

NONG BUA LAM PHU

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Muang Nong Bua Lam Phu

†**Ban Na Tham** NB0011
48Q 206875 1885473

The village is 8km north-north-west of Si Buan Ruang and 5km south-east of Yang Lo.
Dunkley (1995)

†**Huai Tham Du** NB0010
48Q 225024 1916599

This stream is 13km east of Nong Bua Lam Phu.
Dunkley (1995)

†**Tham Ang Burapha Sila At** NB0016
48Q 236333 1911317
Wat Tham Ang Burapha Sila At, Ban Ang Burapha

The wat is 3km north of the H210.

†**Tham Duuk** NB0002
Wat Tham Duuk, Ban Nong Aw Tai

Wat Tham Duuk is a famous meditation wat near Ban Nong Aw Tai. It is about 40km from Udon Thani town along the H210 towards Nong Bua Lam Phu.
Dunkley (1997)

Tham Klong Phen NB0001
ถ้ำคลองเพน

48Q 241176 1907223
Wat Tham Klong Phen, Khao Phu Phan
Other names: Tham Klaung Phen; Tham Klong Pean; Midday Drum Cave

This is a famous temple cave at the foot of Phu Phan mountains 13km from Nong Bua Lam Phu town on the H210 towards Udon Thani town then 2km along a road on the right.

The area was once the site of an ancient Khmer temple, but was then deserted until 1958 when the renowned meditation master Phra Ajan Luang Pu Khao Analyo turned it into a meditation centre until his death in 1983 (or 1989 depending on website). The cave is on two levels. The main chamber has a large statute of the Buddha in the position of dispelling evil, known as the Phra Buddha Banthon Nimitr, along with many smaller Buddhas and a two-faced ancient drum which gives the wat its name.

The 87 year old Ajan Khaw had a Royal visit at the cave.
Dunkley (1995); Tiyavanich (1997)

†**Tham Namthip** NB0018
48Q 232024 1908424
Wat Tham Namthip Monk's Campsite, Nong Bua Lam Phu

The campsite is 1.5km north of the H210 and 4km east of Nong Bua Lam Phu town.

†**Tham Phra Phu Kao** NB0036

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48Q 225778 1878787
Wat Pha Tham Phra Phu Kao, Ban Lat

Tham Suwan Khuha NB0038
Wat Tham Suwan Khuha, Nakhonchai

Na Klang

†Tham Kheng NB0030
48Q 195335 1911009
Khao Pha Tham Kheng, Dan Chang

The hill is 4km south of the H210.
Fontaine et al. (2005)

†Tham Khong NB0048
48Q 196959 1910887
Wat Pha Pha Tham Khong, Uthai Sawan

†Tham Pha Cho NB0029
48Q 193487 1915961-
Khao Tham Pha Chao, Ban Thep Khiri

The hill is just south of the H210, 1km west of Ban Thep Khiri.
Fontaine et al. (2005)

Tham Pha Wiang NB0021
ถ้ำผาเวียง
Phu Pha Wiang
Other names: Tham Phu Pha Wiang; ถ้ำภูผาเวียง

The cave is home to a large number of bats.
Boonkerd & Wanghongsa (2001)

Na Wang

Cave NB0005 NB0005
Ban Na Klang

The 15m high entrance to this cave is visible from the H210 3km east of Ban Na Klang, at the 40km post east of Wang Saphung.
The cave has not been explored.
Dunkley (1995)

†Tham Chang In Plaeng NB0012
48Q 183439 1919532
Ban Tham Chang In Plaeng

The village is along the road to Tham Erawan, 1.5km north of the junction with the H210 in Ban Pha Wang.

†Tham Pha Wang NB0013
48Q 183255 1917692
Wat Tham Pha Wang, Ban Pha Wang

The temple is to the north of the H210, just to the west of the village of Ban Pha Wang and the turning to Tham Erawan.

Tham Pha Wiang **NB0040**
48Q 189558 1930601
Khao Pha Wiang, Nakae

The cave is on Khao Pha Wiang in moo 9 Ban Pha Wiang.
This a limestone cave with formations.

Tham Mi **NB0004**
Ban Erawan

Near Tham Erawan and Tham Wang Thong, but no further information.
The cave is small.
Dunkley (1995)

Tham Wang Thong **NB0003**
48Q 184131 1918398 Alt.: 333m
Wat Tham Wang Thong, Ban Pha Wang
Length: 30m

In Ban Pha Wang take the turning north off the H210 towards Tham Erawan (signed). The small wat is at the base of the first tower, beside the road on the left hand side.
The cave is a single chamber, lit by skylights, filled with Buddha statutes.
Of more interest was the large male monkey living there, a pet of the monk, which was very defensive, but apparently only bites children.
The cave was visited by the SMCC in June 2009.
Dunkley (1995)

Non Sang

Tham Ajaan Sim **NB0027**
Phu Khao – Phu Phan Kham National Park

The cave is about 65km north of Khon Kaen.
It is probably a sandstone rock shelter, which contains prehistoric paintings.
Dunkley (1995)

Tham Bim **NB0041**
Nikmaphatthana

This sandstone cave has ancient paintings.

Tham Bong Phak **NB0031**
Phu Khao – Phu Phan Kham National Park

A cave art site.
National Park Office (2006)

Tham Chan Dai **NB0025**
Phu Khao – Phu Phan Kham National Park
Other name: Tham Jan Dai

The cave is about 65km north of Khon Kaen.

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Tham Rakha Khanit **NB0020**
Phu Khao – Phu Phan Kham National Park
Other names: Tham Rekha Khanit

This is probably a sandstone rock shelter. It has prehistoric art.
National Park Office (2006)

Tham Sam Ta **NB0022**
Phu Khao – Phu Phan Kham National Park

A cave art site.
National Park Office (2006)

Tham Sua Tok **NB0019**
Ban Wang Mon, Phu Khao – Phu Phan Kham National Park
Other name: Tham Sua

The cave is in moo 8 Ban Wang Mon, tambon Khok Muang. Access is difficult as it has not been developed as a tourist attraction so a guide is needed.
Tham Sua Tok is a sandstone cave with prehistoric paintings. It has been described as being 'very deep'.
Dunkley (1995); National Park Office (2006)

Si Bun Rueng

†**Tham Saeng Tham** **NB0049**
ถ้ำแสงธรรม
48Q 189957 1869564
Wat Tham Saeng Tham, Na Kok

†**Tham Thep Nimit** **NB0015**
48Q 188606 1899024
Wat Tham Thep Nimit, Non Muang

The temple is in a remote location on the border with Loei, 5km north of Ban Non Pa Sang.
Fontaine et al. (2005)

Tham Thong Pha Chan Dai **NB0042**
Ban Pha Sadet, Nong Kungkaeo

The cave is in a 20 rai park in moo 7 Ban Pha Sadet.
This decorated limestone cave is an easy walk.

Suwan Khuha

†**Tham Khong** **NB0045**
48Q 201142 1949151
Wat Pha Tham Khong, Dong Mafai

†**Tham Pha Duang** **NB0046**
48Q 210444 1931183
Wat Tham Pha Duang, Na Di

†**Tham Pha Khong** **NB0017**

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48Q 200974 1949324
Tham Pha Khong Monk's Campsite, Ban Pha Son

The campsite is 2km north of Ban Pha Son.
Fontaine et al. (2005)

Tham Pha Ya **NB0009**

ถ้ำผายา

Phu Pha Ya Archaeological Site, Ban Na Charoen, Dong Mafai

Dunkley describes Tham Suwan Khuha as being the location for some ancient paintings, but they are more likely to be at this site. It is north of Ban Na Charoen in ambon Dong Mafai. The archaeological site is a 67 rai park.

A naga staircase leads up to the shelter which contains two areas of heavily weathered ancient paintings. The drawings are in red paint and depict geometric figures, animals, palm prints and humans and have been dated to 2,000 – 3,000 years ago.

Dunkley (1995)

†**Tham Phra Nimit** **NB0037**

48Q 211680 1947897

Wat Tham Phra Nimit, Ban Non Sombun

†**Tham Phudu** **NB0033**

48Q 210833 1911317

Tham Phudu Monk's Campsite, Ban Khai Sawang

Tham Phu Pha Daeng **NB0028**

48Q 210727 1931215

Phu Pha Daeng, Ban Wichit Patthana

The hill, with a wat and cave, is 1km north of Ban Wichit Patthana.
Fontaine et al. (2005)

†**Tham Phu Pha Thamsathit** **NB0044**

48Q 199579 1951168

Wat Tham Phu Pha Thamsathit, Dong Mafai

†**Tham Pravijit** **NB0047**

48Q 210641 1930072

Wat Pha Tham Pravijit, Na Di

†**Tham Sathit** **NB0034**

48Q 199691 1951250

Tham Sathit Monk's Campsite, Ban Pha Son

Tham Suwan Khuha **NB0008**

ถ้ำสุวรรณคูหา

48Q 211553 1949006

Wat Tham Suwan Khuha, Ban Khuha Pattana, Ban Na Dee

This cave is in Wat Tham Suwan Khuha, Ban Khuha Pattana, tambon Ban Na Dee, which is 5km from the Suwan Khuha amphoe office. From Nong Bua Lam Phu town take the H210 towards Wang Saphung and then turn right onto the H2097 and continue to amphoe Suwan Khuha. From here take the Chaiya Chettha road to Dong Yang Na Tha Laew School (about 1km) and then turn right and continue for about 4km. The cave is at the base of a cliff on a limestone tower.

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The cave houses artefacts and a plaster image of the Buddha in the meditation stance. This main Buddha image was built by Phra Chao Chaiya Chettha Thiraj of Vientiane in 1572, or 1555 depending on which Internet reference you read.

The snail *Pollicaria mouhoti* (Pfeiffer, 1862) has been found at this location.

Dunkley (1995); Fontaine et al. (2005); Kongin et al. (2009)

†Tham Thep Nimit **NB0014**

48Q 210855 1952021

Wat Tham Thep Nimit, Dong Mafai

The temple is 4km east of Dong Mafai and the H4004.

Unknown Amphoe

Tham Lang **NB0043**

Anon. (2005)

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Cave Data (Listed by code number)

Number	Name	Co-ordinates	Altitude	Length	VR
NB0001	Tham Klong Phen	48Q 241176 1907223			
NB0002	Tham Duuk				
NB0003	Tham Wang Thong	48Q 184131 1918398	333	30	
NB0004	Tham Mi				
NB0005	Cave NB0005				
NB0006	Tham Mim				
NB0007	Tham Plalan Hai				

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NB0018	Tham Namthip	48Q 232024 1908424			
NB0019	Tham Sua Tok				
NB0020	Tham Rakha Khanit				
NB0021	Tham Pha Wiang				
NB0022	Tham Sam Ta				
NB0023	Tham Loh Thong				
NB0024	Tham Jek Lae Samta				
NB0025	Tham Chan Dai				
NB0026	Tham Fa Mue				
NB0027	Tham Ajaan Sim				
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