

Part 353 for Cathy's blog

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th, May, 2026

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Temple Day : Victory Gate to NE Prasat Chrung



Fly.

We have been hoping for a bit more rain, but it seems to have eluded us here in Siem Reap. There are still some insects around, though.



I guess these aren't sweet as there are no flies or ants nearby.



These seedpods have been carried here. They have big, flat seeds like horse chestnuts, only bigger. They are used in traditional Khmer Games.





Millipede



This was our most exciting find today. It is commonly called a long horn beetle (sometimes called a mango borer).



David picked it up. It gave a funny (angry) buzz when he put it down again!



We also found this katydid.



And on the way home, we stopped to let this snake pass (the car stopped too). It was a radiated rat snake.

Tuesday May 12th, 2026.

**Temple Day : Angkor Wat east entrance, Kapilapura
Then Phimeanakas and the new carvings**

Kapilapura is one of the few temples that still has its original name (this is known due to carved script). It was a forgotten temple in the jungle to the north east of Angkor Wat (and probably not worth the walk, actually!)



**Looking across the Angkor Wat moat, to the “island”,
and
Angkor Wat lies a further kilometre in from the moat.**



Big trees on the edge of the moat.



A water lock at the NE corner of the moat. The water level is carefully monitored. The weight of the Angkor Wat building is stabilised by the water in the moat.



The NE corner of the moat, looking along the northern side of the Angkor Wat “island”.



The Kapilapura site.

Then we rode on to Phimeanakas, the Royal Palace.

We have been here recently, but the works continue.



**At the
of this
photo
the two
trenches
we saw**



**front
are**

**excavated just a
few weeks ago. Now, the whole basin has been dug up.**



Standing on the western side, with the basin lying to the left.



A large crab catching a bird.



A crocodile with an unhappy fish.

Is this crocodile holding another crocodile?

There are more carvings to be seen... stay tuned.

Time to head home (to check my language homework!).

