

19TH SEPTEMBER - BARRAFU HUT 4,600M

I woke up before our designated wake up time of 8.00am and felt that this was a good indicator im no longer sleep deprived! We had a nice leisurely breakfast, kat has brought marmite with her which i was very pleased about! At about 9.30am i started walking at a pretty good pace up towards our next camp listening to my music and completely in my own little world. It was a pretty easy walk with a slight incline as we approached Barrafu. The weather was pretty socked in, we were engulfed in mist and cloud and it was starting to hail. Once at Barrafu i started getting everything organised for our midnight departure to try for the summit.

You want to have enough spare clothes in case the weather is really cold. Its now really just a waiting game. I never like to underestimate a summit day and i always have that familiar adrenalin rush prior to leaving which i think is a good thing. Im in my tent and Guy has somehow managed to be sleep (im so jealous!) and we are having dinner at 5pm before resting until we are woken up at 11.00pm to get ready to go! Its Kats brothers anniversary today, he was unfortunately killed in Belize a few years back, and its especially poignant to her as they climbed kili together years ago. I know he has been on her mind a lot today.

I hope that the hail stops before we leave for our hike to the summit, nothing worse than having hail stones constantly smacking you in the face. I tried to get some sleep but to no avail, we had 3 really noisy girls camped right next door... i know it might appear like the pot calling the kettle black, but these girls make me look quiet and im also quite considerate when camping (i think!) Soon we were told to start getting ready to go when Arnold came to our tent at 11.45pm.