

AYUTTHAYA - SOUTH EASTERN BICYCLE TRACK
(The Southern Ayodhya Loop)

- ❖ *Whatever option selected, go north until arriving at the first road on your left (after crossing the bridge over Khlong Ban Bat. You will see a large pond on the left hand side of the road. Take a left turn and head toward the train station. This street will have some natural turns and plenty of speed bumps, but the train station and final reference point will be in view before long.*

Wat Luang Phor Kho Hak or the "Monastery of the Buddha with the Broken Neck" is also locally known as Luang Phor Suriyamuni. This small monastic structure was part of Wat Chang or the "Monastery of the Elephant" in earlier times.

- ❖ *Final Step: After crossing the train tracks, 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 turn left at the first road you come past. This returns you to the starting point.*



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- ❖ *You must cross the busy street to continue bicycling north of this roundabout chedi. However, there are two options for accomplishing this daunting task. If you are confident that your biking skills could survive the chaotic traffic and dangers ahead, simply circle around the roundabout in sync with motor vehicles until you can continue on the road north ahead.*
- ❖ *The second option is turn left, eventually hopping your bike onto the sidewalk. It is possible to bypass all this traffic by going under the bridge (beside Khlong Dusit). In this case, you will take a small path that runs parallel to the bridge. It will lead to another small path on the opposite side of the road. Head back toward the roundabout chedi and turn left on the northern road.*

Chedi Wat Sam Pluam is located dead-center in the middle of the Rajana Road – as it leads to from the main highway. Wat Sam Pluam serves as a major roundabout, and it is well-known welcoming sign to the old city. Its large chedi is usually decorated and lit up at night. The style of the chedi suggests that it was constructed in the middle-Ayutthaya period. However, it should be pointed out that, King Boromnakot (r. 1733-1758) renovated many monasteries in this area during his reign, so it is possible that Wat Sam Pluam may have contributed to renovation as well.

- ❖ *Continue going north until you arrive at the surprising large chedi in the middle of Kochama Road. This site can be seen at a great distance away and is impossible to overlook.*

Wat Dusit is a deserted monastery that was once accessible from Khlong Dusit. There are the remains of a walled hill and some chedi still on site. The former temple remains mostly unexcavated, and there is an abundance of red brick scattered around. Squatters have built shacks on top of the formerly consecrated ground. A modern shrine has been constructed on site to commemorate Wat Dusit.

- ❖ *Continue cycling north from Wat Yat Chai Mongkhon. This main road is busy but unavoidable. On the left hand side of the road, you might see a small ruin if you are biking slowly. This is deserted monastery is known as Wat Dusit. It is located directly beside the road.*

Wat Bot Dheung is a deserted monastery. This temple's name suggests the existence of former red dhot, but no trace of it remains today. The surviving architectural structure is a large bell-shaped "deck". This style is usually attributed to the middle-Ayutthaya period, but a sign posted by the Fine Arts Department claims that Wat Bot Dheung actually belongs to an earlier period and that its location next to Wat Yat shows it played a more important role.

However, to physically visit this ruin, it is better to use a road located directly inside the Wat Yat Chai Mongkhon compound.

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