

## The Caves of Chumphon

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### Unknown Amphoe

**Cave CP0040** CP0040

The entrance is visible at the bottom of a small tower 500 m west of the H41, 1 km north of the junction with the H4006, 71 km south of Chumphon.

The entrance is 8 m wide and 8 m high.

Dunkley (1995)

**Ko Pro Caves** CP0036

Ko Pro

On an island in the Gulf of Thailand offshore from Chumphon.

The caves on the island are used for collecting bird's nests.

Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Phra** CP0058

The cave is located about 10 km north of Chumphon.

These caves, which contain a number of old Buddha images, were opened for tourism in 1994.

Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Tao Un** CP0022

There is no further information on this cave.

Anon. (1984); Dunkley (1995)

### Amphoe Muang Chumphon

**Ban Na Tham** CP0046

Ban Na

47P 509461 1158543

Dunkley (1995)

**Cave CP0007** CP0007

Ban Khun Krating

47P 513109 1156701

Length: 15 m

The cave is near Ban Khun Krating on the west side of the H41, 14 km from Chumphon and 5 km south of Patomphong junction between the H4 and H41.

Steps lead up to the cave entrance which contains some old decayed wooden Buddha images.

Dunkley (1995)

**Cave CP0008** CP0008

Ban Khun Krating

47P 513109 1156701

Length: 10 m

Cave CP0008 is a short distance north of Cave CP0007.  
The cave has a locked door and contains a 2 m long reclining Buddha. It is used as a meditation cave.  
Dunkley (1995)

**†Khao Tham** CP0061  
Hat Phankri  
47P 516446 1167590

No further information.

**Ko Lang Kajew Caves** CP0037  
Ko Lang Kajew

On an island in the Gulf of Thailand offshore from Chumphon.  
The caves on the island are used for collecting bird's nests.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Ko Ngam Noi Caves** CP0038  
Ko Ngam Noi

On an island in the Gulf of Thailand offshore from Chumphon.  
The caves on the island are used for collecting bird's nests.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Ko Ngam Yai Caves** CP0039  
Ko Ngam Ya

On an island in the Gulf of Thailand offshore from Chumphon.  
The caves on the island are used for collecting bird's nests.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Ko Thalu Cave 1** CP0049  
Ko Thalu  
47P 536817 1160404

Two caves are reported on Ko Thalu, a small 100 m long island off Sai Ri beach, 22 km from Chumphon.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Ko Thalu Cave 2** CP0050  
Ko Thalu  
47P 536817 1160404

Two caves are reported on Ko Thalu, a small 100 m long island off Sai Ri beach, 22 km from Chumphon.  
Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Chang Phueng** CP0070  
Tham Chang Phueng Priest's Campsite, Ban Na  
47P 504202 1154507

The campsite is beside the road to the west of Monthip Forest Park.

**Tham Kaeo Korum Sing** CP0019  
Banna  
Other names: Tham Khoram

This cave is in moo.12, tambon Banna. It is 25 km from Chumphon city center along the H41 towards Ranong.

Tham Kaeo Korum Sing has also two passages. One passage is called Tham Lom and this goes through the hill and is windy. The other passage is known as Tham Kaew which has strikingly beautiful stalactites and stalagmites in various animal shapes.

Anon. (1984); Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Khao Na Pharo** CP0065

Wat Tham Khao Na Pharo, Ban Khun Krating  
47P 514449 1156579

No further information.

**Tham Khao Noi** CP0085

Tham Khao Noi Priest's Campsite, Tak Daet

There is no further information on this cave.

**†Tham Khao Puk** CP0069

Khao Puk, Wang Phai  
47P 512766 1163113

The hill is to the west of the H4, 1.5 km north of the junction with the H41 and H327.

**Tham Khun Krathing 1** CP0093

This cave is situated near the 565 km marker on the H41, 12 km from Chumphon city center along Route 41.

There are two caves which are 30 m above the ground with cement stairs leading to the entrances. There are coloured geometrical drawings of possibly prehistoric origin on the cliff around the path joining the two caves.

Price (1985)

**Tham Khun Krathing 2** CP0094

This cave is situated near the 565 km marker on the H41, 12 km from Chumphon city center along Route 41.

There are two caves which are 30 m above the ground with cement stairs leading to the entrances. There are coloured geometrical drawings of possibly prehistoric origin on the cliff around the path joining the two caves.

Price (1985)

**Tham Krailat** CP0021

Hat Phankri  
47P 514929 1167759

The cave is about 13 km north-north-west of Chumphon.

Anon. (1984); Dunkley (1995); Price (1985)

**†Tham Phoeng** CP0068

Ban Tham Phoeng Priest's Campsite, Ban Thung Hong  
47P 508332 1149600

The campsite is 2.75 km south-west of Ban Thung Hong.

**†Tham Phra Namu** CP0076  
Tham Phra Namu Priest's Campsite, Ban Khao Wong  
47P 508224 1155605

The campsite is 1 km south-west of Ban Khao Wong.

**†Tham Sanuk Sukharom** CP0077  
Wat Khao Tham Sanuk Sukharom, Ban Khao Wong  
47P 508605 1158246

The campsite is 2 km north of Ban Khao Wong.

**Tham Sing** CP0051  
Wat Tham Sing, Tham Sing  
47P 806802 1152088

The temple is marked on maps, 6 km west of the H41 and 10 km south of Chumphon.  
The cave has a stalagmite shaped like a lion which gives the cave its name.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Suwan** CP0020  
Wat Suwan

No further information is given in the references.  
Anon. (1984); Dunkley (1995); Price (1985)

### Amphoe Lamae

**Tham Khao Phe** CP0082  
Khao Phe, Ban Don Khae  
47P 512791 1086902

A bat collection site where *Taphozous melanopogon* Temminck, 1841 and *Hipposideros armiger armiger* (Hodgson, 1835) have been recorded.  
Yenbutra & Felton (1986)

**Tham Khao Phlu** CP0087  
Ban Duat, Suan Taeng  
47P 512290 1075000

The cave is 300 m from the tambon office in moo 2 Ban Duat.  
As well as the big caves here there are 3 hot water springs with water at 45°C.

### Amphoe Lang Suan

**†Tham Fuan** CP0035  
Wat Tham Fuan

The temple is 2 km south of and visible from Tham Khao Krieb.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Kaeo Kho Ram** CP0033

This cave is in amphoe Lang Suan, 22 km south of Chumphon.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Khao Krieb**

CP0034

Khao Krieb, Ban Khuan  
47P 504515 1085201

Length: 80 m

Other names:- Tham Khao Keep, Tham Khao Krariep

The cave is in moo 4 Ban Khuan, south of the amphoe office and 5 km west of the H41 from a turnoff 86 km south of Chumphon. Turn left at first junction beyond two limestone towers then through rubber plantations.

370 steps lead up to the entrance which is 60 m above the plain. The cave consists of one large chamber about 75 m across, most of which is dimly lit from roof holes and a second entrance. There is profuse, though somewhat muddy, decoration and some graffiti. Local tourist information suggests there is a stream running under the hill with passages down to the water.

The cave was visited by Thierry Tournier in 2008.

Dunkley (1995); Price (1985); Tournier (2009)

**Tham Khao Ngoen**

CP0016

Wat Tham Khao Ngoen, Tha Ma Pha  
47P 505076 1099609

Length: 15 m

Other names:- Tham Khao Ngam; Tham Wat Khao Ngen; Tham Thepphawong Wanaram

On the river bank 3 km west of the H41 and Lang Suan in Somdej Phra Srinakarin Chumphon Park. This is in moo 8, tambon Tha Phla. It is about 4 km from amphoe Lang Suan.

A small cave with a paved floor and daylight hole about 10 m high, a seated Buddha, several smaller Buddhas and a highly respected footprint. King Chulalongkorn visited the cave in 1884 and his initials may be seen.

The bats *Rousettus leschenaulti* (Desmarest, 1820) and *Hipposideros armiger armiger* (Hodgson, 1835) have been recorded in the cave.

Dunkley (1995); Price (1985); Yenbutra & Felton (1986)

**Tham Khao Phlu**

CP0060

Ban Khuan  
47P 505342 1087385

No further information is available.

**Tham Phu Khao Thong**

CP0091

Khan Ngoen

The cave is in a recreational area which has a water source in moo 7 tambon Khan Ngoen.

There is a Buddha in the cave that is cared for by a monk.

**Amphoe Pathio****Cave CP0001**

CP0001

Chaiyarat  
47P 533119 1211999

The cave is visible in an isolated tower 500 m west of the H41, 63 km north of Chumphon.

Dunkley (1995)

**Cave CP0002**

CP0002

Chaiyarat  
47P 533119 1211999

The cave is visible in an isolated tower 500 m west of the H41, 63 km north of Chumphon.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Caves CP0003** CP0003  
Chaiyarat  
47P 533119 1211999

Two or three entrances are visible in a prominent tower that is being quarried, 64 km north of Chumphon. This may be the site as Tham Kaphrung (CP0006).  
Dunkley (1995)

**Cave CP0004** CP0004  
Chaiyarat  
47P 533119 1211999

There is a small cave in the next tower 500 m south of Cave CP0001, Cave CP0002 and Caves CP0003.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Cave CP0005** CP0005  
Chaiyarat  
47P 533119 1211999

Another small cave, near Cave CP0004.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Chai Ya Phruk** CP0086  
Wat Tham Nam Lot, Khao Chairat

The cave is in a park in moo 8 tambon Khao Chairat.

†**Tham Chong** CP0062  
Khao Tham Chong, Talesap  
47P 526694 1181217

No further information.

†**Tham Kaphrung** CP0006  
Khao Tham Kaphrung, Chaiyarat  
47P 533119 1211999

2 km north of the H4. This is possibly the mountain containing caves CP0004 and CP0005, otherwise it is a short distance to the west.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Khao Khram** CP0071  
Tham Khao Khram Priest's Campsite, Ban Huai Rak Mai  
47P 541209 1206722  
Length: 50 m

The campsite is 4 km north-west of Ban Huai Rak Mai which is on the H3411, set in a small limestone outcrop, which is surrounded by rubber plantations.  
From the cave entrance, which is approximately 5 m wide and 3 m high, the cave divides into chambers on the left and right. The lefthand chamber is approximately 8 m deep by 3 m wide and 2.5 m high. The righthand chamber, which was much deeper, measured approximately 40 m deep by 10 m wide and 3 m high.

The following bat species have been recorded from the cave:-

*Rhinolophus affinis superans* K. Andersen, 1905

*Hipposideros armiger armiger* (Hodgson, 1835)

*Hipposideros bicolor* Temminck, 1834

*Hipposideros cineraceus* Blyth, 1853

*Hipposideros larvatus* (Horsfield, 1823)

Soisook (2008)

**Tham Khao Meow**

CP0096

Khao Meow, Talesap

Khao Meow is located in moo 3, tambon Talesap, 3 km northwest by laterite road from amphor Pathio.

The cave's interior has a pool of holy water and has a monk's seat that is more than 100 years old.

**Tham Khao Phlu**

CP0025

Wat Tham Khao Phlu, Khao Phlu, Chum Ko

47P 535542 1185940

The cave is in moo 3 tambon Chum Kho, 2 km from the tambon office, near Tham Nam Lot (CP0024).

The entrance is beside the road.

Tham Khao Phlu is a large cave with a holy pool.

The cave was home to Luang Por Cheep Bunyasaro  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Nam Lot** CP0024  
Wat Tham Nam Lot, Khao Tham Nam Lot, Chum Ko  
47P 533853 1185105  
Length: 300 m

Khao Tham Nam Lot is north of Chumphon between the H4 and the railway line.  
Tham Nam Lot is described as being a 300 m long stream through cave.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Phitsadan** CP0075  
Tham Phitsadan Priest's Campsite, Ban Yai Thai, Talesap  
47P 525444 1189185

The campsite is 3 km east-north-east from Ban Yai Thai which is on the H4. It is in moo 6, tambon Thalesap. There is a sealed road all the way to the cave.  
This is a large, decorated cave that is home to a monk.  
The snake *Orthriophis taeniurus ridleyi* (Butler, 1899) has been recorded from the cave.

**Tham Silawan** CP0078  
Tham Silawan Priest's Campsite, Khao Tham Chang, Talesap  
47P 526726 1181515  
Length: 30 m

The campsite is at the northern end of Khao Tham Chang, 1.5 km to the east of the H3201 in tambon Talesap.  
The cave has a large entrance, about 8 m wide by 8 m high, which opens into two major chambers. The outer chamber, in which *Emballonura monticola* was found, is approximately 20 m long by 6 m wide and 8 m high. The inner chamber is much shorter, approximately 10 m long by 10 m wide and 8 m high.  
The following bats have been recorded:-  
*Emballonura monticola* Temminck, 1838  
*Rhinolophus malayanus* Bonhote, 1903  
*Hipposideros cineraceus* Blyth, 1853  
Douangboubpha et al. (2010); Soisook (2008); Soisook et al. (2008)

**Tham Talesap** CP0067  
Wat Tham Talesap, Talesap  
47P 527084 1183923

This cave is in moo 4, tambon Talesap. It is to the west of the amphoe Pa Tue office. To get there take the Phetchakasem Rd. (Tha Sae-Patue) for about 7 km to a crossroad then east for about 12 km towards amphoe Pha Tue. The cave is in the grounds of a large and well-known temple.  
Tham Talesap is a big through cave.

**Tham Teen Phet** CP0095  
Khao Chairat

This cave is in moo 3, tambon Khao Chairat, 300 m from the H4.  
The main cave's interior has both big and small chambers. Pottery utensils and animal bones were found here.

†**Tham Thong** CP0029  
Khao Tham Thong, Pak Khlong

47P 555884 1206316

This hill is on the coast 55 km north-east of Chumphon. It is marked on road maps and the 1:250,000 map.

Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Yai Ai** CP0023

Chum Ko

Other names:- Tham Yai Eai

Tham Yai Ai is in moo 5, tambon Chum Ko. It is 16 km to the northeast of the amphor Patio office. The locals believe that there is a magic in the cave, so the fishermen who live around this cave show it a lot of respect. This cave has a stone that looks like fence around it. Inside the cave there is a stone that looks like a bed that has a mosquito net at the top.

Anon. (1984); Dunkley (1995)

**†Wat Khao Tham** CP0044

Wat Khao Tham, Chum Kho

47P 536787 1188046

Just south of Wang Chang train station to the east of the H3253.

Dunkley (1995)

### Amphoe Sawi

**†Ban Na Tham** CP0045

Dan Sawi

47P 518594 1132748

Dunkley (1995)

**Cave CP0011** CP0011

Ban Khao Thalu

47P 491214 1118530

Length: 15 m

This cave is 5 km south of Khao Thalu.

It is similar to the cave on Khao Thalu, but only about 5 m high.

Dunkley (1995)

**Cave CP0014** CP0014

Khao Thalu, Ban Khao Thalu

47P 493040 1127215

A large entrance is visible about 150 m up the same mountain as Khao Thalu (CP0010).

The cave has a large entrance about 60-100 m high and 60 m wide with a long scree slope coming out of the cave into the forest below.

Dunkley (1995)

**Khao Thalu** CP0010

Ban Khao Thalu

47P 491214 1123530

Length: 50 m

There is a hole in the limestone ridge behind Ban Khao Thalu, which is at the end of the H4139. The hole is visible from 25 km away from between kilometre posts 49 and 55 on the H4.

This an impressive hole 50-60 m high and 50 m wide passing through a 400 m high limestone range, about 120 m below the top.

Dunkley (1995)

**†Khao Tham** CP0030

Khao Tham, Napho  
47P 511294 1129059

The hill is close to the H4 about 2 km south of amphoe Sawi, 31 km south-south-east of Chumphon.

Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Huai Klang** CP0064

Wat Tham Huai Klang  
47P 491514 1125325

No further information.

**Tham Khao Lak** CP0088

Khao Lak Priest's Campsite, Khron  
47P 497824 1141422

The cave is in moo 9 tambon Khron, 20 km from the H4.

This decorated cave is home to millions of bats.

**†Tham Khao Lan** CP0043

Wat Tham Khao Lan, Dan Sawi  
47P 519525 1134202

Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Khao Nam Tip** CP0072

Tham Khao Nam Thip Priest's Camp Site, Ban Nam Lot Noi  
47P 491398 1131729

The campsite is 1 km south-west of Ban Nam Lot Noi.

**Tham Khao Ngam** CP0080

Wat Khao Ngam, Wisai Nua  
47P 512767 1143235

Other names: Tham Wat Khao Ngam; Tham Tapphawong

This is a bat collection site.

Yenbutra & Felton (1986)

**Tham Khwan Muang** CP0059

Wat Tham Khwan Muang, Napho  
47P 510755 1130052

Other names: Tham Khuan Muang

The temple is near the 47 km post south of Chumphon.

The bats *Rhinolophus affinis superans* K. Andersen, 1905 and *Hipposideros larvatus* (Horsfield, 1823) have been recorded from the cave.

Dunkley (1995); Yenbutra & Felton (1986)

**Tham Kun Mung** CP0015

Napho

47P 511294 1129059 Altitude: 50 m

Length: 50 m Vertical range: 5 m

Take the H41 from Chumphon south as far as Sawi; from there a road goes 2 km to the north-west through a large monastery located on the flank of a small limestone valley. The co-ordinates place the cave beside the H41 just south of Sawi.

The cave opens as a narrow pitch and unfortunately doesn't get any larger. It is of little speleological interest except for numerous bats.

Deharveng et al. (1988); Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Nai** CP0052

Ban Tham Nai

The village was marked on a highway map near the coast, 8 km east-south-east of amphoe Sawi.

This is possibly the same cave as Tham Nai Griap (CP0089).

Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Nai Griap** CP0089

Wisai Tai

Length: 150 m

The cave is in moo 5 Wisai Tai.

The entrance is 50 m high and has formations and an ancient water basin. It is estimated to be 150 m long.

This is possibly the same cave as Tham Nai (CP0052).

**†Tham Nan Chon** CP0031

Khao Tham Nan Chon, Wisai Tai

47P 505815 1147485

No further information is available.

Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Nam Lot Thep Nimit** CP0073

Tham Nam Lot Thep Nimit Priest's Campsite, Khao Khai, Ban Khao Lan

47P 501646 1146785

The campsite is 3.5 km north of Ban Khao Lan in moo 12 tambon Khao Khai.

**Tham Nam Lot** CP0090

Wisai Tai

Length: 100 m

The cave has a concrete road to the entrance in moo 6 Wisai Tai.

This is a decorated cave and the name implies it is a through cave with a stream.

**†Tham Nam Tok** CP0074

Tham Nam Tok Priest's Campsite, Ban Nai Hup

47P 487743 1114742

The campsite is 2.5 km east of Ban Nai Hup which is on the H4139.

**Tham Phra** CP0012

Ban Khao Thalu. Khlong Phrao National Park

47P 493041 1132744 Altitude 100 m  
Length: 150 m Vertical range: 5 m

The cave is a few kilometres north of Tham Tham Nam Lot Yai.  
Tham Phra is a small well decorated cave with a small stream in one part and a Buddha in a dry section. It was not fully explored.  
The cave was first visited by the 1987 APS expedition. Only a Grade 1 survey was conducted.  
Deharveng et al. (1988); Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Suea Kaeo** CP0063  
Tham Suea Kaeo Priest's Camp Site, Ban Khao Lan  
47P 501284 1143394

The campsite is in Ban Khao Lan.

**Tham Ta Chi** CP0079  
Tham Ta Chi Priest's Campsite, Ban Khlong Noi  
47P 499477 1133296  
Length: 70 m

The campsite is 1 km west of Ban Khlong Noi in moo 5, to the south of the road.  
Tham Ta Chi consists of an entrance porch and a circular chamber.  
The first speleological visit was by Thierry Tournier in 2008.  
Tournier (2009)

**Tham Than Nam Lot Noi** CP0054  
Ban Nam Lot Noi, Khlong Phrao National Park  
Sink entrance: 47P 494050 1131317  
Resurgence entrance: 47P 494501 1130958 Altitude 100 m  
Length: 600 m

Khlong Phrao National Park is 24 km north from Lang Suan on the H41, then 20 km west on the H4139. The cave is near Ban Nam Lot Noi, to the north of Tham Than Nam Lot Yai.  
There are two streams running through Khao Thalu. One forms Tham Than Nam Lot Yai and the other forms this cave.  
The cave is much visited by tourists and probably receives considerable pollution from the nearby town. The stream has a catchment of about 70 sq km.  
The cave was visited by the APS in 1986. A paced survey was conducted by Smart and Cunningham in 2001.  
The fish *Channa lucius* (Cuvier, 1831) has been found in the cave.  
Borowsky (1998); Deharveng et al. (1987); Dunkley (1995); Smart & Cunningham (2001); Tournier (2009)

**Tham Than Nam Lot Yai** CP0013  
Ban Khao Thalu, Khlong Phrao National Park  
Sink entrance: 47P 493757 1129004 Altitude 40 m  
Resurgence entrance: 47P 494150 1129700  
Length: 1,095 m Vertical range: 15 m  
Other names:- Tham Nam Lot

Khlong Phrao National Park is 24 km north from Lang Suan on the H41, then 20 km west on the H4139. This through cave is near Ban Khao Thalu, a couple of kilometres to the south of Tham Than Nam Lot Noi.  
The Khlong Sawi stream, carrying more than one cubic metre per second and with a catchment area of around 110 sq km, sinks beneath a large entrance and follows a 20 m wide, 8 m high passage right

through the mountain to the resurgence. A 150 m long dry side passage was noted and according to local people there is a tributary stream passage in the left bank which has not explored.

This is the type and only known locality for *Heteropoda schwendingeri* Jager, 2005.

Hutachareren (2004); Deharveng et al. (1988); Dunkley (1995); Jager (2005); Samrt & Cunningham (2001)

**Tham Thrip Preeda**

CP0098

Khao Khai

Tham Thrip Preeda is in an area of rocky hills with a stream flowing past the front. The caves are in moo 2, tambon Khao Khai which can easily accessed via the Chumphon-Sawi road to the to Khao Beep intersection, amphoe Thung Toko. Then go along the Khao Hkao Thalu road for about 16 km and turn left onto a laterite road and go a further 4 km until you arrive at Huay Kaew intersection for the final turning to Tham Thrip Preeda. The total distance from Chumphon city center is about 70 km. Khao Khai is reported to have 40 caves, some with pools of water.

**Tham Wat Fan Mun**

CP0009

Wat Fan Mun, Ban Na Tham

47P 509468 1132744

The temple is 500 m west of the H41, 2 km north of Sawi.

A very modern building perches on top of a low tower giving excellent views over palm trees, rice fields and limestone ranges. Underneath, there is a small cave containing a few Buddha images.

Dunkley (1995)

**Amphoe Tha Sae**

**Tham Ai Teh**

CP0057

Wat Thep Charoen, Phu Khao Tham Rap Ror, Ban Tha Kham

The cave is in Phu Khao Tham Rap Ror (or Phu Khao Phra) in moo 4 Ban Tha Kham, about 10 km north of Chumphon.

There are about 20 caves in the towers near Wat Thep Charoen. Two mysterious treasure maps are reputedly buried in this cave.

Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Chang**

CP0055

Wat Thep Charoen, Phu Khao Tham Rap Ror, Ban Tha Kham

The cave is in Phu Khao Tham Rap Ror (or Phu Khao Phra) in moo 4 Ban Tha Kham, about 10 km north of Chumphon.

There are about 20 caves in the towers near Wat Thep Charoen. Tham Chang is a very large cave. It is so called because of the resemblance of the walls to an elephant's hide. The cave was apparently used as a shelter from Cyclone Gay in 1989.

Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Khlong**

CP0027

Khao Tham Khlong, Wang Phai

47P 514930 1164073

The hill is about 10 km south-west of amphoe Tha Sae.

Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Phet**

CP0056

Wat Thep Charoen, Phu Khao Tham Rap Ror, Ban Tha Kham

The cave is in Phu Khao Tham Rap Ror (or Phu Khao Phra) in moo 4 Ban Tha Kham, about 10 km north of Chumphon.

There are about 20 caves in the towers near Wat Thep Charoen. The name derives from the sparkling appearance of this well-decorated cave.

Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Phra** CP0026

Khao Tham Phra, Tha Kham  
47P 509456 1178813

The mountain is about 10 km west of amphoe Tha Sae.

Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Phrommuni** CP0099

Phrommuni Priest's Campsite, Salui

This cave is in tambon Salui It is about 7 km from the H4.

This cave has many chambers. The first chamber is called Tham Phra in which the monks of Phrommuni Samnaksong have practised Dhamma. The next chamber is called Tham Rusi or Tham Phrommuni. It is quite wide and the air can flow through it very well.

**Tham Rap Ror** CP0017

Wat Thep Charoen, Phu Khao Tham Rap Ror, Ban Tha Kham  
Other names:- Tham Rab Ro

The cave is in Phu Khao Tham Rap Ror (or Phu Khao Phra) in moo 4 Ban Tha Kham, about 10 km north of Chumphon.

There are about 20 caves in the towers near Wat Thep Charoen. Tham Rab Ror has been redeveloped by the Tourism Authority of Thailand. It has a wide entrance that leads to well decorated chambers, cave paintings and a Buddha.

Anon. (1980); Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Rua** CP0018

Wat Thep Charoen, Phu Khao Tham Rap Ror, Ban Tha Kham

Tham Rua is in amphoe Tha Sae, close to Tham Rap Ror.

Anon. (1980); Dunkley (1995)

**†Tham Thale Sia** CP0028

Wat Tham Thale Sia, Tha Kham  
47P 514926 1175130

The temple is in amphoe Tha Sae, north-west of Chumphon.

Dunkley (1995)

**Amphoe Thung Tako**

**Tham Chan Rain** CP0097

Tako

This is an old cave in moo 10, tambon Tako about 25 km south of amphoe Tako.

The cave's interior has many beautiful stalactites and stigmatites. Tham Chan Rain is also of archaeological interest.

**Tham Huai Luk** CP0083

Wat Tham Khao Pip, Thung Takhr

47P 512355 1120511

This is a bat collection site where *Megaderma spasma* (Linnaeus, 1758) was collected.

**Tham Khao Noi** CP0084  
Wat Tham Khao Pip, Thung Takhri  
47P 512355 1120511

This is a bat collection site where *Rousettus leschenaulti* (Desmarest, 1820) and *Myotis siligorensis* Horsfield, 1855 have been recorded.  
Yenbutra & Felton (1986)

**Tham Khao Pip** CP0067  
Wat Tham Khao Pip, Thung Takhri  
47P 512355 1120511

This is a bat collection site where *Hipposideros armiger armiger* (Hodgson, 1835) has been recorded.  
Yenbutra & Felton (1986)

**†Tham Kra-duan** CP0032  
Ban Tham Kra-duan, Pak Tako  
47P 513124 1116161

The village is 43 km south-south-east of Chumphon on the east side of the railway line.  
Dunkley (1995)

**Tham Ma Ngaem** CP0081  
Khao Ma Ngaem, Chong Mai Kaeo  
47P 508559 1115391 Altitude 87 m

A bat collection site where the following species have been recorded:

*Cynopterus sphinx* (Vahl, 1797)  
*Eonycteris spelaea* (Dobson, 1871)  
*Rousettus leschenaulti* (Desmarest, 1820)  
*Taphozous melanopogon* Temminck, 1841  
Yenbutra & Felton (1986)

**Tham Sai** CP0092  
Chong Mai Kaeo

This decorated cave gets more beautiful with depth.

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