

PHAYAO

Amphoe Muang Phayao

No caves have been recorded from this amphoe.

Amphoe Chiang Kham

Tham Bunnak† **PY0016**
47Q 628406 2156508
Tham Bunnak Priest's Campsite, Ban Pha Lat

The campsite is 2 km south of Ban Pha Lat and 3 km north-west of the H1021.

Tham Hua Mi **PY0025**
47Q 645350 2154400
Ban Hua Sa, Phu Sang National Park

The cave is near Ranger Station 2, Huai Sa. Tham Luang is 500 m from the station and 32 km from the Office of the National Park. Visitors have to slightly climb up the mountain to the cave and a ranger leading the trip is obligatory.

Tham Kaeo† **PY0001**
ถ้ำเขียว
47Q 642928 2147821
Wat Phrathat Doi Wang Tham Kaeo, Ban Tham Pha Lat

The wat is just to the west of the H1148, 1 km south of Ban Tham Pha Lat.
Dunkley (1995)

Tham Luang **PY0023**
ถ้ำหลวง
47Q 645308 2154411
Ban Huai Sa, Phu Sang National Park
Length: 200 m

The cave is near Ranger Station 2, Huai Sa. Tham Luang is 500 m from the station and 32 km from the Office of the National Park. Visitors have to slightly climb up the mountain to the cave and a ranger leading the trip is obligatory.
It is quite wide but not deep, with a length of approximately 200 m.

Tham Pha Lat† **PY0012**
47Q 642725 2148887
Ban Tham Pha Lat
Other names: Tham Kanchana

The village is on the H1148.

Wat Pang Tham† **PY0011**
47Q 652943 2156840
Ban Pang Tham

The wat is on the H1160, 500 m south of Ban Pang Tham.

Amphoe Chiang Muan

†Tham Kwang **PY0021**
ถ้ำกวาง
47Q 634035 2085354
Doi Tham Kwang, Chiang Muan

The mountain is 1.5 km west of the H1120, 4 km south of Chiang Muan.

†Tham Mak Mao **PY0032**
ถ้ำหมากเม่า
47Q 632658 2083832
Doi Tham Mak Mao, Chiang Muan

The mountain is 2 km west of the H1120, 6 km south of Chiang Muan.

Amphoe Chun

No caves have been recorded from this amphoe.

Amphoe Dok Kham Tai

Sink PY0029 **PY0029**
47Q 621324 2085064 Alt.: 575 m
Doi Pha Khok, Ban Bo Bin

On the 1:50,000 topographic map a large stream is shown sinking in a doline 2.5 km west of Ban Bo Bin.

Sink PY0030 **PY0030**
47Q 619812 2088227 Alt.: 590 m
Doi Pratu Pha, Ban Pang Ngun

On the 1:50,000 topographic map a stream is shown sinking in a doline 1 km south of Ban Pang Ngun on the H1251.

Sink PY0031 **PY0031**
47Qc 619582 2088391 Alt.: 590 m
Doi Pratu Pha, Ban Pang Ngun

On the 1:50,000 topographic map a stream is shown sinking in a small doline 1 km south of Ban Pang Ngun on the H1251.

†Tham Charoen Rat PY0034

ถ้ำเจริญราษฎร์

47Q 611941 2109664

Ban Tham Chaoren Rat, Ban Tham

Ban Tham Charoen Rat is a district of Ban Tham, which is on the H1251.

Tham Chom Sin PY0018

ถ้ำจอมศีล

47Q 61338 2109943 Alt.: 458 m

Wat Tham Chom Sin, Ban Tham

Length: 75 m VR: 5 m

The temple is on a hill at the northern end of Ban Tham. The cave is at the foot of the hill, near the resurgence.

From the entrance a short clamber down reaches a duck under into a horizontal passage. Left soon closes down, while right opens up before reaching water. This passage is heading towards the resurgence which is close by.

The first recorded visit by speleologists was by a SMCC/CSS team in December 2008.

Tham Chom Sin Resurgence PY0022

47Q 613321 2109858 Alt.: 472 m

Wat Tham Chom Sin, Ban Tham

The temple is on a hill at the northern end of Ban Tham. A large stream resurges at the foot of the hill.

The first recorded visit by speleologists was by a SMCC/CSS team in December 2008.

Tham Dok PY0024

47Q 614752 211852

Ban Cham Kai

Length: 26 m

An archaeological site. The short cave has an entrance 15 m wide and 6 m high.

Zeitoun, et al. (2008)

Tham Ho PY0027

Ban Tham Forest Park, Ban Tham

The village is on the H1251, 13 km south-east of Dok Khamtai and 20 km south-east of Phayao. To the east of the village is the Ban Tham Forest Park at 47Q 47Q 614108 2109058.

This is one of the caves in the forest park which is named on an information board.

Tham Lan Chang PY0028

Ban Tham Forest Park, Ban Tham

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†Tham Mongkhon PY0033

ถ้ำมงคล

47Q 613073 2110869

Ban Tham Mongkhon, Ban Tham

Ban Tham Mongkhon is a district of Ban Tham, which is on the H1251.

†Tham Pha Charon PY0013

ถ้ำผาจารอน

47Q 614646 2112152

Doi Tham Pha Charon, Ban Tham

This mountain is around 5 km to the north-east of Ban Tham.

†Tham Pin PY0014

47Q 611697 2108562

Ban Tham Pin

The village is on the H1251, about 1.5 km south of Ban Tham.

†ThamRat Bamrung PY0035

ถ้ำราษฎร์บารุง

47Q 613084 2109117

Ban Tham Rat Bamrung, Ban Tham

Ban ThamRat Bamrung is a district of Ban Tham, which is on the H1251.

†Tham Thep Nimit PY0017

ถ้ำเทพนimit

47Q 611559 2135144

Tham Thep Nimit Priest's Campsite

The campsite is 2 km from the T junction between the H1021 and H1298.

Amphoe Mae Chai

Tham Bpra Gaai Phet PY0026

ถ้ำประกายเพชร

47Q 575132 2139498

Ban Pangpu Lo, Sri Thoi

Other names: Tham Prakay Phet

The cave is in moo 13 Ban Pangpu Lo, about 2 km from the village. Road access is from amphoe Wang Nuea, Lampang.
It is a decorated cave.

Amphoe Phu Kamyao

No caves have been recorded from this amphoe.

Amphoe Phu Sang

Bo Nam Sup Aun PY0020

บ่อน้ำซับอุ่น

Phu Sang National Park

Bo Nam Sup Aun is near the Nam Tok Phu Sang hot spring.
This is a pond where hot water, at 35°C percolates out of the ground.

Nam Tok Phu Sang Hot Spring PY0008

น้ำตกภูซาง

47Q 644399 2175082

Phu Sang National Park

Nam Tok Phu Sang is a scenic waterfall about 20 km to the north of the district town of Chiang Kham on the H1093. It is 5 km from the Laos border.
The 25 m high waterfall is fed by a hot spring on the mountain which flows into the brook before cascading over the fall. The water is 33-35°C and has no sulphur.

Tham Nam Dan PY0019

ถ้ำน้ำตัน

Phu Sang National Park

Other names: Tham Pha Dan

The cave is a few kilometres to the north-north-east of Tham Pha Daeng and Tham Nam Lod, in the hill on the Lao border.
Tham Nam Dan is a large decorated cave which contains a small waterfall. It used to be a base for the communist insurgents.
National Park Office (2006)

Tham Nam Lod PY0009

ถ้ำน้ำลอด

47Q 652490 2156590 Alt.: 495 m

Ban Pang Tham, Phu Sang National Park

Length: 250 m

Other names: Tham Nam Lot

In Phu Sang National Park, about 25 km east of Chiang Kham. From the town centre take the H1210 as far as Phra That Doi Kam, then turn right for 15 km to Ban Pang Tham (1.1 km of

this road is unsurfaced). In Ban Pang Tham follow a rough track on the right which winds through fields for about one kilometre to a picnic site beside the river. A footbridge crosses the river and concrete steps lead up to Tham Pha Daeng, while steps down lead to Tham Nam Lod which is 30 m below the entrance to Tham Pha Daeng.

A narrow entrance opens into a seasonally flooded passage leading to a stream and pond after 75 m. The stream has not been explored, but the name implies it passes through the hill. The first resorted speleological visit was by the SMCC in November 2011, but the stream was not explored.

National Park Office (2006); Sidisunthorn et al. (2006)

Tham Pha Daeng PY0003

ถ้ำผาแดง

47Q 652468 2156565 Alt.: 524 m

Ban Pang Tham, Phu Sang National Park

Length: 250 m

Other names: Tham Nam Daeng

In Phu Sang National Park, about 25 km east of Chiang Kham. From the town centre take the H1210 as far as Phra That Doi Kam, then turn right for 15 km to Ban Pang Tham (1.1 km of this road is unsurfaced). In Ban Pang Tham follow a rough track on the right which winds through fields for about one kilometre to a picnic site beside the river. A footbridge crosses the river and concrete steps lead up to Tham Pha Daeng.

The cave has been newly developed as a tourist attraction. The cave is a single passage which opens into three chambers, the largest of which is about 30 m wide. Most of the formations are long since inactive and have been eroded. Rare gypsum speleothems are reported from the middle chamber. The inner sections support a colony of bats whose roosting spots have peppered the walls and ceiling with brown marks, but no bats were present in November 2011. The draught is lost up an aven 40 m before the cave ends at an earth choke.

The cave was visited, but not surveyed, by the SMCC in November 2011.

Dunkley (1995); National Park Office (2006); Sidisunthorn et al. (2006)

Amphoe Pong

Tham Mi Kha Ram† PY0015

47Q 642938 2118603

Wat Tham Mi Kha Ram, Ban Wang Bong

The wat is south of the H1188 and the river about 1 km east of Ban Wang Bong.

Tham Yai Pha Tang PY0005

ถ้ำใหญ่ผาตั้ง

47Q 644111 2110440 Alt.: 460 m

Huai Kud, Ban Pha Tang, Doi Phu Nang National Park

Other names: ถ้ำกุด; Tham Pha Kut; Tham Kud

The cave is just south of Ban Pha Tang on the H1226, in moo 6. It is on the north side of the Huai Kud valley and is marked on the 1:50,000 topographic map.

This decorated cave has a Buddha statue and was used as a base by the CPT. It has many bats and the guano is mined.

The cave is formed in an Upper Triassic limestone.

Dunkley (1995); Fontaine et al. (2000); National Park Office (2006)

Tham Phra

PY0010

ถ้ำพระ

47Q 661400 2139957

Tham Sakoen National Park

Length: 30 m

The cave is on the southern edge of a prominent limestone outcrop about 3 km west of Tham Sakoen (which is in Nan province). From the main road turn north at the sign to Tham Sakoen National Park headquarters and then, after about 2 km, turn left down a rough track just after the bridge, heading straight towards the limestone cliffs 1 km further on.

There are a couple of tall narrow rifts, one above the other, at the base of an impressive white cliff close to Tham Sakoen on the border between Phayao and Nan. The lower level opens onto a large man-made platform under a sheltering overhang and is inhabited by a solitary monk. A tall narrow passage extends behind for 30 m, but has no interesting features. A wooden ladder leads to the upper level, but in 2005 the ladder was in an advance stage of decay.

Sidisunthorn et al. (2006)