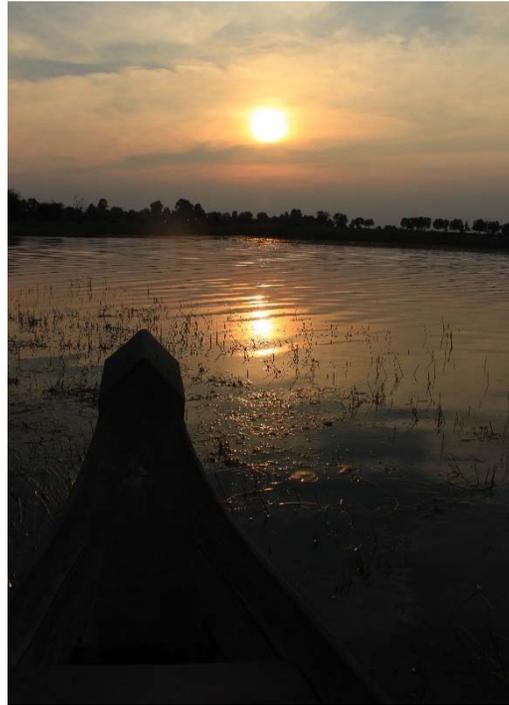




Sambor Prey Kuh Archeological Site in Kampong Thom Province is Pre-Angkorian of the Chenla Kingdom (late 6th to 9th century).

#### HOW TO GET TO THE SITE

From Kampong Thom take NR64 north 16km to NR219 then east 57km to Sandan town—about 2 hours. From Sandan continue east on 219 about 3km to the unpaved road south 2km to Boeung Okranhak Lake. This route takes you past the little-visited ruins of Sambor Prey Kuh, an archeological site older than Angkor Wat Temple in Siem Reap Province. This is an excellent 2 hour stop (restaurant available) on your way to Sandan.



Enjoy a peaceful afternoon sunset reflecting on the beautiful Boeung O'kranhak lake, while listening to a wide array of bird species preparing to roost for the evening.

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#### Reaksmeay Phoum Pir Kiri Boeung Kranhak Ecotourism Site



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## Background

The Community-Based Ecotourism Site, Reasmey Phum Pir Kiri Boeung Kranhak, was established in 2014 and officially recognized by the Kampong Thom Provincial Governor on October 2, 2015. It lies within two officially-designated community forests and consists of a beautiful natural lake surrounded by forest on the eastern shore, and covers an area of 193 ha.

Visitors to the ecotourism site are a mixture of Cambodians from Kampong Thom and surrounding provinces and international travelers. Cambodians typically come to the lake with their families during national or local holidays and enjoy relaxing picnics along the shore or swimming and boating. International visitors are more likely to seek an authentic Cambodian homestay experience, combined with bird watching and forest walks to see wildlife, unique plant species and historically important cultural sites.

### Community Based Ecotourism Map



### Accommodation

Either sleep in a simple Khmer traditional house and eat local food with the residents or a guesthouse is available that has rooms with fans, air-con and WiFi.

### Local market

There is a market in Sandan District, where local residents sell a wide variety of goods and traditional wares.

### Boat tour activity

Wooden and plastic bottle boats on the lake can be arranged and allows for close views of lush forest, birdlife and traditional fishing techniques.



Beautiful Boeung Okranhak lake ecotourism lake and the eastern forested shore line.

### Picnic shelter

Both inland and floating shelters provide shade and a place for families to enjoy lunch with cooling air from the lake.

### Forest walks

Trailheads for forest walks can either be reached by boat or motorcycle and are the best way to experience the forest, birds, tree and other wildlife.

### Historic cultural sites

Within the ecotourism site visitors can see lingas and broken pottery from the Pre-Angkorian period, which local people believe assists spirits with protecting the forest.

### Traditional fishing

Enjoy watching local people catching fish in rice paddy fields nearby the lake.

### Rice harvesting

Traditional rice harvesting during December-January is an interesting agricultural activity that visitors can observe.

### Bird watching

Enjoy watching approximately 39 bird species, including attractive water birds such as the woolly-necked stork, painted stork and river lapwing.



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Painted stork, image courtesy of SVC