet and Emelie Forsberg were asking themselves. In search of an answer they set off to reach the summit of Cho Oyu (8,220m) using a new acclimatisation method that could revolutionise climbing.

The result is "Testing Ourselves", a 17-minute documentary that is now available online at <http://stories.kilianjornet.cat/en/>

In May, Kilian Jornet and Emelie Forsberg travelled to the Himalayas to attempt the ascent of Cho Oyu, which they had chosen as a test of their acclimatisation. As Jornet says: "Although we did reach the summit, for us that wasn't the important thing. What interested us was to see how we felt after an acclimatisation that was totally different from any we'd done before."

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