

## **FAVORITE HIKES: KEN JONES**

**The Haute Route** - Thru hike from Monte Blanc in Chamonix France to the Matterhorn in Zermatt, Switzerland. This 117 mile trek generally takes 13 days to complete. Each day was filled with valleys, alpine pastures and incredible mountain vistas. The route was established almost a hundred years ago as a high mountaineering route that linked together two of Europe's premier mountaineering centers, Chamonix and Zermatt. It was then developed into a ski route and most recently .a high level mountain hike. Lodging was hotels in the valleys and huts and hostels in the mountains allowing me to carry a reasonably light pack. This was one of my "bucket list" trips.

**Mount Katahdin Knife Edge** - This hike traverses a glacial cirque above tree line with significant exposure and incredible views. Imagine hiking to a summit using your hands as much as your feet. A unique experience. This trip has become an annual pilgrimage for me. Trip is always a backpack to reduce daily mileage as it's quite remote. Moose and abundant wildlife are seen on every trip to Baxter.