



## Meuang Phone Stupa

This stupa was built during the Sikhottabong Kingdom ( 6th century ) and later remounted to its present form. Every year at the beginning of March local people organize a festival. The Buddhist

shrine next to the Stupa is quite impressive. Access to this site is during the dry season only by foot or vehicle. You can visit other attractions nearby such as Tham Pachane Cave and the Nam Don Resurgence.



## Khonkeo Rapids

Located near the village of Ban Khonkeo are a series of rapids on the Hinboun River. The large pools below the rapids provide opportunity for swimming and fishing. Crossing the river by a bamboo bridge takes you on a shady trail along the river edge. Tourists can visit the site from November to June. The village is located 8km from Route 13. Access to the site in the dry season is by private vehicle or public transport.

## Kong Leng Lake

Located near Ban Na Kheu village in Hinboun district 21 km from Route 13. Kong Leng Lake is oval in shape, and has pure blue water that is said to be over 100m deep. This attraction was opened to the public in April 2004.

The lake and surrounding forest both lie within the boundary of the Phou Hin Poun National Protected Area.

Accessible throughout the year.

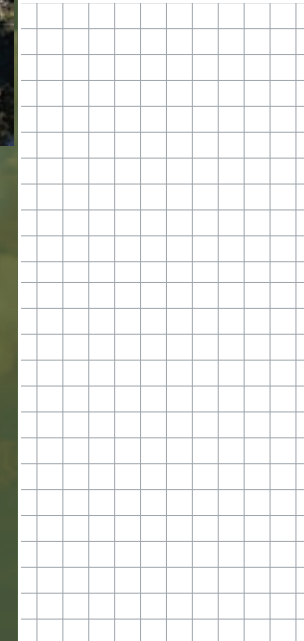


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### Kong Lor Cave

Located between Natan village in Nakai district and Konglor village in Hinboun district. This underground navigable cave has a total length of around 7500m. Inside

the cave there are stalactites, cool breezes, some rapids and sandbars.

### Tad Nam Sa Nam

Located inside the provincial protected area near Khoun Kham village (Na Hin) Hin Boun District on Route 8. This five tiered waterfall has water all year round. In early morning you can find Macaques, Languors and Gibbons in the surrounding forest.



### Tad Mouang

Also located inside the provincial protected area near Khoun Kham village (Na Hin) Hinboun district. This is a beautiful 18 tiered waterfall. The area has abundant primary

forest with many species of wildlife including elephants. There is water all year round but the best time to visit the waterfall is from August to November.



### Nam Don River

This resurgence cave is the source of Nam Don river which flow into the Mekong. Located between Ban Na and Ban Phalem villages. One can travel a short distance into the cave by boat. A cave survey-team followed the cave 3 km underground and discovered a blind cave fish here in 1988.



### Large Buddhas at Khoun Namphon

Two unusual Buddhas have been sculpted near Khoun Namphon (small lake) and are said to have been built at

the same time as the reconstruction of Mouang Phone Stupa. Access to the site is by foot in the dry season only.

### Tham Pachanh

This enormous cave is 50m high and 350m long and is located between Mouang and Doi village 20 km from Thakhek. It is possible to walk through the cave. Inside the cave is a Buddhist shrine with a large Buddha made from sandalwood (Mai Chanh) which gives the cave its name. The cave is a popular gathering place during the Lao new year festival in mid April. Access in dry season only.

