

### Lipë – Leusë – Lëshicë

Trail distance: 5, 3 kilometers

Elevation min: 408 meters, max: 642 meters

Cumulative height uphill: 157 meters, downhill: 282 meters

Difficulty level: Easy

Time: 3 hours

Markings: white/red/white?

This is a nice warm up hike which gives the opportunity to visit 3 villages near Përmet in a easy hike. The hike offers very good views onto the Vjosa valley and visits in villages which are still free of modern buildings and reach in history and culture. These three villages have been very developed during the Ottoman Empire. The village of Lipë is almost destroyed and only 3 families are living there, while in Leusë and Lëshicë there are still many families living in. The hike starts by taking left at the fork (WP 2) approx. 300 meters before arriving at Lipë (WP 1) when taking the only dirt road to the village. The hike ascends on a good trail which has been used by cars during the communism time but now would be impossible to do that because the road is too narrow and destroyed in many parts.

After approx. 400 meters, turn right at the fork close to a water pond for cattle (WP 3). The trail ascends gently, on a visible trail, enters a rare pine forest (WP 4) after awhile and climbs gently the pass (WP 5) that leads to Leusë.

From the pass one can see few houses of Leusë. The trail follows left for a gentle descent.

In few minutes the view into the village opens and one would easily descent in Leusë.

The trail travels through the village and takes right at the church (WP 6) and then left at the first junction (WP 7) to Lëshicë.

Keep walking on the main trail which is visible and takes more or less the same altitude for descending to the village after approx 40 minutes. Near the church of the village there is a nice meadow and a water source close by (WP 8).

UTM Waypoints

1. 34 T 443511 4453261, Lipë village, 532 m
2. 34 T 443820 4453266, trailhead, 498 m
3. 34 T 443676 4452984, cattle pond, 544 m
4. 34 T 443974 4452523, forest entrance, 598 m
5. 34 T 444400 4452124, pass, 642 m
6. 34 T 445288 4452344, the church of Leusë 418 m
7. 34 T 445323 4452265, junction, 426 m
8. 34 T 446474 4451679, Leshicë village, 411 m

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