

A Record of the First Ascents of the Fifty Highest Mountains

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In the following list references have been given to accounts — as distinct from mere mentions — of the ascents that can be found in the *Alpine Journal* (first reference) and/or the *Himalayan Journal* (second reference).

When the list was compiled some years ago eight of the 50 highest mountains were still unclimbed and most of these were at that time virtually inaccessible to Western mountaineers; the number of these summits still unclimbed is now reduced to six.

1 Mount Everest	8848	29 May 1953	E. P. Hillary, Tenzing Norkay.	59/103:18/9
2 K2	8611	31 July 1954	A. Compagnoni, L. Lacedelli	60/3 :19/82
3 Kangchenjunga	8598	25 May 1955	G. C. Band, J. Brown.	60/207:19/33
		26 May 1955	N. Hardie, H. R. A. Streather.	
4 Lhotse	8511	18 May 1956	F. Luchsinger, E. Reiss.	61/247:20/8
5 Makalu	8481	15 May 1955	J. Couzy, L. Terray.	61/13 :19/68
		16 May 1955	J. Franco, G. Magnone, Gyalzen Norbu.	
		17 May 1955	J. Bouvier, S. Coupé, P. Leroux, A. Vialatte.	
6 Dhaulagiri	8167	13 May 1960	K. Diemberger, P. Diener, E. Forrer, A. Schelbert, Nyima Dorje, Nawang Dorje.	:22/42
		23 May 1960	M. Vaucher, H. Weber.	
7 Manaslu	8156	9 May 1956	T. Imanishi, Gyalzen Norbu.	:20/11
		11 May 1956	M. Higeta, K. Kato.	
8 Cho Oyu	8153	19 Oct 1954	S. Jöchler, H. Tichy, Pasang Dawa.	60/239:19/131
9 Nanga Parbat	8125	3 July 1953	H. Buhl.	59/371:18/130
10 Annapurna I	8091	3 June 1950	M. Herzog, L. Lachenal.	58/155:16/9
11 Gasherbrum I	8068	5 July 1958	A. J. Kauffman, P. K. Schoening.	63/242:21/46
12 Broad Peak	8047	9 June 1957	H. Buhl, K. Diemberger, M. Schmuck, F. Wintersteller.	:21/1
13 Xixabangma (Shisha Pangma) (Gosainthan)	8046	2 May 1964	Hsu Ching, Chang Chun-yen, Wang Fu-chou, Wu Tsung-yueh, Chen San, Cheng Tien-Liang, Sodnam Dorji, Minar Trashi, Dorji, Tontan.	69/211:
14 Gasherbrum II	8035	7 July 1956	S. Larch, F. Moravec, H. Willenpart.	:20/27

15 Gasherbrum III	7952	11 Aug 1975	A. & J. Onyskiewicz, W. Rudkiewicz, K. Zdsitowiecki.	
16 Annapurna II	7937	17 May 1960	C. J. S. Bonington, R. H. Grant, Ang Nyima.	65/143:22/22
17 Gasherbrum IV	7925	6 Aug 1958	W. Bonatti, C. Mauri.	64/155:21/134
18 Gyachung Kang	7922	10 Apr 1964	Y. Kato, S. Sakaizawa, Pasang Phutar III	
		11 Apr 1964	K. Machida, K. Yasukisa	
19 Himal Chuli	7893	24 May 1960	M. Harada, H. Tanabe.	
		25 May 1960	H. Miyashita, K. Nakazawa.	
20 Distaghil Sar	7885	9 June 1960	D. Marchart, G. Stärker.	66/1 :22/120
21 Nuptse	7879	16 May 1961	D. P. Davis, Tashi.	66/209:23/10
		17 May 1961	C. J. S. Bonington, L. Brown J. Swallow, Ang Pemba.	
22 Khinyang Chhish	7852	26 Aug 1971	A. Heinrich, J. Strycynski, R. Szafirski, A. M. Zawada.	77/21 :31/283
23 Peak 29	7835	19 Oct 1970	H. Watanabe, Lhakpa Tsering.	30/150
24 Masherbrum	7821	6 July 1960	G. I. Bell, W. Unsoeld.	67/9 :22/51
		8 July 1960	N. B. Clinch, R. J. Ahkter.	
25 Nanda Devi	7816	29 Aug 1936	N. E. Odell, H. W. Tilman.	49/13 : 9/21
26 Chomolönzo	7790	30 Oct 1954	J. Couzy, L. Terray.	
27 Rakaposhi	7788	25 June 1958	M. E. B. Banks, T. Patey.	63/159:21/55
28 Batura Muztagh I	7785	30 June 1976	H. Bleicher, H. Oberhofer.	
29 Kanjut Sar	7760	19 July 1959	C. Pélissier	65/89 :
30 Kamet	7756	21 June 1931	R. L. Holdsworth, E. E. Shipton, F. S. Smythe, Lewa.	43/289: 4/27
		23 June 1931	E. St. J. Birnie, C. R. Greene, Lewa.	
31 Namcha Barwa	7755		Unclimbed.	
32 Dhaulagiri II	7751	18 May 1971	A. Huber, R. Fear, A. Weissensteiner, Jangbu.	77/168:31/192
33 Saltoro Kangri	7742	24 July 1962	R. Bashir, A. Saito, Y. Takamura.	69/73 :25/151
34 Gurla Mandhata	7728		Unclimbed.	
35 Ulugh Muztagh	c.7724		Unclimbed (Kuen Lun).	
36 Trivor	7720	17 Aug 1960	W. Noyce, J. Sadler,	66/9 :22/134
37 Bokalik Tagh	c.7720		Unclimbed (Kuen Lun).	
38 Kongur	7719	12 July 1981	C. J. S. Bonington, P. Boardman, J. Tasker, A. Rouse.	:38/1
39 Dhaulagiri III	7715	20 Oct 1973	G. Haberl, H. Saler, K. Schreckenbach.	80/198:33/202
		23 Oct 1973	K. Hillier, P. von Gizycki, K. Süßmilch, Norbu Sherpa.	
40 Jannu	7710	27 Apr 1962	R. Desmaison, P. Keller, R. Paragot, Gyaltzen Mikchung.	:24/3
		28 Apr 1962	J. Bouvier, A. Bertrand, P. Leroux, Y. Pollet-Villard, J. Ravier, L. Terray, Wangdi.	

41 Tirich Mir	7708	21 July 1950	P. Kvernberg.	58/6	:16/59
		22 July 1950	H. Berg, A. Naess, H. R. A. Streater.		
42 Saser Kangri	7672	6 June 1973	Dawa Norbu, Thondup, Nima Tenzing, Dawa Tenzing, Y. C. Khanna, G. S. Bhangu, Pemba Tharkey, Dawa Temba, Roshan Lal, Budhiman, Rinjee, Rabgais.		:33/119
43 Phola Gangchhen	7661		Unclimbed.		
44 Dhaulagiri IV	7661	9 May 1975	S. Kawazu, E. Yasuda.		:34/35
45 Shahkangsham	c.7660		Unclimbed.		
46 Chogolisa	7654	2 Aug 1975	G. Ammerer, F. Pressl.		
		4 Aug 1975	A. Furtner, H. Sturm.		
47 Fang (Annapurna)	7647	17 May 1980	J. Mayerl, H. Neumair, Ang Chepal.		
48 Kangchungtse (Makalu II)	7640	22 Oct 1954	J. Franco, L. Terray, Gyalzen, Pa Norbu.		
49 Shisparé (Pasu Peak)	7619	21 July 1974	H. Bleicher, L. Cichy, M. Grochowski, J. Holnicki- Szule, A. Mlynarczyk, H. Oberhofer, J. Poreba.	80/223:	
50 Dhaulagiri V	7618	1 May 1975	M. Morioka, Pemba Tsering.		

Chronological Order of Ascents**Unclimbed**

- 1931 Kamet
 1936 Nanda Devi
 1950 Annapurna I*
 Tirich Mir
 1953 Mount Everest*
 Nanga Parbat*
 1954 K2*
 Cho Oyu*
 Kangchungtse
 Chomolönzo
 1955 Makalu*
 Kangchenjunga*
 1956 Manaslu*
 Lhotse*
 Gasherbrum II*
 1957 Broad Peak*
 1958 Rakaposhi
 Gasherbrum I*
 Gasherbrum IV
 1959 Kanjut Sar
 1960 Dhaulagiri*
 Annapurna II
 Himal Chuli
 Distaghil Sar
 Masherbrum
 Trivor
 1961 Nuptse
 1962 Jannu
 Saloro Kangri
 1964 Gyachung Kang
 Shisha Pangma*
 1970 Peak 29
 1971 Dhaulagiri II
 Khinyang Chhish
 1973 Saser Kangri
 Dhaulagiri III
 1974 Shisparé
 1975 Dhaulagiri V
 Dhaulagiri IV
 Chogolisa
 Gasherbrum III
 1976 Batura Muztagh I
 1980 Fang
 1981 Kongur

- Namcha Barwa
 Gurla Mandhata
 Ulugh Muztagh
 Bokalik Tagh
 Phola Gangchhen
 Shahkangsham

*denotes 8000m peak.