

# British climber Kenton Cool breaks record by scaling Mount Everest for the 19th time

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Kenton Cool scaled Mount Everest on Sunday for the 19th time. *(Supplied: Kenton Cool )*

## In short:

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## What's next?

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Kenton Cool, 51, from south-west England, scaled the 8,849-metre peak on Sunday, local time, along with several other climbers.

He was doing well and on his way down from the summit, Iswari Paudel of Himalayan Guides Nepal said, which equipped his expedition.

Mr Cool first climbed Mount Everest in 2004 and has been doing it almost every year since then.



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He was unable to climb Everest in 2014 because the season was cancelled after 16 Sherpa guides were killed in an avalanche.

He was also unable to climb in 2015 when an earthquake triggered an avalanche that killed 19 people.

Similarly, the 2020 climbing season was cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Hundreds of climbers and their guides are at the mountain during the popular spring climbing season, hoping to scale the world's highest peak.

Many of them have already succeeded while more are expected to make their attempt before the climbing season closes at the end of this month.

After that, weather condition deteriorate with the coming of the rainy monsoon season making climbing difficult.

Only Nepali Sherpa guides have scaled the peak more times than Mr Cool.

The highest number of climbs of Mount Everest is 30 times by Nepali Sherpa guide Kami Rita, who is also on the mountain currently and expected to make the climb in the next few days.

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