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CAVE DESCRIPTIONS

The caves are grouped by province and amphoe (administrative district) and then listed alphabetically. The code letters were created by John Dunkley in "Caves of Thailand" and have been continued in the Thai caves database maintained by the author.

All co-ordinates are UTM grid on the Indian 1954 (Thailand-Vietnam) datum.

Abbreviations, acronyms and symbols used:

† = topographic name from map or gazetteer – it is possible that there isn't a cave at these locations.

Alt.: - altitude

SMCC – Shepton Mallet Caving Club, UK

VR – vertical range of the cave.

Unknown Amphoe

Tham Kra Duk **UA0002**

The location of this archaeological site is unknown.
Dunkley (1995)

Amphoe Muang Uttaradit

†**Tham Chalong** **UA0017**
47Q 644755 1954070
Tambon Tham Chalong

This village is on the H4009.

Tham Long **UA0021**
Saen To

Tambon Saen To is south of the Mae Nam Nan and the H1106.

Tham Men **UA0020**
Ban Dan

One of several caves located in moo 5, 6, 7 and 10 of tambon Ban Dan, which is south of the Mae Nam Nan and the H1106.

Tham Muang **UA0022**
Saen To

Tambon Saen To is south of the Mae Nam Nan and the H1106.

Tham Pun UA0018
Ban Dan

One of several caves located in moo 5, 6, 7 and 10 of tambon Ban Dan, which is south of the Mae Nam Nan and the H1106.

Tham Pun Lek UA0019
Ban Dan

One of several caves located in moo 5, 6, 7 and 10 of tambon Ban Dan, which is south of the Mae Nam Nan and the H1106.

Amphoe Nam Phat

†**Tham Saen Han** UA0016
47Q 681565 1983867
Tha Faek
Phu Tham Saen Han, Tha Faek

This mountain is 6 km south-east of Tha Faek.

Amphoe Tha Pla

†**Ban Huai Tham** UA0005
47Q 658809 1990828

The village is on the north side of the Sirikit reservoir, near the border with Nan province.
Dunkley (1995)

†**Ban Ngom Tham** UA0004
47Q 678710 1989849

The village is on the H1339 north-east of Tha Faek, near the border with Nan province.
Dunkley (1995)

†**Huai Ngom Tham** UA0003
47Q 677200 1992000
Other names: Huai Ngaung Tham

The stream is to the south of the Siridit reservoir on the Mae Nam Nan and flows north into the lake.
Dunkley (1995)

Amphoe Thong Saen Khan

Tham Aha Kien **UA0029**
Bo Thong

The rock shelter is near Bo Thong Widhaya school
This is a wide rock shelter in sandstone with ancient red paintings.
Anon. (n.d.)

Tham Chan **UA0007**
ถ้ำจัน

47Q 650987 1944467 Alt.: 194 m
Tham Chan Forest Park, Klong Trong National Park
Length: 45 m VR: 3 m

From Uttaradit take either the H11 to Ban Nam Ang and then the H1047 to amphoe Nam Pad (70 km) or alternatively the H1045 amphoe Nam Pad (68 km). From the Nam Pad amphoe office take the H1212 (Huay Dua - Ban Pear) to Ban Ton Khanun and the National Park's temporary office (a distance of 23 km from the Nam Pad amphoe office). The path to Tham Chan leads up the slope to the cliff from the resurgence beside the track.
Tham Chan is simply a 45 m long, large and high phreatic passage. There is a large shrine in the cave and it is the best known of the caves in the park.
The cave was explored and surveyed by a SMCC team in December 2003.
Ellis (2004); Ellis (2005); National Park Office (2006)

Tham Chan Forest Park Cave 3a **UA0014**
47Q 650995 1944640 Alt.: 193 m
Tham Chan Forest Park, Klong Trong National Park
Length: 15 m VR: 7 m

From Uttaradit take either the H11 to Ban Nam Ang and then the H1047 to amphoe Nam Pad (70 km) or alternatively the H1045 amphoe Nam Pad (68 km). From the Nam Pad amphoe office take the H1212 (Huay Dua - Ban Pear) to Ban Ton Khanun and the National Park's temporary office (a distance of 23 km from the Nam Pad amphoe office). The path to Tham Chan leads up the slope to the cliff from the resurgence beside the track and the entrance to this cave is very near the entrance to Tham Chan.
This cave is a short, boulder filled rift down to a climb that is choked.
The cave was explored by a SMCC team in December 2003.
Ellis (2005)

Tham Chan Forest Park Resurgence **UA0015**
47Q 650953 1944391 Alt.: 173 m
Tham Chan Forest Park, Klong Trong National Park

From Uttaradit take either the H11 to Ban Nam Ang and then the H1047 to amphoe Nam Pad (70 km) or alternatively the H1045 amphoe Nam Pad (68 km). From the Nam Pad amphoe office take the H1212 (Huay Dua - Ban Pear) to Ban Ton Khanun and the National Park's temporary office (a distance of 23 km from the Nam Pad amphoe office). The resurgence is at the foot of the hill below Tham Chan.

This is a small resurgence beside the track with a wooden building built over it. It had a very low flow in December 2003 and is used as water supply. The passage is small and probably can't be entered by a diver.

The site was recorded by a SMCC team in December 2003.

Ellis (2005)

Tham Dao **UA0013**

ถ้ำเต่า

Tham Chan Forest Park, Klong Trong National Park

From Uttaradit take either the H11 to Ban Nam Ang and then the H1047 to amphoe Nam Pad (70 km) or alternatively the H1045 amphoe Nam Pad (68 km). From the Nam Pad amphoe office take the H1212 (Huay Dua - Ban Pear) to Ban Ton Khanun and the National Park's temporary office (a distance of 23 km from the Nam Pad amphoe office). According to the sign posts it is 300 m beyond Tham Sua Dao.

Tham Dao has not been explored.

Ellis (2005)

Tham Din **UA0006**

47Q 642608 1934393

Ban Tham Din

The cave is signposted off the H11 at 47Q 631647 1931479 towards Thong Saen Khan on the H1244. Dunkley states the cave is marked on a highway map near the junction of H1143 and H1246, 7 km south of Thong Saen Khan, but Google Maps places the cave a couple of kilometres north of Thong Saen Khan near some quarries.

Dunkley (1995); Ellis (2005)

Tham Je Dee **UA0012**

ถ้ำเจดีย์

Tham Chan Forest Park, Klong Trong National Park

From Uttaradit take either the H11 to Ban Nam Ang and then the H1047 to amphoe Nam Pad (70 km) or alternatively the H1045 amphoe Nam Pad (68 km). From the Nam Pad amphoe office take the H1212 (Huay Dua - Ban Pear) to Ban Ton Khanun and the National Park's temporary office (a distance of 23 km from the Nam Pad amphoe office). The sign post indicated that it is 650 m beyond Tham Sua Dao.

Tham Je Dee has not been explored.

Ellis (2005)

Tham Khang Khao **UA0023**

ถ้ำค้างคาว

Phu Khao Hin On, Bo Thong

The cave is in moo 1 Bo Thong. The hills around the village have several marble quarries. There is a laterite road from the village to the cave.

Tham Kob UA0026

Tham Kob is described as being a complicated cave.
Local folklore says that deep inside, at the bottom of the cave, there is a big rock frog with emerald eyes.
Anon. (n.d.)

Tham Nam Din UA0028

Other names: Tham Naan Din

At the bottom of the cave there is a passage with a stream.
Local folklore says that some marked coconuts thrown into the cave stream were found by villagers at Kwae Noi in Prompiram district in Phitsanulok.
Anon. (n.d.)

Tham Nang Li-Nang Loh UA0024

Other names: Tham Sao Li-Sao Loh

The cave is said to be nearly the same size as a medium Bangkok theatre. It is well decorated near the entrance.
The cave got its name from two sisters, about 17-18 years old who went to get bat guano from the cave about 20 years ago (1960?). It was raining and they fell on the slippery boulders and died in the cave.
Anon. (n.d.)

Tham Pratun UA0025

On the left of the entrance is a narrow passage leading to a deep pool. At the pool is a large flat rock on which 400 to 500 people could stand. There are many nooks and corners in the cave.
Anon. (n.d.)

Tham Sampeng/Tham Khang Khao UA0010

ถ้ำสามแพ่ง / ถ้ำค้างคาว

Tham Sampeng: 47Q 651059 1944503 Alt.: 184 m
Tham Khang Khao: 47Q 651027 1944465 Alt.: 184m.
Tham Chan Forest Park, Klong Trong National Park
Length: 208 m VR: 14 m

From Uttaradit take either the H11 to Ban Nam Ang and then the H1047 to amphoe Nam Pad (70 km) or alternatively the H1045 amphoe Nam Pad (68 km). From the Nam Pad amphoe office take the H1212 (Huay Dua - Ban Pear) to Ban Ton Khanun and the National Park's temporary office (a distance of 23 km from the Nam Pad amphoe office). Having walked up the short hill from the car park this is the first cave you reach. It is in the cliff on the right and is conveniently sign posted with a path leading up to Tham Sampeng.
From the Tham Sampeng entrance a rift passage, which is parallel to the cliff face, has a couple of short ladders to aid the scramble over boulders to reach a chamber with a couple of entrances. On the right there is a 7 m pitch. It is not necessary to descend the pitch as the chamber at the bottom can be reached from Tham Khang Khao.

Tham Khang Khao is a few metres further along the cliff from Tham Sampeng, but access is easier if you descend back down to the track and then climb up the slope to the left (west) of the flag pole. The low and wide entrance soon opens up into a large passage. To the right leads to the chamber at the bottom of the pitch in Tham Sampeng while continuing ahead and then left leads to a couple of rifts, one of which also connects to the chamber below the pitch.

The cave was explored and surveyed by a SMCC team in December 2003.

Ellis (2004); Ellis (2005)

Tham Sawan

UA0011

ถ้ำธารสวรรค์

47Q 0650967 1944490 Alt.: 208 m

Tham Chan Forest Park, Klong Trong National Park

Length: 21m VR: 11m

From Uttaradit take either the H11 to Ban Nam Ang and then the H1047 to amphoe Nam Pad (70 km) or alternatively the H1045 amphoe Nam Pad (68 km). From the Nam Pad amphoe office take the H1212 (Huay Dua - Ban Pear) to Ban Ton Khanun and the National Park's temporary office (a distance of 23 km from the Nam Pad amphoe office). The path to Tham Chan leads up the slope to the cliff from the resurgence beside the track. From Tham Chan a path skirts the cliff to Tham Wua Daeng. Tham Sawan is located a few metres above Tham Wua Daeng.

Tham Sawan is simply a 10 m wide phreatic tube descending at 45° through a spur of the hill.

The cave was explored and surveyed by a SMCC team in December 2003.

Ellis (2005)

Tham Sua Dao

UA0009

ถ้ำเสือดำ

Tham Chan Forest Park, Klong Trong National Park

Length: 100 m

From Uttaradit take either the H11 to Ban Nam Ang and then the H1047 to amphoe Nam Pad (70 km) or alternatively the H1045 amphoe Nam Pad (68 km). From the Nam Pad amphoe office take the H1212 (Huay Dua - Ban Pear) to Ban Ton Khanun and the National Park's temporary office (a distance of 23 km from the Nam Pad amphoe office). Tham Sua Dao is a couple of hundred metres away from the caves near Tham Chan. It is sign posted and a good path leads to the entrance which is behind the boulders.

This cave was quickly looked at, but not surveyed, by a SMCC team in December 2003. It was a small maze of rifts and chimneys, probably less than 100 m long.

Ellis (2004); Ellis (2005); National Park Office (2006)

Tham Wihan

UA0027

The cave is close to a highway.

Tham Wihan is said to be about the size of the Rama theatre in Uttaradit and is well decorated.

Anon. (n.d.)

Tham Wua Daeng**UA0008**

ถ้ำวัวแดง

47Q 650952 1944475 Alt.: 189 m

Tham Chan Forest Park, Klong Trong National Park

Length: 145 m VR: 16 m

From Uttaradit take either the H11 to Ban Nam Ang and then the H1047 to amphoe Nam Pad (70 km) or alternatively the H1045 amphoe Nam Pad (68 km). From the Nam Pad amphoe office take the H1212 (Huay Dua - Ban Pear) to Ban Ton Khanun and the National Park's temporary office (a distance of 23 km from the Nam Pad amphoe office). The path to Tham Chan leads up the slope to the cliff from the resurgence beside the track. From Tham Chan a path skirts the cliff to Tham Wua Daeng.

The descending entrance leads to a small complex of passages. Up to the right leads to a dead end, a second entrance and a loop back towards the main entrance. Down to the left the passage reaches a small chamber. A small hole on the right leads down a climb into a fairly large, rubble floored chamber. At the opposite side of the chamber it is possible to climb up and exit the cave by squeezing between boulders.

A fauna including *Scutigera* centipedes, millipedes, large noctuid moths and bats is present.

The cave was explored and surveyed by a SMCC team in December 2003.

Ellis (2005); National Park Office (2006)

†Wat Wang Tham**UA0001**

วัดวังถ้ำ

47Q 642380 1953140

Ban Wang Tham

The village is 19 km east of Uttaradit, signposted to north of the H1047 at 47Q 641377 1942832.

Dunkley (1995); Ellis (2005)

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2. Cave Data (Listed by code number)

Number	Name	Co-ordinates	Altitude	Length	VR
UA0001	Wat Wang Tham	47Q 642380 1953140			
UA0002	Tham Kra Duk				
UA0003	Huai Ngom Tham	47Q 677200 1992000			
UA0004	Ban Ngom Tham	47Q 678710 1989849			
UA0005	Ban Huai Tham	47Q 658809 1990828			
UA0006	Tham Din	47Q 642608 1934393			
UA0007	Tham Chan	47Q 650987 1944467	194	45	3
UA0008	Tham Wua Daeng	47Q 650952 1944475	189	145	16
UA0009	Tham Sua Dao			100	
UA0010	Tham Sampeng/Tham Khang Khao	47Q 651059 1944503	184	208	14
UA0011	Tham Sawan	47Q 650967 1944490	208	21	11
UA0012	Tham Je Dee				
UA0013	Tham Dao				
UA0014	Tham Chan Forest Park Cave 3a	47Q 650995 1944460	193	15	7
UA0015	Tham Chan Forest Park Resurgence	47Q 650953 1944391	173		
UA0016	Tham Saen Han	47Q 681565 1983867			
UA0017	Tham Chalong	47Q 644755 1954070			
UA0018	Tham Pun				
UA0019	Tham Pun Lek				
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UA0021	Tham Long				
UA0022	Tham Muang				
UA0023	Tham Khang Khao				
UA0024	Tham Nang Li-Nang Loh				
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