

ROCK CLIMBING FESTIVAL

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The 4th edition of the "Peja Rock Climbing Festival" will break borders and invites all climbers and nature enthusiasts to become part of this event.

In the city of Peja, at the main gate of the "Accursed Mountains" National Park in the Rogova Gorge, we invite you to experience Rock Climbing / Bolting Climbing Routes / Climbing Experiences / Topo Development / Documentary / Bouldering Competition / Environmental Activities / Music and DJ / Socialization / Via Ferrata / Zip Line / and lots of fun ...

It doesn't matter your age. Everyone is invited to participate and everyone is welcome to share their experiences with the climbing community. It's not a competition; it's a gathering and a celebration.

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ABOUT THE ROCK CLIMBING FESTIVAL

The 4th edition of the Rock Climbing Festival is starting. So far, this festival has been organized only at the national level by the local club Marimangat e Pejës, but starting this year (2026) with the help of climbing friends from Europe, this festival will open its borders and expand to the international level, inviting all climbers from Europe and beyond to contribute and experience the new destination of Peja.

This festival is more than just climbing. It unites climbers with one goal: To develop an unknown destination with a lot of potential for rock climbing. For 10 days together we will bolt 50 new routes and zones for climbing, we will classify the routes by difficulty, we will work on maps, and we will publish the website in a professional manner. Together we will help each other to raise and promote the values of the climbing community in the world, while we will also have a 3 day weekend with a lot of climbing and fun.

In addition to the route bolting and climbing, the festival will also offer many other recreational activities that will help your stay be full of great experiences. The promotion of participant's destinations, exhibitions, organization of bouldering competitions, presentation of videos and climber success stories, socializing, Via Ferrata, Zip Line and many other activities will be integrated into the festival program. Don't forget, the nights will be filled with lots of fun as well. We will have music and a great gathering for the climbing community.

Marimangat invites you and Peja offers climbing experiences.

Join us, open your routes, name them, define the grades, create your Topo and mark your name in Peja climbing history.



ACTIVITIES IN FESTIVAL



BOLTING OF CLIMBING ROUTES

ROCK CLIMBING

ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN

BOULDERING COMPETITION

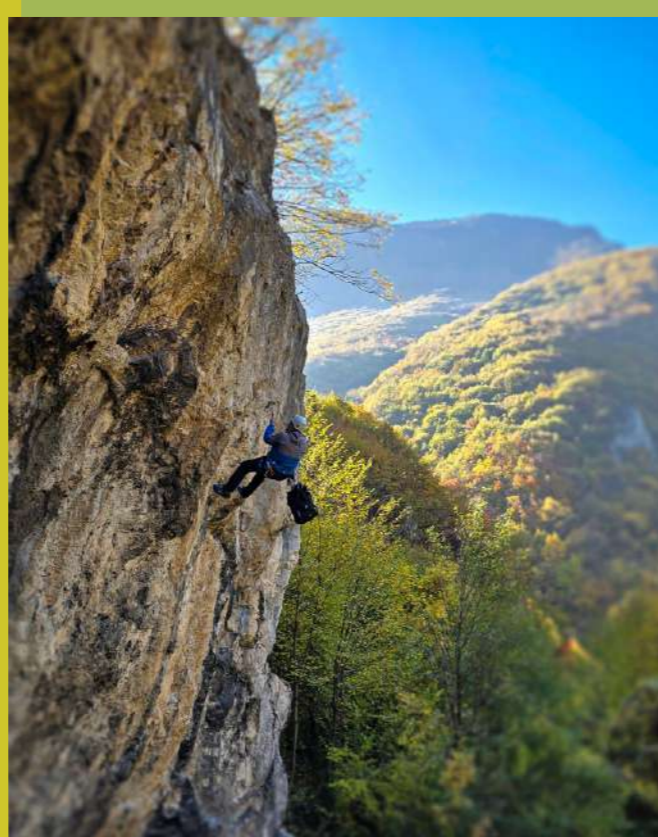
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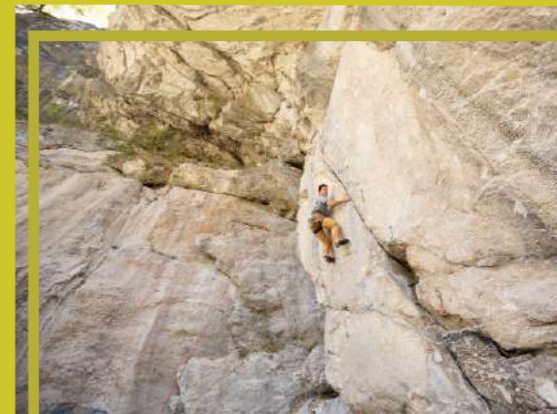
ADVENTURE & RECREATION

VOLUNTEERING

CLIMBING PROMOTION

PARTY & MUSIC





BOLTING OF CLIMBING ROUTES

What makes this festival even more unique is that in addition to climbing, this festival will bring together experienced climbers who will volunteer to bolt climbing routes and help make Peja a climbing destination.

For anyone who wants to be a part of a climbing story, this is an opportunity for us to bolt climbing routes, name them together, work on maps and promote this destination through your commitment and experiences.

Your name will be a testimony in the development of this climbing story in Peja and Kosovo. During the days of the festival, we plan to bolt 50 new routes which will be developed in different zones in the Rugova Gorge. If you think you can contribute to this activity, contact us.



LOTS OF CLIMBING LOTS OF FUN...

A three day weekend will be full of adventure, adrenaline and pleasure for everyone. For anyone who is passionate about rock climbing, together we will experience the newest climbing destination in Europe. Together we will climb in 5 different zones and choose some of the 50 newly bolted routes to explore our limits.

In addition to climbing during this time, other activities related to climbing, sharing experiences and various games will be held that make this festival even more attractive and fun.

NOTE: Please bring your harness, climbing shoes, rope, chalkbag, carabines, quickdraws and helmet.



CLIMBING IS
OUR PASSION

Years are just numbers and we invite all climbers and adventure enthusiasts to join us in this event to share our professional skills together.

KIDS EXPERIENCES

Children are born climbers – all they need is a small push from their parents to get involved in the sport of climbing. One of the festival activities is specially planned to bring the younger generation closer to sport climbing and outdoor activities.

This is a friendly event where we invite parents and their children aged 6 to 15 to join the festival on 13.09.2026 to spend a day gaining knowledge about the sport of climbing, recognizing and using equipment, developing skills, self-discipline, and teamwork as well as playing various games that will be offered throughout the day.

The activity is planned to be held at the climbing zone “*Te Sharra*” which is a suitable place for youth climbing as well as a variety of other recreational activities.

While watching their kids, parents can use the city's verandas and rest next to the Lumbardhi River while experiencing the colors of autumn.



REGIONAL BOULDERING COMPETITION

For three consecutive years, climbing competitions have been organized in Peja at the national and regional level in the “Bouldering” category. Also in 2026, competitions will be held in the Marimangat Gym in the Bouldering category, while the participants in the competition will be from the regional level. The competitions are organized in the patronage of the Mountaineering and Climbing Federations of Kosovo and are organized by the local clubs Marimangat e Pejës and Trail Explorer Kosova. The year 2026 will be more dynamic since the competition will include all attendees and participants from the festival as guests, while competitors will be from the region.

The competitions will be in 4 age groups as follows:

Group / U11 (born 2016 or later)

Group / U13 (born 2014-2015)

Group / U15 (born 2012-2013)

Group / Seniors (no age limits)





CONCERN OF ENVIRONMENT

The environment is always a concern for the climbing community – Therefore, this festival will hold an activity about the environment and share a message to everyone.

Under the motto “**150 good things for the environment**”, the activity envisages creating a connection between the *bolting of 50 climbing lines + 50 bags of waste collected and + 50 seedlings planted in schools = 150 good things for the environment*”.

On Saturday, we as a climbing community will develop a campaign for the protection of the environment by developing a cleaning activity and planting seedlings in schools in Peja based on the slogan 150 good things for the environment. This activity envisages cleaning in the climbing areas and more, sending a message to the new generations, the residents of Peja, Kosovo and beyond that environmental pollution should be a concern for the entire globe and together we must become aware that our future is sustainable while a clean nature is the identity of our country.

In the climbing areas we will place signs with inscriptions that show care for waste disposal.

Peja Green Leafs will be an organizational part of this activity. Peja Green Leafs is an initiative that helps young people in shaping the practice of the profession of Eco-guides. They are a community of young people who, in addition to the activity of guides, also care about protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development. Thus, with their proposal to be part of the festival, they also raised the issue of awareness for other young people by proposing a campaign to clean the climbing areas and the Rugova Gorge in general. For the year 2026, in addition to opening the climbing routes, this festival will be even more specific by promoting a clean and sustainable environment for all.

Environmental message

Bolting of + 50 Climbing routes

Planting of + 50 trees in schools

Collection of + 50 garbage bags

= 150 beautiful things for
Environment



VËMENDJE ! ATTENTION !

TË DASHUR VIZITORË
KJO ËSHTË ZONË PËR NGJITJE NË SHKËMBINJË
Ne, komuniteti i Ngjitjes jemi të vëmendshëm
që kjo hapësirë të jetë e pastër gjithmon. Andaj

DEAR VISITORS
THIS IS ROCK CLIMBING ZONE
We, the Climbing community, are careful to
keep this area clean at all times. Therefore, we



JU LUTEM
MOS HUDHNI
MBESTURINA



PLEASE DO
NOT THROW
GARBAGE

Ky aktivitet u zhvillua në kuadër të Festivalit të
Ngjitjes 2026 dhe ka për qëllim vetëdijësimin e të
gjithve për mbrojtje të ambientit.



This activity was held as part of the Climbing Festival

TABLE WILL BE PLACED IN
ROCK CLIMBING ZONES



ENVIRONMENT IS A CONCERN
FOR OUR CLIMBING
COMMUNITY



WHY TO PARTICIPATE !



Ralf Gentsch
German Climber

I have seen many climbing areas around the world. When I look to Peja and Rugova Canyon I can well imagine, that it will grow to a well-known climbing destination. Beautiful rock in all heights, sun and shade, short approaches, a beautiful and lively town as a base - it's all here! I love the potential to develop this place and hope many will join!



Mauro Barisone
Italian climbers
& founder of
Marimangat

The first time I entered the Rugova Valley, my eyes lit up: a majestic canyon, surrounded by rock, still completely unexplored. I immediately understood its enormous potential for climbing, with so many sectors yet to be discovered. To complete the picture, a welcoming, kind, and helpful population, with a great passion for the mountains that, year after year, continues to grow and evolve.

Luca Andreozzi
Climber from Italy



Climbing in Kosovo has been an unexpected discovery to me: the walls in Rugova canyon are very steep and wild, and it wasn't simple to find lines to approach at first, but every single one we established had a special taste and character. This is a place that deserves to be explored and developed more deeply so that other diamonds can come out and and push climbing like a new opportunity of grown for the local communities.



Geral Krug
GEOQuest
German Climber

The cliffs in the 22-kilometer-long canyon stretching from the Montenegrin border to the city of Peja are magnificent! From small sport climbing overhangs to multi-pitch adventures, there's something for everyone. *And the best part for adventurers: most of it is unclimbed!* You can establish new sectors and even make first ascents of large rock towers. The potential is enormous. Just as Kosovo is currently experiencing strong political and economic development, so too is tourism and, with it, climbing. We live in exciting times and are privileged to be part of this process. Let's get started and be part of this development, let's establish new climbing routes and help shape the future of the sport in one of Europe's youngest countries!



Andre Von Rotz -
UIAA / CEO

At its 2025 General Assembly, the UIAA had the opportunity to experience the wonderful hospitality in Peja, the warmth of the local people and the great potential for outdoor sports. The canyon, in particular, still offers considerable potential for the development of climbing and mountaineering. The combination of sustainable tourism, political and economic innovation, and the existing expertise in mountain sports gives cause for hope for a thriving and successful future in this part of Kosovo.

ADVENTURE, PLEASURE AND RECREATION

Not only for climbers but also for those who are passionate about outdoor adventures, the festival will have various activities filled with adrenaline and unique experiences.

The Rugova Gorge is one of the most beautiful natural attractions in the destination of Peja and in Kosovo overall. Many tourists visit this destination seeking to get a taste of adventure. Of these adventures, the most sought after are Via Ferrata and Zip Line, offering a thrill for everyone.

During the festival, for your pleasure and your own search for adventure, you will have the opportunity to experience 5 Via Ferratas of varying difficulties, as well as a Zip Line with a length of 680m, a height of 60m, and a speed that reaches up to 60kmh.

Join us at the festival and let's gather together to experience adventure together.

VIA FERRATA



VIA FERRATA



ZIP LINE

THE FESTIVAL IS FOR
EVERYONE. JOIN ANY ACTIVITY
EXPERIENCE LOTS OF CLIMBING
AND HAVE FUN IN PEJA



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VOLUNTEERS

This festival has a diversity of activities that will be carried out throughout its entire duration. For this, your commitment and support as a volunteer is necessary throughout the entire cycle of the festival.

Therefore, if you have experience in climbing, activities with children, organizing indoor climbing competitions, possess communication and interpretation skills, social media or any other skills or competencies that you see yourself contributing to the festival, we invite you to join us to make this festival even greater and more successful.

This will not only contribute to the success of the festival but will also be to your satisfaction. All volunteers will be awarded certificates that prove their work, which you can use in your CV in the future.

**VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE BY AGE OR GENDER.
YOU ARE ALL WELCOME FOR A COMMON GOAL**

BOLTING OF ROCK CLIMBING ROUTES & FESTIVAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY / 04.09.2026

- Meeting of coordination group with bolting climbing routes groups.
- Visit to the climbing zones in the Rugova Gorge.
- Dividing of groups & works for bolting of routes

SATURDAY / 05.09.2026

- Bolting of climbing routes in Rugova Gorge.
- Evening - Summary of the day

SUNDAY / 06.09.2026

- Bolting of climbing routes in Rugova Gorge.
- Indoor climbing in "Marimangat gym", discussion, socializing and party.

MONDAY / 07.09.2026

- Bolting of climbing routes in Rugova Gorge.
- Recreation with group in Via Ferrata and Zip Line

TUESDAY / 08.09.2026

- Bolting of climbing routes in Rugova Gorge
- Evening - Summary of the day

WEDNESDAY / 09.09.2026

- Free day / Visit in Prishtina capital city.

THURSDAY / 10.09.2026

- Bolting of climbing routes in Rugova Gorge
- Evening - Summary of the day

FRIDAY / 11.09.2026

- Opening of Festival: Press conference presenting of climbing destination and festival program.
- Climbing with festival participants
- Photo exhibition from participants destinations, Party, Music & traditional food in "Mulliri i Haxhi Zekës".

SATURDAY / 12.09.2026

- Climbing with participants of festival
- Development of campaign "150 beautiful things for environment" cleaning and planting of trees in schools.
- Bouldering climbing competition
- Activities for all: Activities in Via Ferrata & Zip Line
- Memory photos, certificates of appreciation and party with traditional food

SUNDAY / 13.09.2026

- Climbing with festival participants
- Climbing experiences with kids - 10 to 16 year
- Activities for all: Activities in Via Ferrata & Zip Line
- Closing of Festival
- Evening - Concluding of the day



Alpine Association **MARIMANGAT E PEJES**

The Alpine Association “Marimangat e Pejës” or as it is commonly known by its abbreviation “Marimangat”, was founded in 2002 as an initiative and union of interests from the alpine youth community in the municipality of Peja. It was founded as an association to start a new history in the state of Kosovo as rock climbing had not been developed before. This association is also the first rock climbing association and the largest and most traditional rock climbing association operating in Kosovo.

The main goal of the association is the integration of young people regardless of gender or race in the sport of rock climbing and its massification, as well as the involvement of young people in mountain activities and the promotion of better health, the promotion of a sustainable environment, and the development of adventure tourism in the municipality of Peja and beyond.

The association is still very active today and develops various projects and activities related to increasing the number of rock climbing routes and promoting Peja as a rock climbing destination, as well as training young people to professionalism with the sole aim of being part of Kosovo's sports teams in the world Olympic competitions in the future. For this, the association manages a hall with an artificial wall where young people develop exercises with a professional trainer and also use the cliffs of the Rugova Gorge to increase their sports capacities.





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