

RANONG

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Kra Buri**Tham Phra** **RN0003**

ถ้ำพระ

47P 474288 1141544 Alt.: 21m

Wat Tham Phra Kha Yang, Lamilang

Length: 20m

The wat is 7km west of amphoe Takua Thung, about 12km south of Kra Buri and 1km off the H4 near the 504 km post at the foot of an isolated tower. Tham Phra is 50m north of Tham Phra Kha Yang.

The cave has been developed as a shrine. The ascending passage behind the main Buddha has not been explored.

This site was recorded by the SMCC in January 2012.

Dunkley (1995)

Tham Phra Kha Yang **RN0001**

47P 474305 1141474 Alt.: 25m

Wat Tham Phra Kha Yang, Lamilang

Length: 300m VR: 45m

The wat is 7km west of amphoe Takua Thung, about 12km south of Kra Buri and 1km off the H4 near the 504 km post at the foot of an isolated tower. It is well signposted.

There are several chambers on three levels containing Buddha images, one which is totally black contains mother-of-pearl eyes and another one which is nearly 200 years old. Several royal insignias and initial letters of famous visitors are inscribed on the walls. A concrete staircase leads to an upper entrance which is reached via a tight squeeze.

The following fauna has been recorded from the cave:

Snails:-

Type and only known locality for *Diplommatina prakayangensis* Panha, 1996

Type and only known locality for *Sinoennea ranongensis* Panha, 2005

Spiders:-

Heteropoda tetrica Thorell, 1897

Snakes:-

Orthriophis taeniurus ridleyi (Butler, 1899)

Bats:-

Hipposideros cineraceus Blyth, 1853

Rhinolophus affinis superans K. Andersen, 1905

The cave was explored and surveyed by the APS on 23 July 1987.

Clarac & Pagau-Clarac (1985); Deharveng & Leclerc (1989); Deharveng et al. (1988);

Douangboubpha et al. (1989); Kingsada et al. (2011); Dunkley (1995); Eusemann & Jäger

(2009); Mekloy (2008); Price (1985); Soisook (2008)

La-un**Tham Bpra Gaai Phet** **RN0007**

ถ้ำประกายเพชร

Nai Wong Nuea

This is a bat cave.
Dunkley (1995)

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Cave Data (Listed by code number)

Number	Name	Co-ordinates	Altitude	Length	VR
RN0001	Tham Phra Kha Yang	47P 474305 1141474	25	300	45
RN0002	Tham Salat Dai				
RN0003	Tham Phra	47P 474288 1141544	21	20	
RN0004	Ko Thalu	47P 439350 1081315			
RN0005	Tham Yipun	47P 464440 1122925			
RN0006	Tham Knaddai	47P 481388 1107488			
RN0007	Tham Bpra Gaai Phet				
RN0008	Tham Nam Lot				

Number	Name	Co-ordinates	Altitude	Length	VR
RN0009	Tham Phra Ruesi	47P 461808 1100717			

Surveys