

CHONBURI

[22 December 2016]

Ban Bueng

Khao Tham† CB0001
เขาถ้ำ
47Q 733591 1470641

This hill is 27km east-south-east of Chonburi with the co-ordinates placing it just south of the H344. (Dunkley 1995)

Tham Withitham Wanaram† CB0034
ถ้ำวิจิตรวรรณาราม
47Q 741689 1470833 Alt.: 160m
Wat Khao Tham Withitham Wanaram, Khao Tham Withitham Wanaram, Nong I-run

The temple is near Nong I-run, 2km north of the H3289 between the H331 and H344.

Bang Lamuang

Tham Khao Phang† CB0004
ถ้ำเขาพัง
47Q 695454 1404634
Hat Tham Khao Phang, Ko Khram Yai

On the east coast of Ko Khram Yai, about 8km west-north-west of Sattahip. (Dunkley 1995)

Tham Rae† CB0003
47Q 693492 1426748
Laem Tham Rae, Ko Lan

On the south-west side of Ko Lan, amphoe Bang Lamung, 10km west-south-west of Pattaya. (Dunkley 1995)

Tham Thalu† CB0002
ถ้ำทะเล
47Q 703050 1446400
Ao Bang Kamuang

On the coast at Ao Bang Kamung, 15km north of Pattaya, 12km south-south-west of Si Racha. (Dunkley 1995)

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Bo Thong

Tham Chorakhe† CB0033
ถ้ำจระเข้
47Q 769359 1473247 Alt.: 140m
Wat Tham Chorakhe, Ban Tham Chorakhe

The temple is 2km to the east of Kaset Suwan, 5km to the east of the H3245.

Tham Khao Cha-Ang CB0017
ถ้ำเขาชะอาง
47Q 779520 1460630 Alt.: 100m
Wat Khao Cha-Ang, Ban Khlong Kum
Other names: Tham Cha-Ang 1; Tham Khang Khao; Tham Kao Cha An Ont; ถ้ำค้างคาว

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area.

Fauna:

Trachyjulus singularis (Attems, 1938) (Arthropoda, Diplopoda, Spirostreptida, Cambalopsidae) (Boonngam *et al.* 2008, Dunkley 1995, Golovatch *et al.* 2012)

Tham Khao Cha-Ang 7 CB0023
ถ้ำเขาชะอาง๗
Khao Cha-Ang, Ban Khlong Kum

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area. The cave is in the fourth hill from the temple. Prehistoric skeletons were found in this cave. (Dunkley 1995)

Tham Khao Cha-Ang 8 CB0023

ถ้ำเขาชะอางค์

Khao Cha-Ang, Ban Khlong Kum

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area. The cave is in the fifth hill from the temple.

This cave is reported to have a chamber 200m long with very long stalactites and an underground river. Potsherds and other artifacts have been found in the cave.

(Dunkley 1995)

Tham Khao Cha-Ang 10 CB0026

ถ้ำเขาชะอางค์๑๐๐

Khao Cha-Ang, Ban Khlong Kum

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area. This cave is in the most remote, seventh hill from the temple.

The cave is not well explored.

(Dunkley 1995)

Tham Khao Cha-Ang Ha Yot CB0020

ถ้ำเขาชะอางค์ห้ายอด

47P 781609 1456622 Alt.: 90m

Wat Khao Ha Yot, Ban Khlong Kum

Other names: Tham Cha-Ang 4; Tham Kao Hayot

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3 km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area. The cave is in a second hill, 7 km from the first hill near the temple.

This is a very large cave which is being used as a meditation site.

Fauna:

Trachyjulus singularis (Attems, 1938)
(Arthropoda, Diplopoda, Spirostreptida, Cambalopsidae)

(Dunkley 1995, Golovatch *et al.* 2012)**Tham Khao Cha-Ang Song Khrueng CB0022**

ถ้ำเขาชะอางค์ทรงเครื่อง

Khao Cha-Ang, Ban Khlong Kum

Length: 100m

Other names: Tham Cha-Ang 6

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area. The cave is in the third hill from the temple.

Has a large 100m long chamber and evidence of habitation by whole communities as a refuge such as stone axes, clay vessels, skeletons and shells were found.

(Dunkley 1995)

Tham Khao Mee CB0018

47Q 779596 1460603 Alt.: 20m

Wat Khao Cha-Ang, Ban Khlong Kum

Other names: Tham Cha-Ang 2

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area.

(Boonngam *et al.* 2008, Dunkley 1995)**Tham Lap Lae CB0019**

ถ้ำลับแล

47Q 779596 1460603 Alt.: 20m

Wat Khao Cha-Ang, Ban Khlong Kum

Other names: Tham Cha-Ang 3; Tham Lub Lae

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area.

(Boonngam *et al.* 2008, Dunkley 1995, Poeaim *et al.* 2009)

Tham Mongkhon CB0025

ถ้ำมงคล

Khao Cha-Ang, Ban Khlong Kum

Other names: Tham Cha-Ang 9

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area. The cave is in the sixth hill from the temple.

There is a legend that a monk claimed to have seen two serpents resembling a naga with crests 50cm high on their heads. He followed them as they slithered away, finding the cave. Bones and pot sherds were found here.

(Dunkley 1995)

Tham Nam CB0021

ถ้ำน้ำ

47P 781851 1455683

Khao Som Bot Monk's Campsite, Ban Khlong Kum

Other names: Tham Cha-Ang 5

Approach via the H315 from Chonburi, then H3284 to Ban Nong Samet. Cross the H331 and take the H3340 to Bo Thong. From here it is 4.6km on a minor road to a signpost "Khao Cha-Ang 3km". There is a belt of seven limestone hills several kilometres apart in a thick forest area. The cave is in the second hill from the temple, 300m from Tham Khao Cha-Ang Ha Yot.

A tight squeeze entrance leads in to an underground stream with a hole at the end overlooking the forest.

(Dunkley 1995)

Tham Prathun† CB0038

ถ้ำประทุน

47P 719127 1433577 Alt.: 180m

Wat Tham Prathun, Pong

The temple is on the H3240, 3km east of the junction with the H36.

(Boonngam *et al.* 2008)

Wat Khao Tham

CB0037

วัดเขาถ้ำ

The location of the temple is unknown.

(Boonngam *et al.* 2008)

Ko Si Chang

Dump Cave No. 1

CB0031

Tha Thewawong

Length: 24m

Follow the road out of Ko Si Chang town to the north of the island's rubbish dump. The cave is located in the hillside behind the dump.

A 1m x 2m entrance leads to a sizeable chamber 10m x 20m with a skylight in the roof. The cave has numerous bats which are now protected.

The cave was surveyed by Mark Bown, Sherry Mayo, Mike and Ursulla Mead of the Oxford University Caving Club in December 1991.

(Bown 1992a, Bown 1992b, Dunkley 1995)

Dump Cave No. 2

CB0032

Tha Thewawong

Length: 39m

Follow the road out of Ko Si Chang town to the north of the island's rubbish dump. The cave is located in the hillside behind the dump.

A low arched entrance 3m wide by 1.5m high leads into a chamber with a rudimentary shrine in it which is inhabited by a large number of cave crickets and one or two bats. A small crawl to the right can be followed (where a red and black salamander was seen) for a few metres until it gets too tight. To the left in the first chamber is a low passage leading to a rift which ends after a short climb.

The cave was surveyed by Mark Bown, Sherry Mayo, Mike and Ursulla Mead of the Oxford University Caving Club in December 1991.

(Bown 1992a, Bown 1992b, Dunkley 1995)

Tham Bon Mi CB0008
Tha Thewawong

The cave is close to Tham Rakhang, which is 100m west of the Tham Chakkaphong Monk's Campsite.
(Dunkley 1995)

Tham Chakkaphong CB0006

ถ้ำจักรพงษ์

47Q 695766 1455245 Alt.: 60m
Tham Chakkaphong Monk's Campsite,
Tha Thewawong
Length: 20m
Other names: Tham Chakrapong

On Ko Si Chang, about 500m south of the town.
The cave is small with two entrances and a reclining Buddha, with steps to the upper entrance.

Fauna:

Aedes (Stegomyia) malayensis (Colless, 1962)
(Arthropoda, Insecta, Diptera, Culicidae)
Sumeth collected mosquitos in the cave in in July 1964.
(Dunkley 1995, Huang 1972, Vogt 2013)

Tham Chao Pho Khao Yai CB0012

ถ้ำเจ้าพ่อเขาใหญ่

47P 695820 1456450 Alt.: 50m
Tha Thewawong
Other names: Tham Chao Hor

The cave is on a hill close to Thewawong pier, near the Chinese shrine.

Inside the cave are monuments devoted to Chinese deities such as Heng Jia, the Goddess Kuan Im's Shrine and the Sakajayana Temple. This is probably one of the 'Yellow Buddha' caves.

(Dunkley 1995, Munier 1998, Vogt 2013)

Tham Khang CB0010

Tha Thewawong
Length: 20m

The entrance is in a collapse doline 6m in diameter and 6m deep, with a short 10m dark zone leading to the bottom of another collapse chamber. The cave is used for meditation.

This may be the same cave as Tham Rakhang.
(Dunkley 1995)

Tham Nok CB0011

Tha Thewawong
Length: 5m

Tham Nok is in a hill due south of Tham Yai Prik.

The entrance is 5m high.
(Dunkley 1995)

Tham Khao Phang† CB0014

ถ้ำเขาพัง

47P 695880 1453936
Hat Tham Khao Phang, Ko Si Chang
Other names: Tham Phang

This is a bay and beach on the west coast of Ko Si Chang.

(Anon. 2001, Crawford 1828, Dunkley 1995)

Tham Rakhang CB0007

ถ้ำระฆัง

47P 695685 1455260 Alt.: 65m
Tha Thewawong
Length: 50m
Other names: Tham La Khang

The cave is 100m west of the Tham Chakkaphong Monk's Campsite.

The cave is probably strike oriented, dipping 20-30° west, with a cement floor. It is a meditation cave used by mae chee.
(Dunkley 1995)

Tham Salon CB0013

Tha Thewawong

A small cave to the north of the main settlement on Ko Si Chang.

(Dunkley 1995, Sawicki 1924)

Tham Saowapha CB0005

47Q 696782 1453648 Alt.: 54m
Wat Atsadang Nimi, Tha Thewawong
Length: 148m
Other names: Limestone Cave

This cave is on the eastern side of the island, just north of the stairs down to Hat Sai Keao beach. This is between Wat Atsadang Nimit and the tank farm.

The main entrance to the cave is a gently sloping passage with steps leading down into a reasonable sized chamber. The entrance has the message in Thai "Saowapha Cave. Rama V came down

here 5th July Royal Era 111 (1892)". The passage continues ahead down more steps to a flowstone constriction. This may be climbed over to gain access to a small decorated chamber. A passage leading off to the right in the first chamber leads to another small chamber with two blind passages leading off. The survey suggests this to be just above sea level. Two higher entrances drop into the roof of the main passage. The cave is used regularly by monks for meditation.

The cave was surveyed by Mark Bown, Sherry Mayo, Mike and Ursulla Mead of the Oxford University Caving Club in December 1991.

(Bown 1992a, Bown 1992b, Dunkley 1995)

Tham Yai Prik CB0009

ถ้ำยายปริก

47Q 695970 1455050 Alt.: 65m

Wat Tham Yai Prik, Tha Thewawong

Length: 20m

Other names: Tham Li Phrik

The cave is in Wat Tham Yai Prik, which just to the east of the Tham Chakkaphong Monk's Campsite.

It has electric lights and linoleum on the floor.

(Dunkley 1995, Vogt 2013)

Yellow Buddha Cave No. 1 CB0036

47Q 695808 1456440 Alt.: 45m

Tha Thewawong

Length: 20m

The prominent feature of Ko Si Chang is a 10m high yellow Buddha which is visible from the sea. Yellow Buddha Cave No. 1 is located behind the Buddha on the left hand side.

The entrance is a 1m by 1m hole. Immediately inside the entrance is a fixed 5m iron ladder which leads down into a high roofed chamber (10m x 6m). The floor has been cemented over and the cave is used for meditation. At the opposite end of the chamber to the entrance ladder is a small crawl leading off to a silt floored chamber (3m x 5m).

The cave was surveyed by Mark Bown, Sherry Mayo, Mike and Ursulla Mead of the Oxford University Caving Club in December 1991.

(Bown 1992a, Bown 1992b)

Yellow Buddha Cave No. 2 CB0028

47Q 695838 1456460 Alt.: 45m

Tha Thewawong

The prominent feature of Ko Si Chang is a 10m high yellow Buddha which is visible from the sea. Yellow Buddha Cave No. 2 is located on the right hand end of the platform on which the Buddha is mounted.

The entrance of the cave is a 4m x 4m hole which is half covered over by the yellow Buddha platform. A set of steps leads down beneath to openings to the surface to reach a chamber containing a pool and a Buddha. The cave is used for worship and meditation.

The cave was surveyed by Mark Bown, Sherry Mayo, Mike and Ursulla Mead of the Oxford University Caving Club in December 1991.

(Bown 1992a, Bown 1992b) Dunkley (1997)

Muang Chonburi

Tham Men†

CB0035

ถ้ำเม่น

47Q 719792 1472482 Alt.: 100m

Wat Tham Men, Ban Suan Nam Tok

The temple is at the northern end of the hills just to the east of the junction between the H7 and H3 to the south of Chonburi town.

Unknown Amphoe

Tham Nam Sip

CB0027

A legendary cave associated with the ancient city of Phra Rot, south-east of Phanat Nikhom and possibly referring to one of the Khao Cha-Ang caves although these seem to be somewhat further away.

According to the legend more than 100 years ago the cave was filled with silver and bronze ornaments. Over the years people 'borrowed' them and sometimes didn't return them. The god protecting the cave became angry and sealed up the entrance.

(Dunkley 1995)

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Cave Data (Listed by code number)

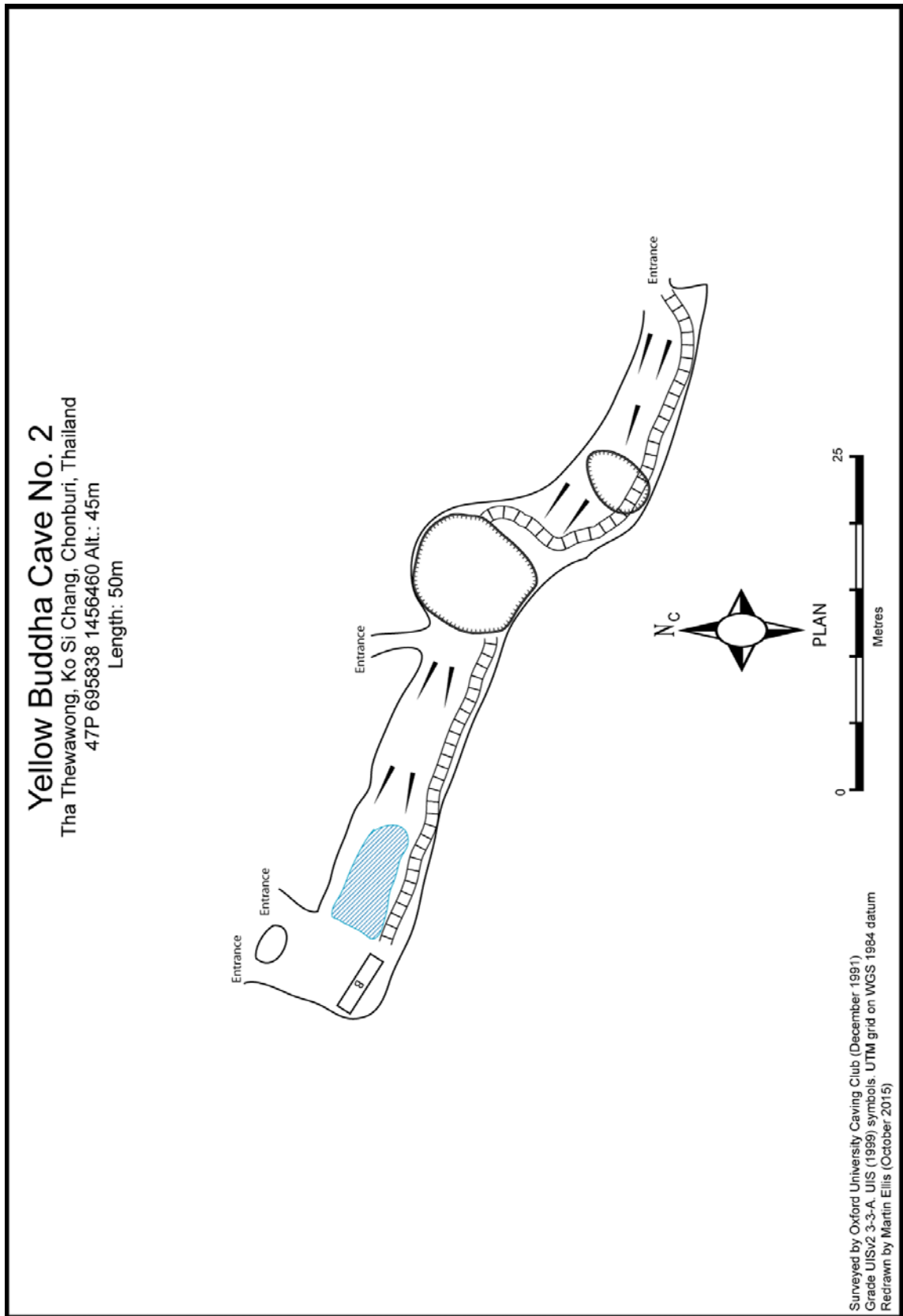
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Number	Name	Co-ordinates	Altitude	Length	VR
CB0001	Khao Tham	47P 733591 1470641			
CB0002	Tham Thalu	47P 703050 1446400			
CB0003	Tham Rae	47P 693492 1426748			
CB0004	Tham Khao Phang	47P 695454 1404634			
CB0005	Tham Saowapha	47P 696782 1453648	54	148	
CB0006	Tham Chakkaphong	47P 695766 1455245	60	20	
CB0007	Tham Rakhang	47P 695685 1455260	65	50	
CB0008	Tham Bon Mi				
CB0009	Tham Yai Prik	47P 695970 1455050	65	20	
CB0010	Tham Khang			20	
CB0011	Tham Nok			5	
CB0012	Tham Chao Pho Khao Yai	47P 695820 1456450	50		
CB0013	Tham Salon				
CB0014	Tham Phang	47P 695880 1453936			
CB0015	<i>Not a cave</i>				
CB0016	<i>In Chanthaburi</i>				
CB0017	Tham Khao Cha-Ang	47P 779520 1460630	100		
CB0018	Tham Khao Mee	47P 779596 1460603	20		
CB0019	Tham Lab Lae	47P 779596 1460603	20		
CB0020	Tham Khao Cha-Ang Ha Yot	47P 781609 1456622	90		
CB0021	Tham Nam	47P 781851 1455683			
CB0022	Tham Khao Cha-Ang Song Khrueang			100	
CB0023	Tham Khao Cha-Ang 7				
CB0024	Tham Khao Cha-Ang 8			200	
CB0025	Tham Mongkhon				
CB0026	Tham Khao Cha-Ang 10				
CB0027	Tham Nam Sip				
CB0028	<i>Duplicate of CB0014</i>				
CB0029	<i>Duplicate of CB0014</i>				
CB0030	Yellow Buddha Cave No. 2	47P 695838 1456460	45	50	
CB0031	Dump Cave 1			24	
CB0032	Dump Cave 2			39	
CB0033	Tham Chorakhe	47P 769359 1473247	140		
CB0034	Tham Withitham Wanaram	47P 741689 1470833	160		
CB0035	Tham Men	47P 719792 1472482	100		
CB0036	Yellow Buddha Cave No. 1	47P 695808 1456440	45	20	
CB0037	Wat Khao Tham				
CB0038	Tham Prathun	47P 719127 1433577	180		

Number of caves: 34

Total length: 696m

Surveys



Survey 1 CB0030 Yellow Buddha Cave No. 2