

THE KHUMBU ICEFALL

The Khumbu Icefall is one of the most infamous parts of Everest, claiming more lives than any other part of the mountain.

It is a mile-wide river of ice that flows down the mountainside at a rate of around 3 feet (1 metre) per day.

Avalanches often come thundering down from the slopes above, burying anyone in their path.

The constant movement makes the area highly unstable and dangerous. It is pitted with terrifyingly deep crevasses. Some of these are made yet more lethal by a thin covering of snow that hides them from climbers.

