

**Bredhi i Hotovës center – Church ruins – Bredhi i Hotovës center**

Trail distance: 6, 8 kilometers

Elevation min: 1, 070 meters, max: 1, 397 meters

Cumulative height uphill: 346 meters, downhill: 346 meters

Difficulty level: Moderate

Time: 3 hours

Markings: white/red/white?

This is a relaxing hike through the amazing forest of Bredhi i Hotoves National Park which offers stunning views towards the Dhembeli and Nëmërçka mountains. You can also visit some ruins of a church in the summit where is an inviting place to take a rest and enjoy the views.

The hike starts at forestry office (WP 1) and goes directly up through the forest on a narrow path which can be difficult to identify when the leaves have fallen. After a while you will reach a nice meadow (WP 2) when is easy to lose the trail. Keep left to the trail which goes through the forest and then keep again left to the next junction (WP 3). The route ascends gently up to the summit when ruins of church can be found (WP 4). The church is an inviting place to take a rest and offers stunning views towards Dhembel and Nëmërçka mountains.

The trail follows the crest with wonderful views, keeps right at the next junction approx. 150 meters further (WP 5) and then continues onto the ridge for descending at Qafa e Polonicës (WP 6). Take the decent in your left to get back at the trail head. The decent in your right takes you at Hotove and Kosove village.

The decent is gentle and the trail is broad and easy to follow. After approx. 1.2 km you will see the ruins of a building that use to be the former office of forestry (WP 7). Walk for some meters on the right side to reach a water source close to the stream (WP 8).

The hike follows the broad trail and you will reach the gravel road after approx. 800 meters ( WP 9). Keep left at gravel road to get back at the trailhead.

**UTM Waypoints**

1 34 T 447293 4465961, forestry building, 1162 m

2 34 T 447238 4465776, meadow, 1209 m

3 34 T 447080 4465498, junction (keep left), 1241 m

4 34 T 447504 4465448, church ruins, 1361 m

5 34 T 447653 4465478, junction (keep right), 1359 m

6 34 T 448481 4464907, Polenicës pass, 1396 m

7 34 T 449024 4465442, ruins, 1236 m

8 34 T 449107 4465351, water source, 1232 m

9 34 T 448890 4465992, gravel road, 1133 m

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