

Maja e Papingut

### Waterfall – Spring – Basecamp

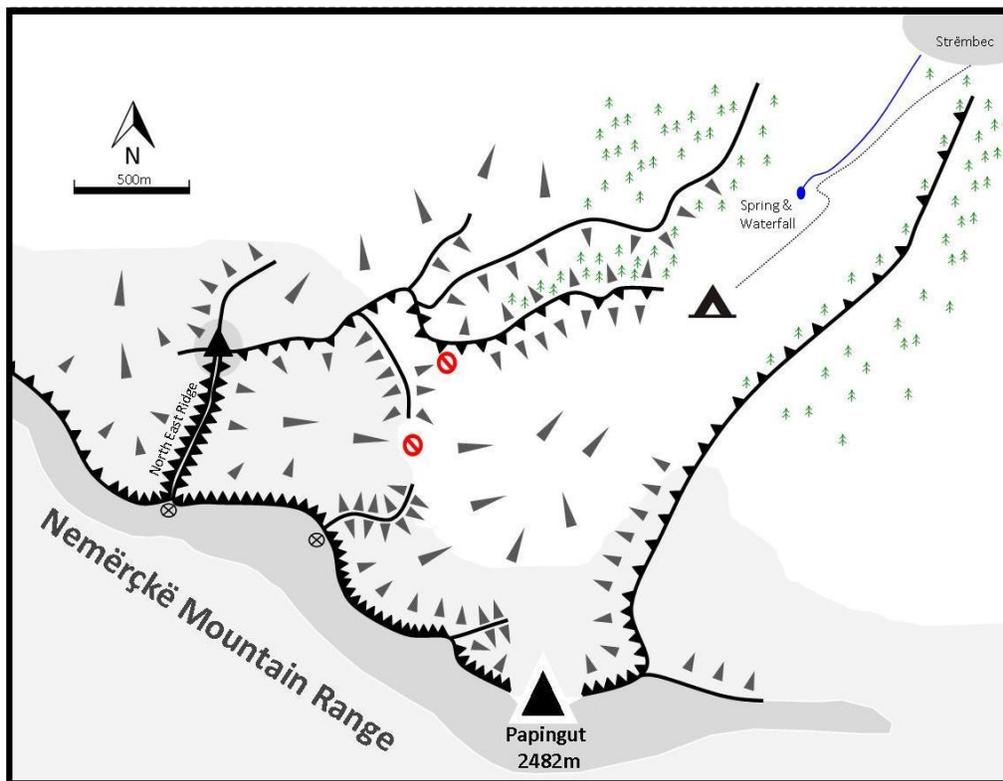
From Strëmbec (non-off road vehicles may be forced to park nearer to the main river before the village) follow a red and white way-marked footpath along the village's ancient irrigation canals to reach the waterfall. Alternatively, an easier approach can be made via a well-made track that joins the footpath after a steepening just before the waterfall. The waterfall is best turned on the left and above it the spring can be seen to the right. In summer this is the last source of water for travellers. After a further 300m flatter ground is reached, which provides an ideal camping spot. Owing to the prevalence of fleas, visitors are advised not to sleep under the tree where the shepherds have built some shelters.

### North East Ridge

*A mixed outing culminating in an excellent knife edge ridge*

Grade: PD (French alpine)

Guidebook time: 4 hours (from basecamp)



From the flattening (basecamp) head right and skirt the lowest reaches of the forest to join a side valley (an approach can also be made diagonally rightwards from the spring). Easy scrambling up this valley (parallel to the main valley) leads a shoulder where the forest ends. Head right to an obvious gap in the main ridge

(note what the brèche looks like from above for descent). Follow the edge of the main ridge (indistinct in places, often trending left) to just beyond a small independent summit (that can be avoided on the left). From here the ridge narrows to become an exciting knife edge. Most of the difficulties are hard to avoid and care should be taken with loose rock. After a final steepening the shoulder of the Nemërçkë Ridge is reached. In descent the knife edge ridge can be skirted by descending into the scree bowl to the right of the ridge and before traversing to join the ridge after the mini-summit. Most of the final valley can be avoided by keeping to right of the forest above steep cliffs. The temptation to descend other scree gullies should be avoided: they are dangerously loose, quickly steepen and become very serious undertakings.