

Part 311 for Cathy's blog

December 1st, 2025

Monday December 1st, 2025.

Temple Day : Banteay Thom

With the cooler mornings, we decided to ride further afield, to Banteay Thom. This involves a longer ride on the Korean Ring Road and then several kilometres along “roads” which are little more than tracks beside rice fields.

Your first sight of the temple is the laterite wall, which you ride alongside for several hundred meters, before parking under trees at the east entrance.



The sandstone blocks have fallen over the entrance, and you have to step up through the side doorway to enter the fully enclosed temple. Banteay Thom has two complete walls.

Inside was overgrown. The grass was taller than David.

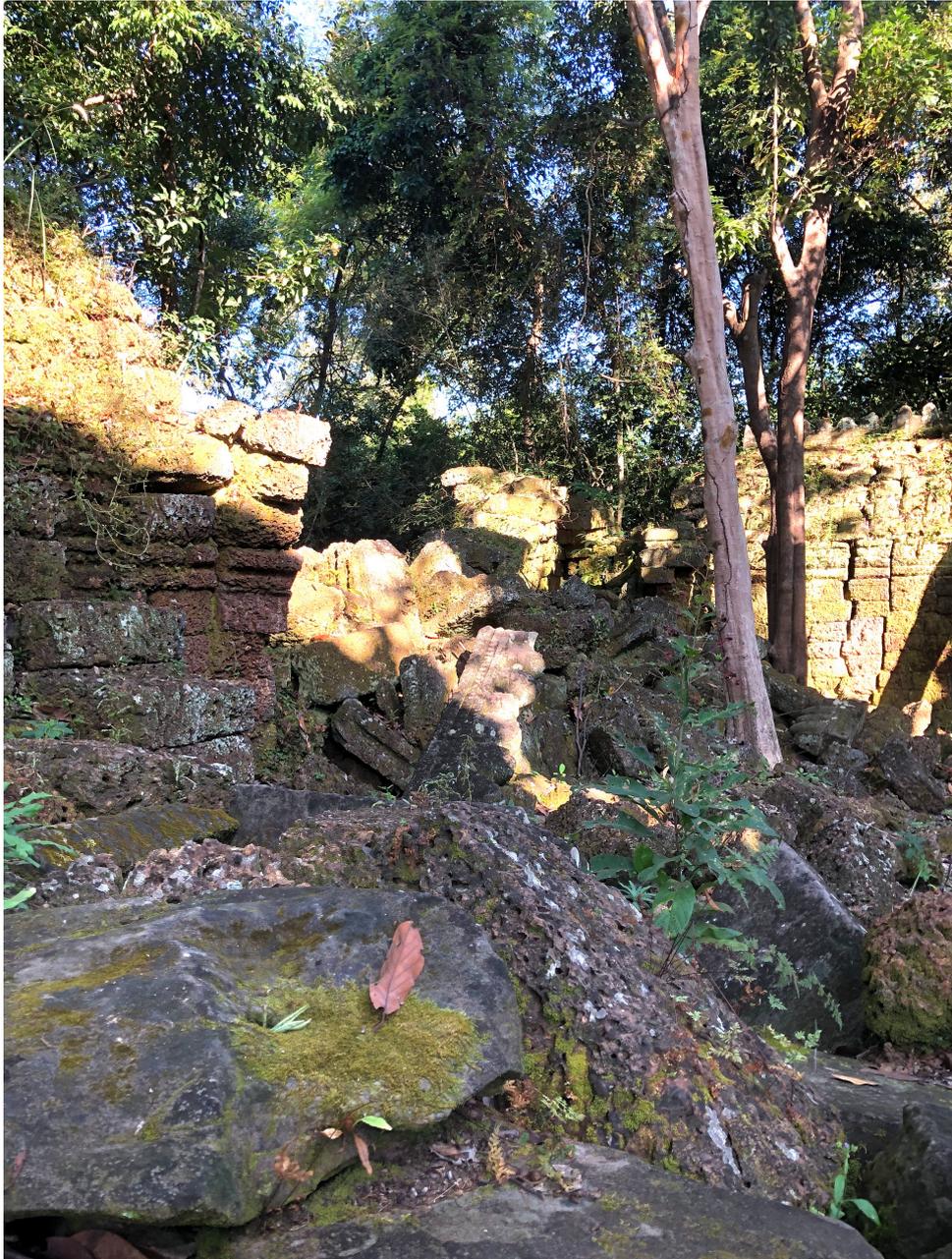




A long “tunnel” surrounds the inner temple towers.



The tunnel has collapsed at the back (west side).



There was a variety of insect life too. This little moth kept quite still in the grass.





And a lacewing.



And dragonflies.



A serious lizard.



The sunshine is bright and warm, so it was soon time to head back home.



In the sandy spots on the tracks, I walk, while David eases the bike along. I found this small tree... pretty sure it's a wattle.



And these pretty flowers on a ground plant.

