

Phu Pha Toep National Park Bouldering



Rock: Unusual eroded rock formations. Probably Sandstone with a lot of iron ore. The rock is usually very solid, only the steeper sections need a bit of cleaning.

Climbing Style: Unlike Sikhui or Font, most of the boulders here are extremely steep, often forming roofs. Mostly reasonably good crimps in steep terrain with long reaches in between.

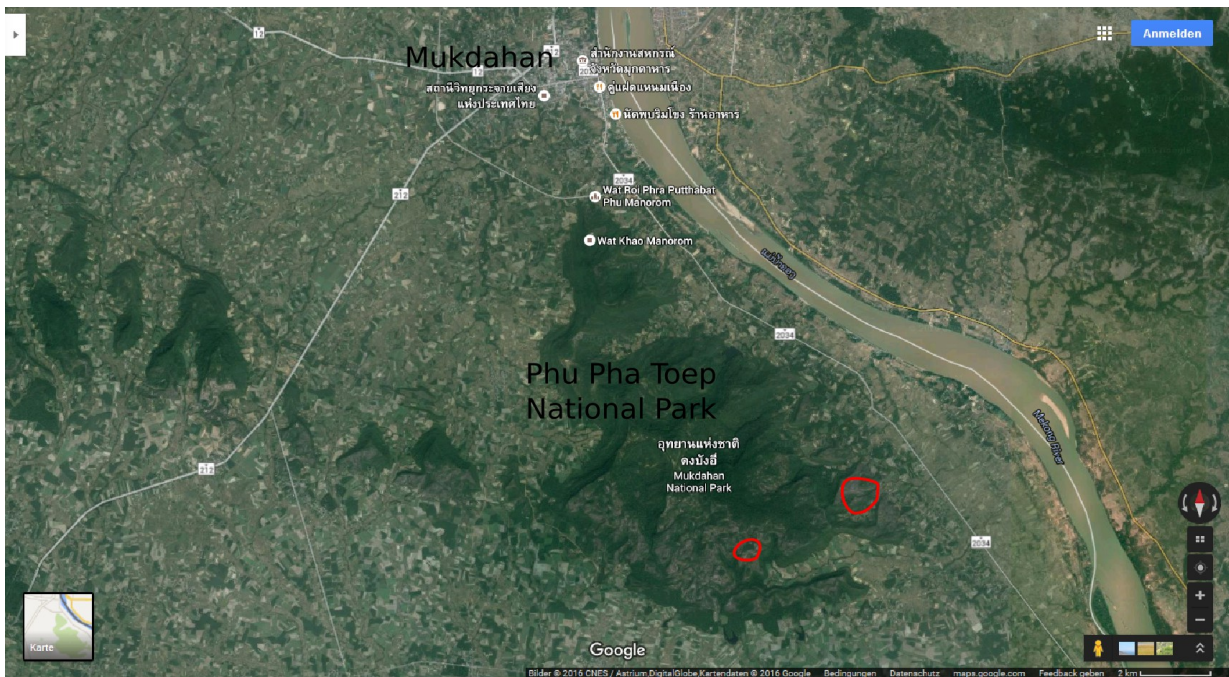
Conditions: The rock dries out quite slowly, but it's almost always possible to find dry problems to climb on.

Access Rules: So far the park rangers were always happy to see us and curious of what we were doing. We want it to stay this way, so please follow these simple rules:

- when climbing in Sector 1, always pay the National Park fee, don't try to sneak in.
- Use as little chalk as possible on the problems next to the established paths
- no screaming or swearing, no loud music
- eat and drink at the food stalls next to the national park headquarters after climbing



Access: Phu Pha Thoep National Park is in the Northeast of Thailand, next to the Laotian border and the Mekong river. It is about 30 minutes south of Mukdahan by motorbike.



For Sector 1, drive straight to the National Park headquarter, park your car or motorbike there and walk uphill to the boulders in less than 2 minutes.

For Sector 2, take a right turn about 1km after the exit for the NP and follow the road just along the edge of the forest for another 4km. When the road ends, you stop. There is probably not enough space for a car to park here. Head slightly leftwards into the jungle.

There are many more sectors out there in the jungle, just keep exploring!



There are currently about 15-20 established problems, most in Sector 1, with potential for several hundred more spread out all across the National Park area and in other forested areas around Mukdahan. If you establish any new problems, feel free to contact me under jonas.schropp@gmx.de and I will try and put together a topo eventually.