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## CAVE DESCRIPTIONS

The caves are grouped by amphoe (administrative district) and then listed alphabetically. The code letters were created by John Dunkley in 'Caves of Thailand' and have been continued in the Thai caves database maintained by the author.

All grid references are UTM grid on the Indian 1954 (Thailand-Vietnam) datum.

Abbreviations, acronyms and symbols used:

∩ = cave visited by the author

† = topographic name from map or gazetteer – it is possible that there isn't a cave at these locations.

### *00. Unknown Amphoe*

**Tham Khao Chaw Nong**            KL0008

Dunkley (1995); Kusch (1982)

**Tham Phu Khao**                    KL0005

This is a rockshelter that was listed by Kusch.

Dunkley (1995); Kusch (1982)

**Tham Phu Pho**                      KL0003

Dunkley (1995); Kusch (1982)

**Tham Seng Meng**                KL0009

This is a cave art site.

Dunkley (1995); Seesusat (1989)

### *01. Muang Kalasin*

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### *02. Na Mon*

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***03. Kamalasai***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***04. Rong Kham***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***05. Amphoe Kuchinarai***

**Tham Lai Mue** KL0001  
48Q 404127 1830495  
Phu Pha Pung, Ban Nong Hong

On Phu Pha Pung, Ban Nong Hong, amphoe Kuchinarai.  
The cave contains human figure outline paintings.  
Dunkley (1995)

### ***06. Amphoe Khao Wong***

**Tham Bing†** KL0007  
48Q 404512 1855481  
Phu Tham Bing

Phu Tham Bing is a 511m high mountain.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Phra†** KL0004  
48Q 411570 1844387  
Phu Tham Phra

Phu Tham Phra is a 361m high mountain.  
Dunkley (1995)

### ***07. Yang Talat***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***08. Huai Mek***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

## 09. Amphoe Sahatsakhan

**Tham Pla Witthaya Yon†**      KL0010  
48Q 351489 1849333  
Ban Tham Pla Witthaya Yon

## 10. Kham Muang

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

## 11. Amphoe Tha Khantho

**Tham Koeng†**      KL0011  
48Q 315568 1865724  
Wat Pha Sawang Tham Koeng

**Tham Phra**      KL0014  
ถ้ำพระ  
Phu Phra Forest Park  
Length: 30m

The cave is 30m deep. Inside there is a Buddha image that is highly revered by locals. Each year during the Songkran Festival, people ascend to the cave to pour lustral water on the Buddha image to pay respect.

**Tham Phra Rot**      KL0013  
ถ้ำพระรอด  
Phu Phra Forest Park  
Length: 30m

The cave was formed by the separation of a block from the cliff face. Inside the cave there is a walkway about 2m wide and 30m long.

**Tham Siam Sap**      KL0012  
ถ้ำสี่ขมลับ  
Phu Phra Forest Park

Tham Siam Sap is a cliff cave that looks like somebody had dug the cave with a spade or 'siam'.

## 12. Nong Kung Si

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***13. Somdet***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***14. Huai Phueng***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***15. Sam Chai***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***16. Na Khu***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***17. Don Chan***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

### ***18. Khong Chai***

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

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