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Temple Day : Ta Nei

Ta Nei temple lies east of Angkor Thom (the “city”) and north of Ta Promh. The road off the circuit road to the temple was very dry (but still firm). We rode past the main entrance and came in to the temple grounds at the north of the temple (where the workers park).

The temple workers have excavated around the pathways from the east in to the temple, that is, the main temple entrance. They have dug out a lot of dirt and revealed a lot of carving, on the walls of these raised walkways into the temple buildings.

There was no sign of the workers who were washing the broken pottery pieces last time we were here.



Morning sunshine, big trees and the north side of the temple and the inner wall at Ta Nei.



Excavations along the side of the walkway into the temple (from the east). You can see some parts of the broken Naga balustrade.



Another view showing the carvings on the sandstone of the walkway.



Carvings previously hidden by dirt (about 1 meter deep).

Tuesday 4th March, 2025.

A quiet day at home after our excursion yesterday. We are conscious of not doing too much walking (and climbing or “rock hopping”) to not jeopardise David’s recovery.

Wednesday 5th March, 2025.

David went to Anjali. It is a long day on his feet (and all the more tiring because the humidity is ramping up).

As usual, I spent the day at home. It is a good day to wash the floors, clean the bathrooms and have a general clean up around the house. There is still time for sewing and to get my watercolours out.

Thursday 6th March, 2025.

Temple Day : Don Mao

Don Mao is one of our favourite short walks and temple visits. It lies between Ta Nei and Ta Promh and we have never seen other tourists there, which is a shame because so much is happening at the moment.

There are significant further excavations here. We walked right up to the pits and one girl spoke to us a little.

There are deep trenches which have revealed the outer walls of the temple. The temple complex here was bigger than we thought!



Excavation pit showing the corner of the outer laterite wall of the temple.



The east edge of the temple as we knew it. New pits showing more laterite stones, structural foundations of the temple or pathways.

In the distance you can see the fallen lion, which was completely covered for the nearly two years we have been visiting this temple (and probably most of the nine hundred years since this temple was inhabited).



Looking from the east back at the temple ruins (which doesn't have much structure to it). This laterite pathway runs east of the temple. Less than a year ago, this used to be jungle.



Modern and makeshift equipment.



More of the wall and some deeper digging. They leave the big tree roots, simply digging around them. You wouldn't want to wander around here in the dark (the temples close each evening, but I am not sure how diligent the search to clear out the tourists actually is).



Steps discovered in a pit. The typical temple floor plan would make searching relatively straight forward.



The path south of the temple.

It is very pleasing to us that our Facebook friends say they love seeing our posts.

We love to share these finds with you all.



David was probably sending pictures of the works around the temple.