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(The Northern Ayodhya Loop)

west until arriving at the main road. Turn left and continue until you come to the same side road across the street from the cement factory. Turn left once again and the road will lead to the same scenic canal. Bike along the canal until you arrive at the bridge, then cross it (as in option one.)

Wat Nang Kham or the "Monastery of the Mistress Kham" is a restored ruin located in Tambon Phaling, close to the bank of the Ban Bat canal. Following archaeological evidence found in situ, this temple was built in the Early Ayuthaya period. Restoration took place in the reign of King Borommakot.

- ❖ **Final Step:** Return to the main road from Wat Nam Kham, and then turn left. You will head south a short distance before seeing the large pond that you biked past earlier.
- ❖ If you are on the half day tour, simply turn right at the large pond and backtrack the same route to get back to the train station. You can return by ferry boat with the same route used previously. However, we recommend that you cut back on traffic risks by bypassing Chao Phrom Market. Head north for one block and then turn left on Pa Maprao Road. You will then the next left at the first road you come past. This returns you to the starting point.
- ❖ If you are on the full day tour, simply continue south toward the large bell-shaped chedi that can be clearly seen in the middle of Rajana Road. This is Wat Sam Plum. See Ayuthaya Eastern Bicycle Track for additional directions.



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- ❖ **Wat Ching:** A new elephant camp has been built in the area that is getting a lot of attention recently. You can make your own choice whether to visit this establishment or not.
- ❖ **Wat Ching:** It will be obvious to any cyclist that there is plenty of activity going on directly west of Wat Ching. However, it should not be confused with the elephant or horse elephant camps of historical significance during the Ayuthaya period. This is a modern site.
- ❖ **Observe:** cyclists might also spot a bizarre jary tale house in this area (behind the place with smoker tables). It might provide some interesting material for photographs, but it isn't part of this bike route.
- ❖ **Cyclists can make their own choice for the next step of this tour:**
 - **Option One:** You can return to the intersection in front of Wat Kua Dao and make a left, heading south on the main road until the next Point of Interest. In this case, you would turn left at the main side road across the street from the cement factory (and near the large pond that you biked past earlier). This side road will head into a scenic canal. Klong Wat Nam Kham. The next Point of Interest will be within easy view. Just bike along the canal until you arrive at the bridge, then cross it to the other side.
 - **Option Two:** If you want to visit the elephant camp, walk your bike over the small mound used by elephants west of Wat Ching. From here, you can bike west until arriving at the main road. Turn left and continue until you come to the same side road across the street from the cement factory. Turn left once again and the road will lead to the same scenic canal. Bike along the canal until you arrive at the bridge, then cross it (as in option one.)
- ❖ **Note:** A few cyclists may also be curious about a small two story building between Wat Mahayong and Wat Ching. This reference Point is known as Funak Mahayong. The next temple can be reached by returning to the fork in the road in front of Wat Mahayong. This time make a right into the field just ahead. A large bell-shaped chedi will be in clear view to the south. This is the next Point of Interest.
- ❖ **The next temple can be reached by returning to the fork in the road in front of Wat Mahayong.** This time make a right into the field just ahead. A large bell-shaped chedi will be in clear view to the south. This is the next Point of Interest.

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