

Phra Sutham Chedi & Wat Hin Maak Peng

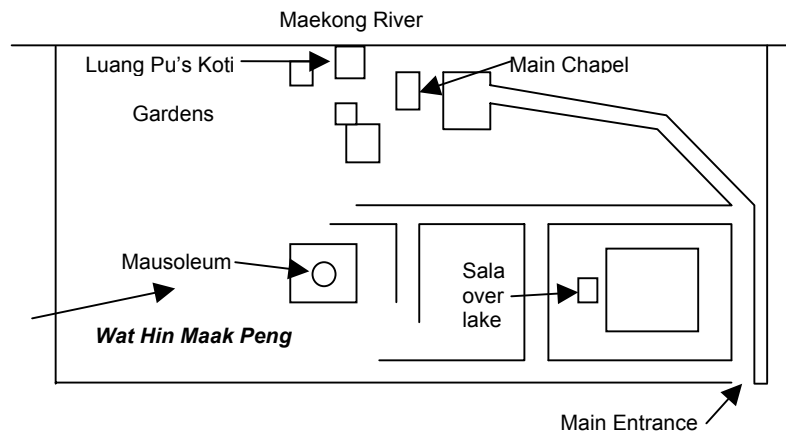
Getting There and Away

By Bus

Bus number 507 to Sangkhom leaves from the main bus station. However, you should not leave it too late in the morning before setting off. The bus goes down the main highway to Nong Song Hong then past Wat Phra That Bang Phuan. Along the way you will see the topiary dinosaurs, Thai boxers and teletubbies for which this road is famed. The bus will pass through Tha Bo, and Sri Chiang Mai.

If you are wishing to see Phra Sutham Chedi you should ask for Wat Aran Ban Pot (or show them the Thai : วัดอรุณบรรพต). The temple is on the other side of the road from the Maekong River (left side). You can climb the serpent staircase up to the main chapel in the temple and then walk round past the monks kotis' to the Chedi or take the unsurfaced road to its right, directly there.

Wat Hin Maak Peng is a few kilometres further on but on the other side of the road (river side). The Thai for this temple is: วัดหินหมากเป้ง. The temple area is large (probably more than two square kilometers) so follow this map:



As an alternative way of starting your journey you can follow the Nong Khai to Tha Bo river road. From Chayaporn Market Road (Thanon Talat Chayaporn) there is a yellow bus which goes along the river road directly to Tha Bo. In Tha Bo you will have to change busses; and carry on either with bus 507 or by taking a Song Thaew. There are also a few Song Thaews from Sri Chiang Mai which go directly to Wat Hin Maak Peng.

By Car or Motorbike

*Turn right out of the gates of Mut Mee and follow the river bank road all the way to Tha Bo. When you reach Tha Bo follow Map 1 on the '**Phu Phra Bat Historical Park – Getting there and Away**' page, except go straight on at the traffic lights. This will take you straight to Sri Chiang Mai which you should pass straight through. Finding the entrance to Wat Aran Ban Pot may prove a little tricky, but after 20 or so kilometres, show the locals the Thai (วัดอรุณบรรพต) and you should have no difficulty. Remember that the entrance is on the left side of the road.*

For Wat Hin Maak Peng (วัดหินหมากเป้ง) you should carry on a few kilometres and you will see signs clearly marked in English. The temple is on the right (Maekong River) side of the road.