

# The Caves of Lopburi

September 2007

## 00. Unknown Amphoe

### 01. Muang Lopburi

#### **Tham Tao** **LB0003**

47P 0688268 1642341  
Huai Tham Tao, Nikom Srangtonaeng

In the hills 4.5 km northwest of Huai Sap Lek reservoir, 5 km west of the H3333.  
Dunkley (1995)

#### **Tham Khao Phra Ngam** **LB0009**

47P 0675674 1647778  
Khao Phra Ngam, Ban Prakit Prachanukan

In the south end of Khao Phra Ngam, just to the east of the H1.  
Dunkley (1995)

#### **Ban Nong Tham** **LB0017**

47P 0690421 1639798  
Ban Nong Tham, Nikom Srangtonaeng

Dunkley (1995)

#### **Tham Kuhasawan** **LB0018**

47P 0684738 1634938  
Ban Tha Sala, Nikom Srangtonaeng  
Length: 35m

Near Ban Tha Sala and the H3017, 7 km south-east of Lopburi. Turn right for 500 m, 2 km east of H1.  
A joint-widened tunnel 2x2 m for the first 10 m to a door opening into a second part up to 8 m high with tree roots and a standing Buddha at the far end. The cave is cemented and electrically lit through out.  
Dunkley (1995)

#### **Tham Chang** **LB0019**

47P 0682930 1636768  
Wat Tham Chang, Khao Sa Bua, Ban Tha Sala, Nikom Srangtonaeng

In Khao Sa Bua, a prominent, low limestone outcrop about 1 km north of Tham Kuha Sawan, 500 m north of the H3017.  
Dunkley (1995)

#### **Tham Sa Bua** **LB0020**

47P 682930 1636768  
Wat Tham Chang, Khao Sa Bua, Ban Tha Sala, Nikom Srangtonaeng

In Khao Sa Bua, near Tham Chang.  
Dunkley (1995)

#### **Tham Khao Thi Lae** **LB0021**

47P 0682916 1638612  
Khao Thi Lae, Ban Tha Sala, Nikom Srangtonaeng

In a prominent outcrop visible about 2 km north-east of Tham Chang and Tham Sa Bua.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Phra** **LB0022**  
47P 0684738 1634938  
Khao Tham Phra, Ban Tha Sala, Nikom Srangtonaeng

Close to Tham Kuhasawan.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Chang Phuak** **LB0028**  
47P 0690106 1636823  
Khao Phra Ngam

In Khao Phra Ngam, along the H3014 to the north of Lopburi.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Phu Thong** **LB0029**  
47P 690106 1636823  
Wat Tham Phu Thong, Nikom Srangtonaeng  
Length: 25m

Tham Phu Thong is 9 km east of the junction of the H1 and the H3017 behind a wat.  
Steps lead down to 2 small chambers in enlarged rifts 8 m high with tree roots, a few bats and 5 Buddhas.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Cave LB30** **LB0030**  
47P 0690106 1636823  
Wat Tham Phu Thong, Nikom Srangtonaeng  
Length: 15m

This cave is 20 m south of Tham Phu Thong.  
It is a meditation cave which is being developed and is electrically lit.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Cave LB31** **LB0031**  
47P 0695795 1639151  
Ban Khok Tum

The cave is 200 m north of the H3017, 1 km east of Ban Khok Tum.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Rong** **LB0032**  
47P 695114 1638789  
Ban Khok Tum

This site is near Tham Wat Khiri Wong and it could be the same cave.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Wat Khiri Wong** **LB0033**  
47P 695114 1638789  
Wat Khiri Wong, Ban Khok Tum

Just south of the H3017 about 2 km east of Ban Khok Tum.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Kuha** **LB0034**  
47P 0691870 1640526  
Khao Tham Kuha

1.5 km east of the H3333 at the north end of the Huai Sap Lek reservoir.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Muang** **LB0045**  
47P 0692259 1637858  
Wat Tham Muang

Tham Muang is in a wat in a prominent tower 2 km north of the H3017 from turnoff 9 km east of junction with the H1.  
The cave consists of 2 or 3 high rifts. Nearby are several very impressive towers.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Kha Samakkhi Tham** **LB0056**  
47P 693203 1640694  
Wat Tham Kha Samakkhi Tham

**Tham Phrathat** **LB0058**  
47P 0696771 1634432  
Wat Tham Phrathat

## **02. Phattana Nikhom**

**Tham Phra** **LB0002**  
47P 723108 1648242  
Khao Tham Phra, Nong Bua

On the west bank of the Pasak Chonlasit Dam lake at the end of the H3333.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Wat Tham** **LB0049**  
47P 0709856 1635143  
Wat Tham, Ban Nong Po

A few hundred metres north of the H3334 4 km east of the junction with the H21.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Erawan** **LB0052**  
Wat Tham Erawan, Khao Tham Erawan  
47P 0703085 1636016

The cave has been surveyed by the Department of Mineral Resources.  
Smart (2005)

**Tham Bo Thong** **LB0053**  
47P 0702730 1637458  
Wat Tham Bo Thong

**Tham Phrom Sawat** **LB0059**  
47P 0709153 1632172

Wat Tham Phrom Sawat

**Tham Si Sawat** **LB0061**  
47P 0743054 1655929  
Wat Tham Si Sawat

**Small Cave** **LB0062**  
47P 0702382 1635595 Alt.: 170m  
Ban Chong Sarika, Khao Tham Erawan  
Length: 25m

A small cave located in a bare rock karren field to the side of a shallow valley. The entrance chamber contains many tree roots and a skylight. A passage to the right swings around to the right and ends at another skylight. This passage contains very nice phreatic sculpturing. Smart (2005)

**Tham Khang Khao 1** **LB0063**  
47P 0702460 1636170 Alt.: 180m  
Wat Tham Erawan, Khao Tham Erawan  
Length: 150m

Located at the top of the hill about 100m above and to the southwest of Wat Tham Erawan. Walk up the hill behind the temple.

This is a large cave entered via a collapse feature. It has a string vertical component with skylights in the roof and shafts in the floor.

The entrance leads over boulders to a large room filled with daylight. Ahead is a steep climb down to the three floor shafts (undescended due to lack of suitable equipment) and a network of small passages. To the left is a 3m climb down boulders to a large horizontal passage. This leads to a large room/passage parallel with the first chamber. A route around to the right, through much bat guano, reaches the far end of this second room. Straight on from the end is a narrow rift/shaft requiring a rope. To the left is a low passage, which opens up into a third parallel chamber. At the end of here is an undescended shaft and a passage back to partway up the wall in the second chamber. Turning right leads to a skylight and a low crawl.

There is a reasonably large colony of *Eonycteris spelaea* in the cave (c. 500 individuals) and much fresh guano. This guano has been collected by locals in the past. In the cave entrance, good examples of light-oriented phytokarst can be seen. Smart (2005)

**Tham Kratang Mai** **LB0064**  
47P 0702770 1636080 Alt.: 165m  
Khao Tham Erawan  
Length: 30m

Follow a good path up a shallow valley about 200m east of Wat Tham Erawan. The cave entrance is next to the path (on the west side) after some 150m.

This cave descends steeply over breakdown to end in narrow passages and a choke. The roof of the cave is nicely sculptured with pockets and scallops.

Smart (2005)

**Tham Phra Si** **LB0065**  
47P 0702980 1636240 Alt.: 140m  
Wat Tham Erawan, Khao Tham Erawan  
Length: 80m

About 400m east of Wat Tham Erawan in the base of a small cliff at field level.

The small entrance leads into a chamber with several small passages heading off. Some of these passages draught, but end at tight squeezes. Prehistoric pottery sherds were found on the floor of the chamber.

Smart (2005)

**Tham Tukae** **LB0066**  
47P 0703131 1636165 Alt.: 150m  
Wat Tham Erawan, Khao Tham Erawan  
Length: 100m

Walk to the east of Wat Tham Erawan along the edge of the field. Where the fields end continue up a shallow valley for 100m and turn right up the hill. The main entrance to this cave is at the base of a small, white cliff facing east.

The main passage heads straight into the hill and is walking sized. After 30m a 2m climb up is met. Soon after here skylights appear in the roof and a tiny hole leads out onto a karren field. To the left of the main entrance a narrow passage slopes down. This quickly ends in sediment chokes.

There is excellent and plentiful popcorn growing around the skylights.

Smart (2005)

**Tham Ariyasat Si** **LB0067**  
47P 00703508 1636455 Alt.: 200m  
Samnaksong Ariyasat Si, Khao Tham Erawan  
Length: 486m VR: 38m

The cave is located above and to the east of Samnaksong Ariyasat Si. A footpath leads to the entrance which comprises a 4m climb down in situ wooden ladders.

The largest and most impressive cave in the Khao Tham Erawan area. This is a very significant cave and was only partially explored due to lack of time and equipment.

At the bottom of the entrance is a large chamber sloping down to the right with a large skylight in the roof. At the bottom the chamber is choked. Near the bottom an igneous dyke can be seen in the wall. Monks use this chamber for meditation purposes. To the left of the bottom of the entrance ladders is a wide, low passage sloping down to the left. This leads to two further passages. The first heads straight on from the end. It follows a series of small rooms and interconnecting passages to a soil choke after 120m.

The second passage is back up the slope a little and to the right. The entrance was excavated by monks following a strong draught. A short crawl through the dug-out section leads to a climb up of 4m (rope useful). At the top a 15m deep hole is passed and a varied passage with heavily corroded limestone follows. Several small rooms and crawls later a 6m climb up to the left opens into a huge room. The floor of this room is a mountain of dry bat guano sloping off to the left and to the right. Leftwards leads downwards to a shaft that needs equipment to descend. Right leads to a wooden ladder dropping down 3m into a chamber with many large speleothems. This appears to be the end although the room was not fully explored.

The cave is generally in good condition and little disturbed, especially in the 'right' hand series.

Smart (2005)

**Tham Ma** **LB0068**  
Khao Tham Erawan

Located 300m east of Tham Ariyasat Si in a shallow valley.

The entrance is a 10m deep shaft that was not descended due to lack of suitable equipment. Local information reports that the cave opens out into a large chamber at the bottom of the shaft and this room has 2 or 3 passages heading off. One passage descends to a damp area. The cave is called Horse Cave because many years ago a horse broke its leg in the vicinity of the entrance and its body was thrown down the shaft. The bones of the animal can still be seen today.

Smart (2005)

**Tham Men** **LB0069**  
47P 0703747 1635912 Alt.: 150m  
Khao Tham Erawan  
Length: 146m VR: 19m

The entrance to this cave is small and difficult to find without a guide. It is located in a shallow valley on the eastern flanks of the mountain.

This cave is a series of five small rooms connected by narrow passages and squeezes. The second room contains tree roots and parasitic plants. The final room has a skylight entering 12m up the left hand wall. Speleothems are plentiful and actively growing. A tight squeeze at the entrance protects the cave from casual human visitors, though porcupines appear to use the cave heavily.

Smart (2005)

**Tham Mo** **LB0070**

47P 0703786 1635985 Alt.: 160m

Khao Tham Erawan

Length: 58m VR: 8m

Located up the hillside to the north of Tham Men.

The entrance is large and opens into a boulder floored room. A small passage in the left wall of this room leads to a skylight room and continuing small passages with Serow faeces and Limestone Wren Babbler nests.

The best preserved prehistoric pottery of Khao Tham Erawan was found in this cave. Large pieces of pot that could be fitted back together were found between the large boulders of the entrance and skylight chambers. This was provisionally dated to 2,500 to 3,000 years old. Although small, this cave was certainly an important burial site for prehistoric people of the area.

Smart (2005)

**Tham Sombat** **LB0071**

47P 0702820 1635810 Alt.: 215m

Ban Chong Sarika, Khao Tham Erawan

Length: 100m

Walk northeast then northwest for a total of 30 minutes from behind the houses at Chong Sarika. The entrance is in a shallow valley.

This cave comprises several chambers reached by climbing 2m down into the entrance. The first chamber is small with a large skylight in the roof. Two passages head off northwards and unite at the second chamber. A 4m deep hole soon follows, which takes water in the rainy season. The small third chamber is to the left. Beyond here the fourth and final chamber is soon reached. This has a small skylight and 2 low passages heading off that lead nowhere.

Prehistoric pottery sherds were found in the first and second chambers. Serow faeces (old) can be seen at various points in the cave.

Smart (2005)

**Tham Roi Khit** **LB0072**

47P 0702610 1634940 Alt.: 160m

Ban Chong Sarika, Khao Tham Erawan

Length: 15m

A very small cave 200m north of the narrowest part of Chong Sarika.

Occupied by porcupines. The 'carvings' of this cave turned out to be plant root marks on a black encrustation covering the limestone.

Smart (2005)

**Tham 1** **LB0073**

47P 0702932 1635070 Alt.: 190m

Khao Tham Erawan

Length: 184m VR: 11m

A large multiple entrance cave located 15 minutes walk up behind the houses at Chong Sarika.

Climbing down boulders into the entrance chamber reveals two passages heading off. Straight ahead leads through low crawls and small chambers to a larger, well decorated room. Soon after this the cave closes down.

To the right of the entrance chamber a passage leads over breakdown to a soil floored room with many tree roots. A climb up boulders here reveals a series of rooms, one with a skylight.  
The cave entrance was previously inhabited by monks and pottery found here probably dates from that time (i.e. modern).  
Smart (2005)

**Tham 2** **LB0074**  
47P 0702854 1635087 Alt.: 200m  
Khao Tham Erawan  
Length: 80m VR: 32m

Locate around the hill to the southwest of Tham 1. The entrance is near the top of the hill and is a large collapse feature 8m deep. Access is gained by climbing down tree roots.  
At the bottom of the entrance climb a large passage descends steeply down breakdown and soil to a boulder and flowstone choke at the bottom. This cave contains many massive speleothems, some of which are broken (earthquake damage?).  
A small round ball of mud was found at the bottom of the cave. This was probably used as slingshot ammunition by someone catching birds or bats.  
Smart (2005)

**Tham Khang Khao 2** **LB0075**  
47P 0702280 1635186 Alt.: 180m  
Ban Chong Sarika, Khao Tham Erawan  
Length: 15m VR: 15m

The entrance is on the western flank of the mountain and can be seen from the road.  
A very small cave. Just inside the entrance is a 10m deep shaft requiring tackle to descend. This was not attempted due to lack of equipment. Locals have previously collected bat guano from this cave.  
Smart (2005)

**Tham Thawa Phitak** **LB0086**  
Khao Tham Erawan

The cave has been surveyed by the Department of Mineral Resources.  
Smart (2005)

**Tham Prong** **LB0087**  
Khao Tham Erawan

The cave has been surveyed by the Department of Mineral Resources.  
Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 18** **LB0088**  
Khao Tham Erawan

One of the 29 caves reported from Khao Tham Erawan.  
Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 19** **LB0089**  
Khao Tham Erawan

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Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 20** **LB0090**  
Khao Tham Erawan

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Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 21      LB0091**  
Khao Tham Erawan

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Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 22      LB0092**  
Khao Tham Erawan

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Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 23      LB0093**  
Khao Tham Erawan

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Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 24      LB0094**  
Khao Tham Erawan

One of the 29 caves reported from Khao Tham Erawan.  
Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 25      LB0095**  
Khao Tham Erawan

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Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 26      LB0096**  
Khao Tham Erawan

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Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 27      LB0097**  
Khao Tham Erawan

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Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 28      LB0098**  
Khao Tham Erawan

One of the 29 caves reported from Khao Tham Erawan.  
Smart (2005)

**Khao Tham Erawan Cave 29      LB0099**  
Khao Tham Erawan

One of the 29 caves reported from Khao Tham Erawan.



Smart (2005)

#### **04. Chai Badan**

**Tham Yai** **LB0010**

47P 0745330 1677244  
Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In Khao Somphot about 30 km beyond Amphoe Chai Badan. Proceed 10 km beyond Chai Badan to Ban Boa Chum, then across the Mae Nam Pa Sa. The entrance is visible about 100 m up a hill.

There are Buddha images in the cave.

Dunkley (1995); Tourist Magazine Feb 1981; <http://thailand.sawadee.com/loburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Ram Wong** **LB0011**

47P 0745330 1677244  
Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

300 m by concrete path from Tham Yai, its name derives from the traditional Thai popular dance.

Dunkley (1995); Tourist Magazine Feb 1981; <http://thailand.sawadee.com/loburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Sing Toh** **LB0012**

47P 0745330 1677244  
Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

Close to Tham Ram Wong along the same path.

Dunkley (1995); Tourist Magazine Feb 1981; <http://thailand.sawadee.com/loburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Chedi** **LB0013**

47P 0745330 1677244  
Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

Close to Tham Chedi.

Dunkley (1995); Tourist Magazine Feb 1981; <http://thailand.sawadee.com/loburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Tai Din** **LB0014**

47P 0745330 1677244  
Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

Close to Tham Ram Wong along the same path.

Dunkley (1995); Tourist Magazine Feb 1981; <http://thailand.sawadee.com/loburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Phet** **LB0015**

47P 0745330 1677244  
Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

A further 100 m from Tham Chedi.

The cave is well decorated.

Dunkley (1995); Tourist Magazine Feb 1981; <http://thailand.sawadee.com/loburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Ploi** **LB0016**

47P 0745330 1677244  
Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

Near the other caves in Wat Khao Somphot.  
The cave is well decorated.  
Dunkley (1995); Tourist Magazine Feb 1981; <http://thailand.sawadee.com/lopburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Phrathat Khao Prang**      **LB0025**  
47Q 0727145 1687798  
Wat Tham Phrathat Khao Prang, Khao Prang

1.5 km west of the H21, 5 km north of Chai Badan.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Cave LB35**      **LB0035**  
47P 0723759 1683224  
Ban Krok Rok Fa

1.5 km to the north of the H21 near Ban Krok Rok Fa, possibly in Khao Lom Fang.  
The entrance is at the top of a long flight of steps.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Phra**      **LB0036**  
47P 0727287 1688792  
Nikhom Lamnarai

About 1 km west of the H21 at foot of prominent steep tower, 6 km north of Chai Badan.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Wat Khao Somphot**      **LB0042**  
47P 0745330 1677244  
Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

7 km south of the H205 from a point 19 km east of Chai Badan at the foot of Khao Somphot.  
This cave is possibly Tham Phrom Lok.  
Dunkley (1995);  
<http://thailand.sawadee.com/lopburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Cave LB43**      **LB0043**  
47P 0747351 1671632  
Wat Sap Krathing Waram

At the south end of a small tower on the north side of H2256 at 26 km post, about 10 km south of Tham Wat Khao Somphot and 4 km east of the junction of H2256 and H2243.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Cave LB47**      **LB0047**  
47P 0745211 1687128  
Ban Khao Thambon

Near the Buddha image on Khao Thambon on the north side of the H205, 18.5 km east of Chai Badan.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Phrom Machang**      **LB0048**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In the same area as Tham Yai, etc.

Dunkley (1995); Tourist Magazine Feb 1981; <http://thailand.sawadee.com/lopburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Phron Lok**

**LB0060**

ถ้ำพรหมโลก

47P 0746215 1679538 Alt.: 200m

Wat Tham Phrom Lok, Khao Somphot

Length: 40m VR: 5m

The large forest wat is at the northern end of the range of hills forming the Khao Somphot Non-hunting Area. From Ban Khao Tambon on the H205 to the east of Chai Badan the non-hunting area is signed to the south opposite Wat Khao Tambon. Wat Tham Phron Lok is signed off this road and a good surfaced road leads up the monastery. The cave is marked on the ThinkNet atlas.

A few steps lead up from the car park to a terrace outside the gated and locked entrance. A couple of steps down lead into the small cave which has a couple of shrines. A small ascending passage leads up to a blocked second entrance.

**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 10**

**LB0076**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In Khao Somphot about 30 km beyond Amphoe Chai Badan. Proceed 10 km beyond Chai Badan to Ban Boa Chum, then across the Mae Nam Pa Sa.

One of the 19 caves reported from Wat Khao Somphot.

<http://thailand.sawadee.com/lopburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 11**

**LB0077**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In Khao Somphot about 30 km beyond Amphoe Chai Badan. Proceed 10 km beyond Chai Badan to Ban Boa Chum, then across the Mae Nam Pa Sa.

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**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 12**

**LB0078**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In Khao Somphot about 30 km beyond Amphoe Chai Badan. Proceed 10 km beyond Chai Badan to Ban Boa Chum, then across the Mae Nam Pa Sa.

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**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 13**

**LB0079**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In Khao Somphot about 30 km beyond Amphoe Chai Badan. Proceed 10 km beyond Chai Badan to Ban Boa Chum, then across the Mae Nam Pa Sa.

One of the 19 caves reported from Wat Khao Somphot.

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**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 14      LB0080**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In Khao Somphot about 30 km beyond Amphoe Chai Badan. Proceed 10 km beyond Chai Badan to Ban Boa Chum, then across the Mae Nam Pa Sa.

One of the 19 caves reported from Wat Khao Somphot.

<http://thailand.sawadee.com/lopburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 15      LB0081**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In Khao Somphot about 30 km beyond Amphoe Chai Badan. Proceed 10 km beyond Chai Badan to Ban Boa Chum, then across the Mae Nam Pa Sa.

One of the 19 caves reported from Wat Khao Somphot.

<http://thailand.sawadee.com/lopburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 16      LB0082**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In Khao Somphot about 30 km beyond Amphoe Chai Badan. Proceed 10 km beyond Chai Badan to Ban Boa Chum, then across the Mae Nam Pa Sa.

One of the 19 caves reported from Wat Khao Somphot.

<http://thailand.sawadee.com/lopburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 17      LB0083**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

In Khao Somphot about 30 km beyond Amphoe Chai Badan. Proceed 10 km beyond Chai Badan to Ban Boa Chum, then across the Mae Nam Pa Sa.

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**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 18      LB0084**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

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**Wat Khao Somphot Cave 19      LB0085**

47P 0745330 1677244

Wat Khao Somphot, Khao Somphot

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**05. Tha Wung**

**Tham Phrammani      LB0004**

47P 0663123 1647689

Bang Li

The location is 2km east of Wat Tham Chang Puak, 5.5 km east of the H3028.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Chang Phuak      LB0024**

47P 0662080 1647673

Wat Tham Chang Phuak, Khao Samo Khon

The wat is 4 km to the east of the H3028.

Dunkley (1995)

**06. Ban Mi**

**Tham Khang Khao      LB0001**

47P 0676667 1682363

Wat Khao Wong Khot, Khao Sanam Chaeng

Located 4 km from Ban Mi on the south side of the H3326, 2 km west of its junction with the H1 at Nong Muang. The wat is at the foot of Khao Sanam Chaeng. In the same valley as Tham Kradam, access being by 138 steps.

In the 30 rai compound of the temple this is considered to be the largest cave in Lopburi. Millions of bats live in the cave from which the inhabitants depart, weather permitting, around 06.00 pm in great numbers to seek food. It takes up to 2 hours to empty the cave. The temple derives income from the sale of bat's droppings. At the time of Sarasin's visit there were many bats and such overpowering guano that no archaeological investigation was done.

Dunkley (1995); Kusch (1982); Sarasin (1933)

<http://thailand.sawadee.com/lopburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Ta Ko      LB0005**

47P 0661251 1649087

Wat Tham Ta Ko, Khao Phra Ngam

In Khao Phra Ngam, beside the H1 11 km north of Lopburi.

Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Kradam      LB0006**

Khao Sanam Chaeng, Sanam Chaeng

Located 4 km from Ban Mi on the south side of the H3326, 2 km west of its junction with the H1 at Nong Muang.

An entrance 8 m high leads to a small cave inhabited at times by a hermit, in which stone implements were found.

Dunkley (1995); Kusch (1982); Sarasin (1933)

**Cave LB38** **LB0038**  
Khao Sanam Chaeng, Sanam Chaeng

This cave is reported to be close to Tham Kradam.

'The first cave which the district officer showed us was again as usual a sanctuary with a floor of stone slabs.'  
(Sarasin 1933)

Dunkley (1995); Sarasin (1933)

### **07. Tha Luang**

**Wang Kan Luang Waterfall Spring LB0050**

47P 0728207 1671424

Wang Kan Luang Waterfall

Located approximately 12 km from Chai Badan accessible via the Chai Badan - Tha Luang (H2089). Look for signs to the waterfall and proceed for approximately 7 km.

This refreshing waterfall has ten cascades and flows throughout the year thanks to a nearby large underground water source.

<http://thailand.sawadee.com/lopburi/attractions.htm> (July 2007)

**Tham Bot Ya Wat** **LB0054**  
47P 0750101 1662692  
Wat Tham Bot Ya Wat

### **08. Sa Bot**

**Khao Thalu** **LB0041**  
47P 0693379 1675577  
Ban Huai Yai

About 2 km northeast of Ban Huai Yai.

Dunkley (1995)

**Khao Tham** **LB0051**  
47P 0701817 1685872

### **10. Lam Sonthi**

**Cave LB100** **LB0100**  
Sap Lanka Wildlife Sanctuary

From Chai Badan take the H205 towards Lam Sonthi. 2 km before Lam Sonthi turn north and follow the road for 37km to the sanctuary.

The cave is on the 3.2km long Huai Prik-Pha Phueng Waterfall trail.

Weeradet (2007)

**Tham Phra Nok** **LB0101**  
Sap Lanka Wildlife Sanctuary

From Chai Badan take the H205 towards Lam Sonthi. 2 km before Lam Sonthi turn north and follow the road for 37km to the sanctuary.

The cave is on the Huai Pradoo trail.  
Can be accessed on foot or by raft.  
Weeradet (2007)

**Tham Samui Kui**                      **LB0102**  
Sap Lanka Wildlife Sanctuary

From Chai Badan take the H205 towards Lam Sonthi. 2 km before Lam Sonthi turn north and follow the road for 37km to the sanctuary.  
The cave is on the Huai Pradoo trail.  
Can be accessed on foot or by raft.  
Weeradet (2007)

### **11. Nong Muang**

**Tham Khao Krachiao**                      **LB0055**  
47P 0677137 1685741  
Wat Tham Khao Krachiao, Khao Krachiao

**Tham Thong Sittharam**                      **LB0057**  
47P 0680917 1678560  
Wat Tham Thong Sittharam

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