

Tai Rom Yen National Park



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The rugged mountain around the forest of Khao Chong Chang once was a stronghold of Communist Party of Thailand which fought against the Thai government over a decade. After the end of battle in 1982, peace allowed people to witness stunning natural beauty of the area.

Tai Rom Yen National Park was established in 1991, covering natural attractions as the remaining of communist's stronghold in Amphoe Ban Na San and Wiang Sa of Surat Thani. It acquires perfect forest total area of 425 square kilometres.



Getting there

■ The park is 45 kilometres from Surat Thani. Motorist can use highway 4009 from Surat Thani. Keep going for 30 kilometres, then turn left at Ban Chaeng Pla, opposite to Kuan Suban School, the park is another 15 kilometres.

Geography

The national park features rugged mountains which feed many streams or canals such as Khlong Chawang, Khlong Lamphun, Khlong King Yao, Khlong Khrae. As there are limestone mountains, some caves are found.

Climate

Rainy season is from May to December and the best time for travellers is summer season is from January to April.

Flora and fauna

Tropical rain forest, hill evergreen forest and secondary forest covers around the park. It is home to plants, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

Attractions

◆ **Dat Fa Waterfall.** The biggest and highest waterfall in Surat Thani cascades through 10 tiers. Its highest tier is over 80 metres high.

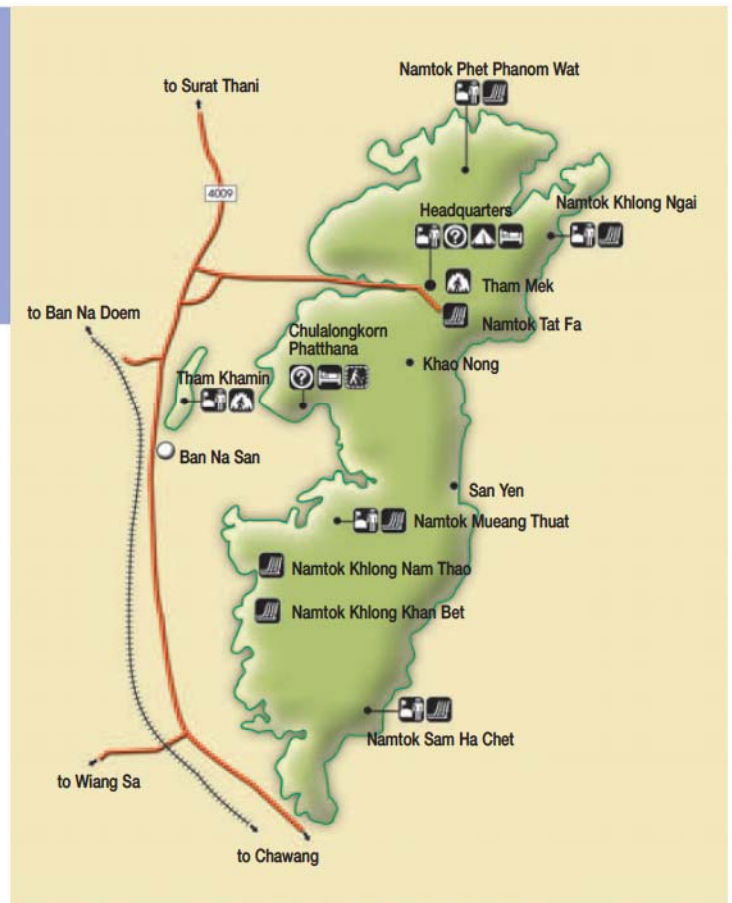
◆ **Mueang Thuat Waterfall.** The most famous waterfall in Amphoe Ban Na San, Surat Thani is around 20 metres high. Shady surrounding makes it a very nice place to visit.

◆ **Sam Ha Chet Waterfall.** The very beautiful waterfall is 25 metres high. Visitor requires to trek for 3 kilometres. Once, the camp of communist was located nearby.

◆ **Khlong Nam Thao Waterfall.** The waterfall is 35 metres high. Tourist requires to walk for 900 metres to get to the waterfall.

◆ **Khlong Khan Bet Waterfall.** The 7 tiers waterfall is 20 metres high. Tourist requires to walk for 500 metres.

◆ **Mek Cave.** High ceiling of this narrow cave is occupied by many beehive of Great Bee every year. The cave is close to Dat Fa Waterfall.



◆ **Men Cave.** The big can complicate cave is decorated naturally with rock formation. It is home to lots of bat.

◆ **Khao Nong.** The highest peak of Surat Thani is 1,530 metres above sea level. It is misty and cold all the year round. Tree trunks on the summit are blankets with thick moss. There is a pond, acquiring 5 rais area on the summit. The mountain contains the plants of both moist evergreen forest and hill evergreen forest.

◆ **San Yen.** The eastern ridge of the park is 40 kilometres long. From distance, it looks a pretty smooth ridge at the elevation 1,000-1,300 metres. It is home to animals and plants which cannot be found on the lower area.

◆ **Khao Nam Toei Nature.** The 2 kilometres trail leads the tourist to study ecological system of tropical rain forest which contain great biological diversity of plants.

During the 30 minutes excursion, tourist can see *Dipterocarpus alatus*, *Baccaurea* sp., *Calamus* sp., *Salacca wallichiana* and Fern.