

Wat Thung Phra 2/11/02 (1)

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alt 160m

Temple is located on side of hill above Ban Thung Phra, c. 4km SE of Ban Mung. Cave entrance is c. 300m walk up hillside behind temple and has 2 large Buddhas either side.

Entrance leads past large skylight to right + down boulders into chamber with stream entering on far side. Upstream leads to up gours to chamber + tight inlet. Left off 1st chamber leads back to Ent. A climb near here reaches short passage with the "crystal" - a broken stalagmite. To right of 1st room, a crawl drops down a ~~rift~~ to a small room with a skull + bones of possibly a tiger or bear.

stream is underfit, source + dest. unknown.

small igneous dyke passes through 1st room

thick sediment banks of red soils + conglomerate with angular clasts of a variety of rocks. gours in stream are reasonable.

fauna - small *Hipposideros* > 100 ind. (much guano)

2 sp. *Amblypygid*, various spiders, flies, *Scutiger*, water surface beetles, *Gehlogek*

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* air temp 26° 14.30 hrs
humidity 99%

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stat	D	B	A	L	R	U	D
1→2	5.10	055	-26	0	1.8	1.5	1.6 1 ent
3→2	6.80	134	+27	1.0	0	1.2	1.2 2
2→4	9.70	076	+10	0.6	0	2.0	0.3 3
4→5	11.10	150	-23	0.5	1.3	0.5	0.6 4
5→6	9.35	014	+10	L	L	4.5	0 5
6→7	9.65	354	-9	0.5	0	1.4	0 6
7→8	6.00	009	-4	0.4	4.7	0.6	0 7
7→9	5.80	300	+38	0	0.7	0.8	0.8 8
9→10	4.70	229	-14	2.5	1.4	1.9	0 9
				1.4	0	0	3.4 10
5→11	13.45	066	+7	1.0	2.8	0	1.0 11
11→12	2.90	071	+37	2.0	0	0.6	0 12
12→13	5.40	124	+3	0	1.2	0.2	0.4 13
12→14	4.80	355	+6.5	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.5 14
14→15	3.40	300	-1	0	1.6	0.2	0.3 15
15→16	6.50	003	-1	1.5	0.8	0.6	0.8 16
5→17	12.80	098	-1.5	0	6.5	5.5	1.3 17
17→18	10.90	171.5	+1.5	5.1	0	3.8	1.6 18
18→19	18.05	070.5	+9	0	1.2	0.5	0.3 19 inlet pass.
				6.2	7.4	2.5	0.3 19 chamber
5→20	11.15	159	-16	3.8	L	2.1	0 20
20→21	8.00	153	+15	0.7	0	0.4	1.3 21
20→22	7.00	236	-1	3	5	0.2	0.22 PTO

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5→23	6.30	231	-8	0	1.5	1.2	1.0	23
23→24	3.85	251	-8	4	4	0	0.4	24
24→25	2.90	165	-78	0	0.6	L	0.8	25
25→26	4.40	050	-6	0.4	1.2	0.4	1.1	26
26→27	6.95	322	-56	0	2.8	1.5	0.9	27
27→28	7.80	352	+15	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	28

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There are many small moulded Buddha amulets in the cave. Cave has some litter and has been well trampled. An old lighting system is in place, probably doesn't work. Much guano, slippery floor & walk up hill probably deters most visitors.

At Wat Thung Phra are several boulders of crystalline igneous rock, pale in colour with dark minerals, qtz feldspar + biotite(?) or olivine(?). Lst is heavily recryst. Poss. large intrusion of granite or gabbro underlying lot. specimen 11-02-4. Weathers to brown colour.