

The Caves of Satun

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00. Unknown Amphoe

Secret Cave SA0061
Length: 1,000 m

The location of the cave is kept secret by John Grey Sea Canoe for the use by their kayaking tours. It is near the Satun mainland, but not on Ko Taratao.

It is a tidal cave, formed along a fault, that gives access to several hongs. The commercial literature describes it as being "Thailand's biggest tidal sea cave and the most beautiful we know in SE Asia."

Tham Kem SA0062
Khao Daeng

The only information on this cave is that the bat *Rhinolophus pearsoni* Horsfield, 1851 has been recorded there.

Tham Ko To Kieng SA0015
Ko To Kieng

Birds'-nests are harvested in the cave.
Dunkley (1995)

Tham La Hoi SA0040

The cave is signed off the road to Thale Ban National Park from Satun. After about 600 m the track reaches a picnic table at the foot of a limestone cliff and the cave is 30 m away at the base of the cliff. The entrance is a 5 m high by 1 m wide rift with many squeaky bats. Bamboo poles lead up to a higher entrance which has not been explored.

The cave was visited by the SMCC in November 2007.

01. Amphoe Muang Satun

Ko Adang Caves SA0024
47N 533524 0722082
Ko Adang, Tarutao Marine National Park

Ko Adang is mentioned in Gray, Piprell & Graham with a comment that there are an abundance of cave systems, many of which have never been explored.
Dunkley (1995); Gray, Piprell & Graham (1994)

Ko Rawi Caves SA0025
47N 535954 0725394
Ko Rawi, Tarutao Marine National Park

Tham Khon Tan is in the west of part of the Thale Ban National Park. It is accessed 5 km along a track heading east from the H406, then an 8 to 10 km walk through forest.

There is no information on the cave.

Dunkley (1995); National Park Office (2006)

Tham Krun Krang SA0039
Thale Ban National Park

This is a stream cave.

Price (2002)

Tham Nam SA0038
Thale Ban National Park
Other names: Broken Leg Cave

This is a stream cave.

Price (2002)

Tham Pha Diu SA0007
Thale Ban National Park
Other names: Tham Pha Deo; Tham Pha Diao

The cave is 5 km north of Thaleban National Park headquarters, then 3 km along a track to the west.

It is reported to be a large cave.

Dunkley (1995); National Park Office (2006)

03. Amphoe Khuan Kalong

Tham Thalu† SA0034
47N 615265 0756117
Ban Tham Thalu, Khao Tham Thalu

Khao Wang Caves SA0060
47N 613232 0766971
Khao Wang, Ban Khao Khrai

The hill is to the west of Ban Khao Khrai.

The caves of this mountain range are shown in Thai on an old piece of wood. There are numerous caves at the foot of the cliff, very often ending in a few tens of metres at an old fill or massive formations. One chamber had a species of bat of about 50 cm big and a gallery floored with dry gourds. Several big entrances high up and probably a deep resurgence at the base of the massif, but difficult to access (vegetation of bamboo and other things made progress painful).

These caves were visited by Thierry Tournier in 2010.

04. Amphoe Tha Phae

No caves have been recorded in this amphoe.

05. Amphoe La-ngu

Ko Bu Lon Yai Bat Cave SA0027
47N 559079 0754852

Tham Urai SA0064
Khamphaeng
Other names: Tham Luk Sao

The cave is in moo 8 Kamphaeng.

Tham Wang Kram SA0044
Khao Khao

This bat cave is in a park.

06. Amphoe Thung Wa

Ban Wang Tong Caves SA0063
Ban Wang Tong

At base of limestone hills east of Ban Wang Tong and the H416.
These are a series of archaeological caves.

Tham Khantipon SA0032
47N 588518 0782975 Alt.: 110 m
Wat Tham Khao Nidt Pul, Khao Ya Ra
Length: 150 m
Other names: Tham Kan Dpum; Tham Kawupan; Tham Khao Nidt Pul

The small gravel track to the monastery is marked with a large sign and leads off the Trang - Satun road about 10 km north of Thung Wa.
There are two shrine caves plus a couple of other entrance which are all linked by small mud floored passages.
The cave was visited by the SMCC in 2006 and February 2010.

Tham Khao Ta Nan SA0004
Other names: Tham Khao Tanam

The cave is signed to the west of the Trang - Satun road about 6 km to the south of Thung Wa.
Anon. (1983); Dunkley (1995)

Tham Put Toe SA0033
47N 590083 0784918 Alt.: 40 m

This cave was recorded by the WCC in November 2005.

Tham Thung Wa SA0011
Khao Tham, Khao Tanam

This is possibly the same cave as Tham Khao Tanam (SA0004).

07. Amphoe Manang

Cave SA0042 SA0042

The road to Tham Rakhang Thong passes a spirit house on a sharp corner with a cave entrance behind.

The entrance is 2 m high by 2 m, but the cave was not explored.

The site was recorded by the SMCC in November 2007.

Tham Bandai Sawan SA0048

Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

Length: 30 m

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.

This is a short cave reached by concrete steps.

Tournier (2009)

Tham Da Bot SA0046

Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.

Tournier (2009)

Tham Ghoy SA0041

The cave is sign posted to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet, after the turning to Tham Rakhang Thong.

Tham Houai Sombat SA0057

Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.

Tournier (2009)

Tham Khang Khao SA0058

Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.

Tournier (2009)

Tham Lap Leh SA0056

Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.

Tournier (2009)

Tham Loa SA0054

Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.

Tournier (2009)

Tham Lot SA0003
Khao Banthat Wildlife Sanctuary
Length: 150 m

Upstream of Tham Jet Khot the Khlong Lam Lon reportedly flows through another cave. Tham Lot is said to be quite short, in the order of 100 to 200 m in length. The cave was explored by the 1989 NZSS expedition. Anon. (1983); Dunkley (1995); Smart & Cunningham (2002)

Tham Man Thip SA0049
Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet. Tournier (2009)

Tham Phet Chang Ha Sian SA0055
Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet. Tournier (2009)

Tham Phraya Phet SA0052
Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet. Tournier (2009)

Tham Phuttana Plok SA0051
Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet. Tournier (2009)

Tham Rakhang Thong SA0037
47N 601481 0783304
Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite
Length: 20 m

The campsite is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet. This is a series of small caves at the foot of a cliff in a monastery. One large undercut has been turned into the main shrine and monk's dwelling. The cave next to it is 20 m long and ends in a mud fill. The cave was first visited by the 2001 ACG expedition. Price (2001); Tournier (2009)

Tham Sa Phayanak SA0050
Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.
Tournier (2009)

Tham Sila Khalai **SA0059**
Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.
Tournier (2009)

Tham Ta Pa Kao **SA0053**
Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.
Tournier (2009)

Tham Touat **SA0047**
Tham Rakhang Thong Priest's Campsite

In the Wat Tham Pakhang Thong massif. The massif is 2 km along a side road to the north of the road to Tham Phu Pha Phet.
Tournier (2009)

Tham Wang Sai Thong **SA0045**
Wang Sai Thong Waterfall, Khao Banthat Wildlife Sanctuary
Length: 10 m

This resurgence cave is at the kayaking pick up point downstream of Tham Jet Khot. There is a 15 m high bank of travertine dams beside the river with a resurgence at the top. The entrance is 2 m x 2 m, but on a visit in November couldn't progress more than 10 m against the current.
The cave was visited by the WCC in November 2005.

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