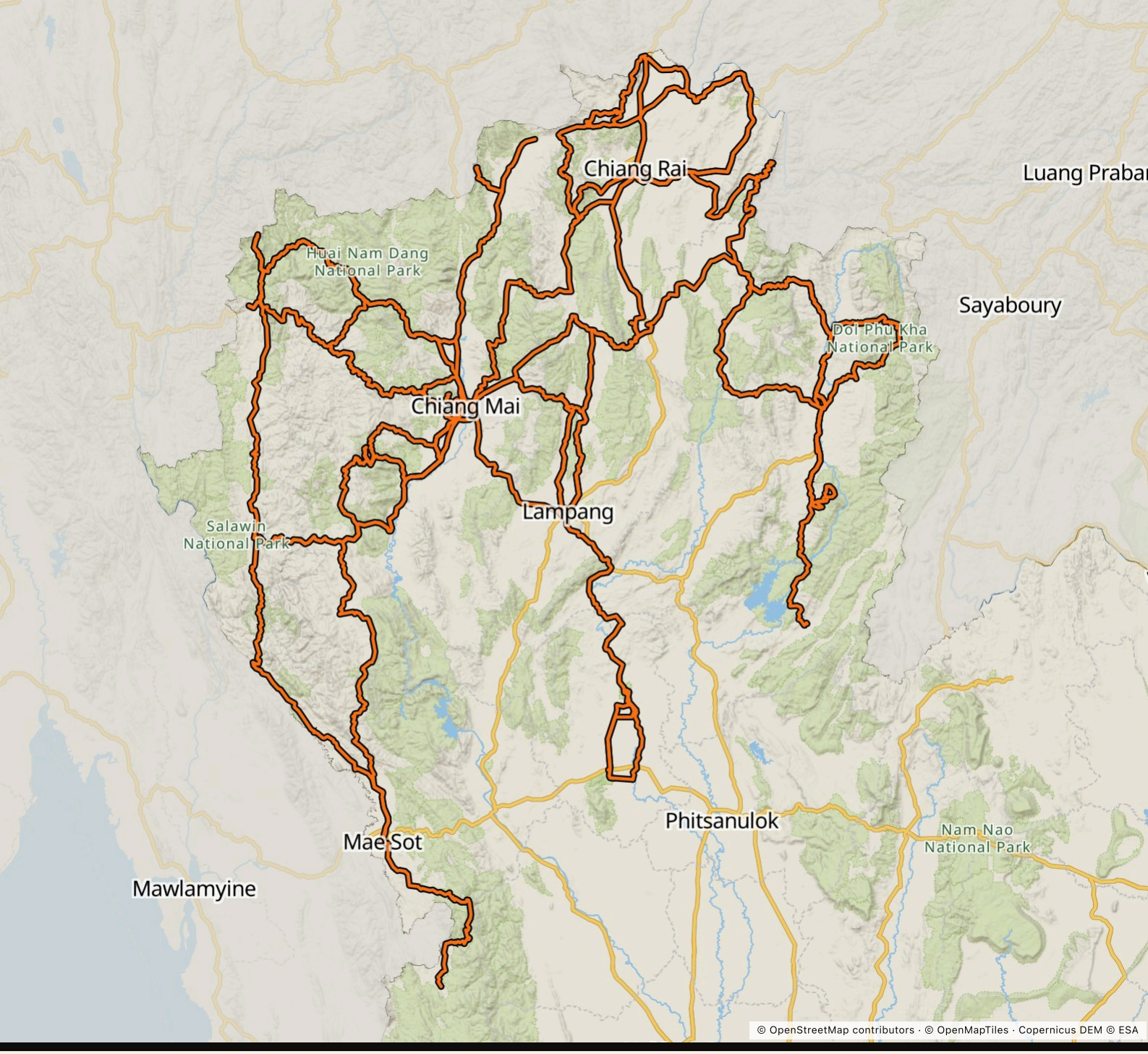


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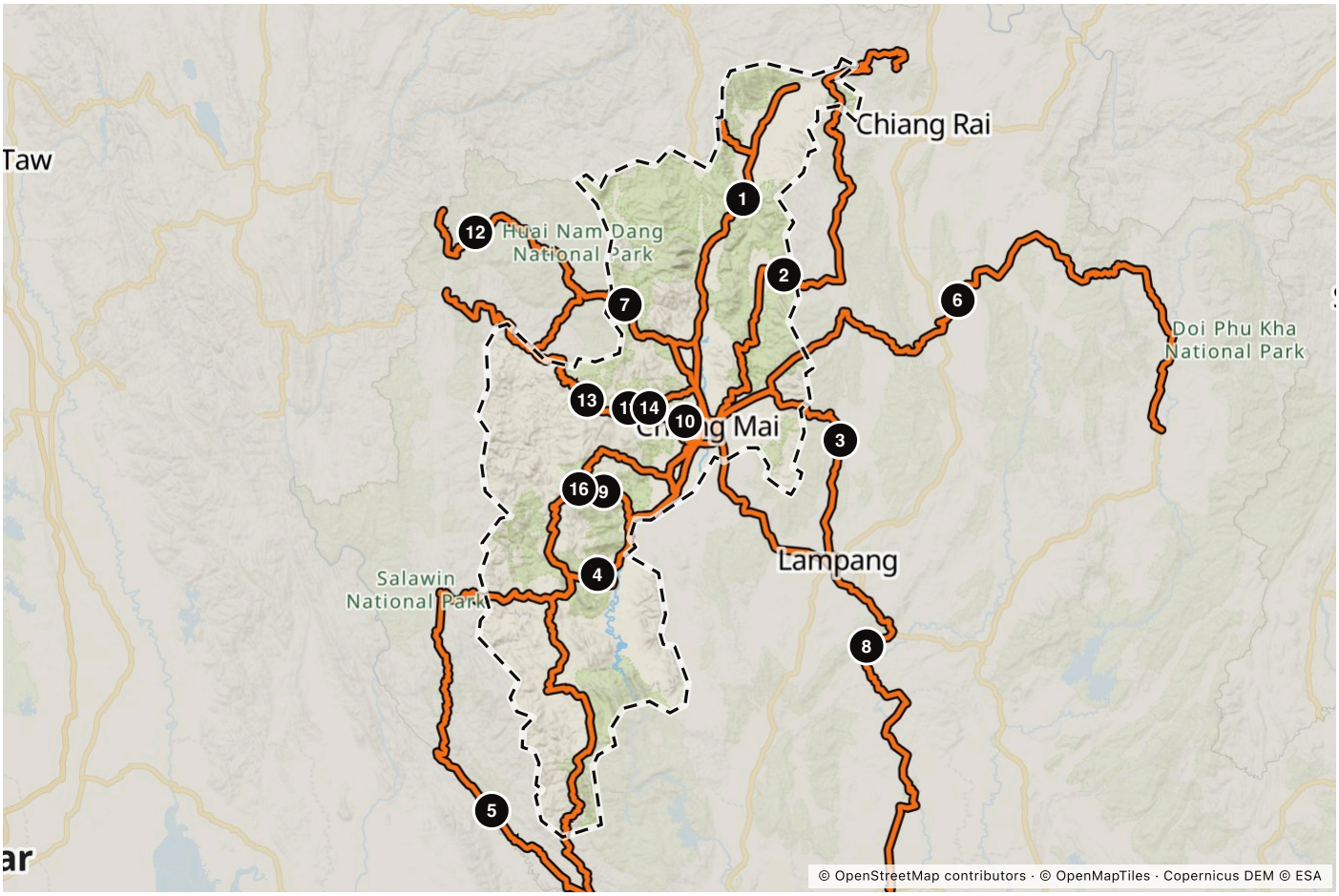
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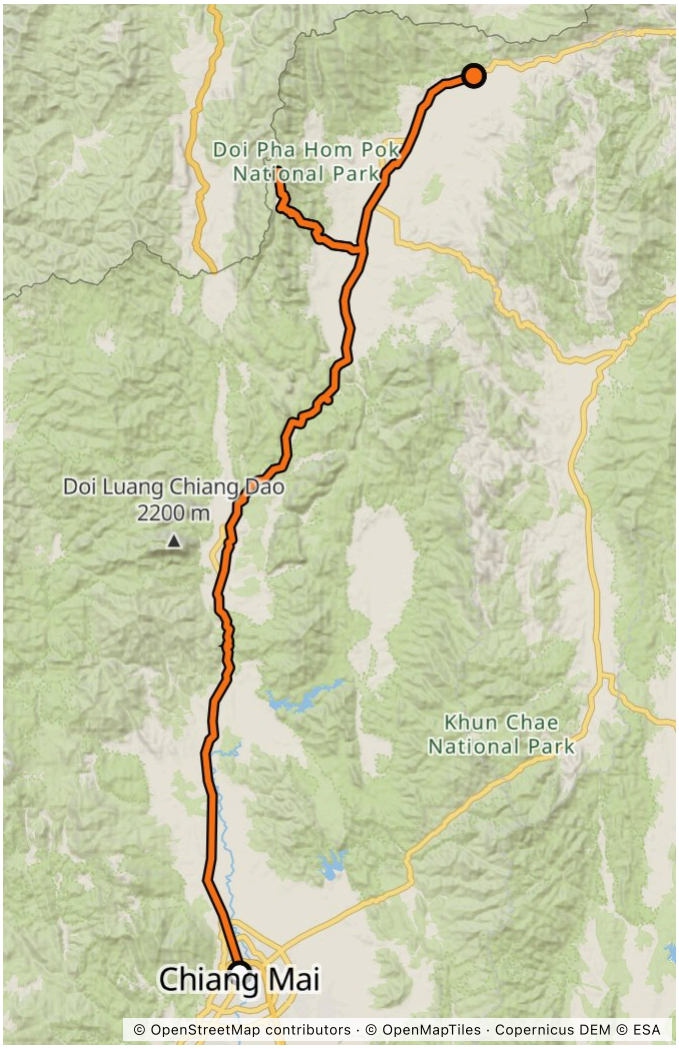
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CHIANG DAO, DOI ANG KHANG AND THA TON 01

CHIANG MAI	223 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

North from Chiang Mai past the limestone bulk of Doi Chiang Dao, then up to the royal agricultural station at Doi Ang Khang, right on the Myanmar border. The roads up and down the mountain are steep and narrow with tight hairpins, so this one is for confident riders. Come down to Fang and finish in Tha Ton on the Kok River, a good place to stay the night before riding on to Chiang Rai.

Fuel stops Chiang Dao, Chai Prakan and Fang. None on the mountain.

Water crossings None

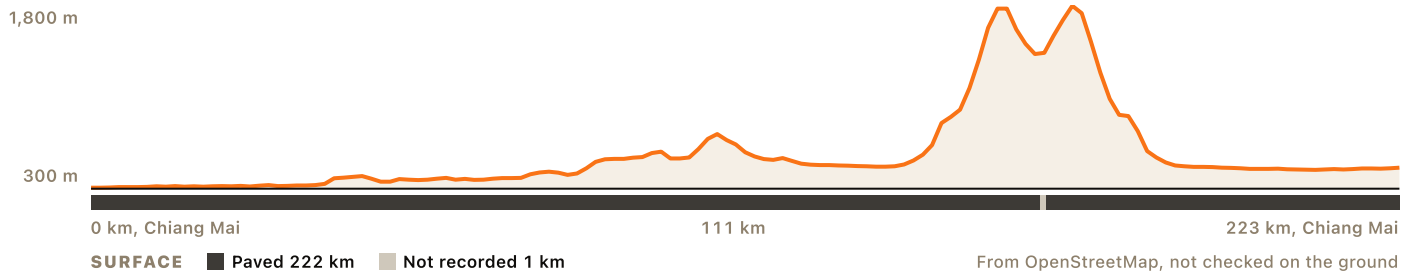
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2,405 M	1,798 M	317 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



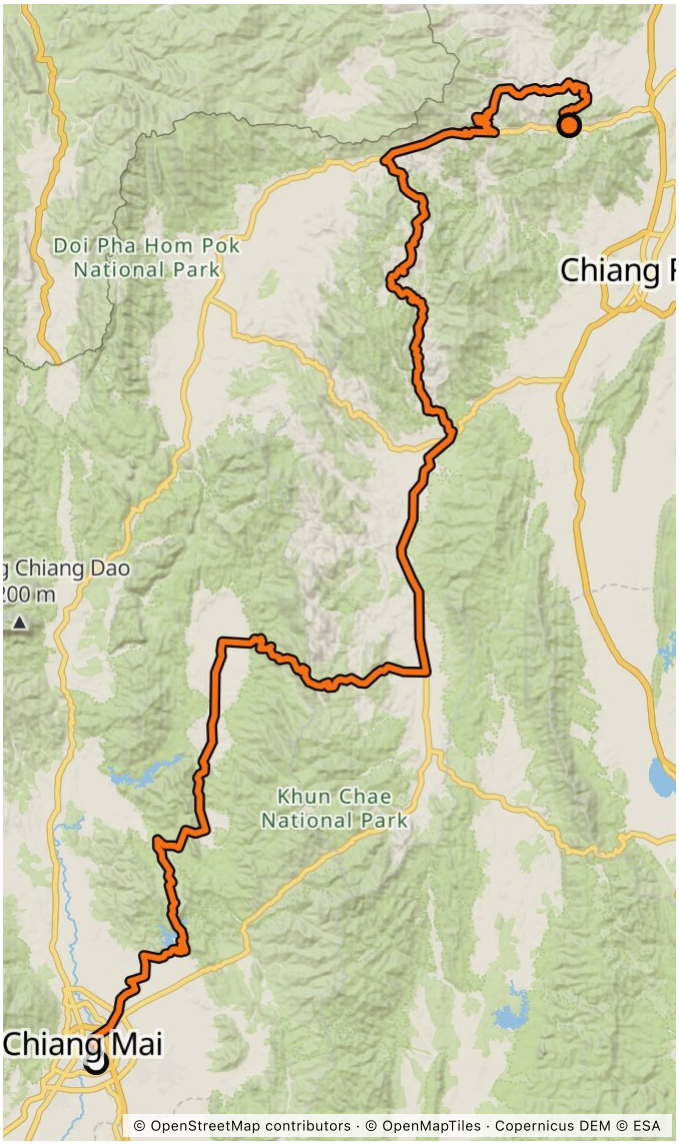
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CHIANG MAI TO DOI MAE SALONG

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CHIANG MAI TO CHIANG RAI	340 KM	FULL DAY	ALL YEAR	99% PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

A ride into the cool hills of Chiang Rai following a gorgeous ridge line through Doi Chang. The ride ends in the hills of Doi Mae Salong where there are plenty of Yunan and other Hills Tribe villages.

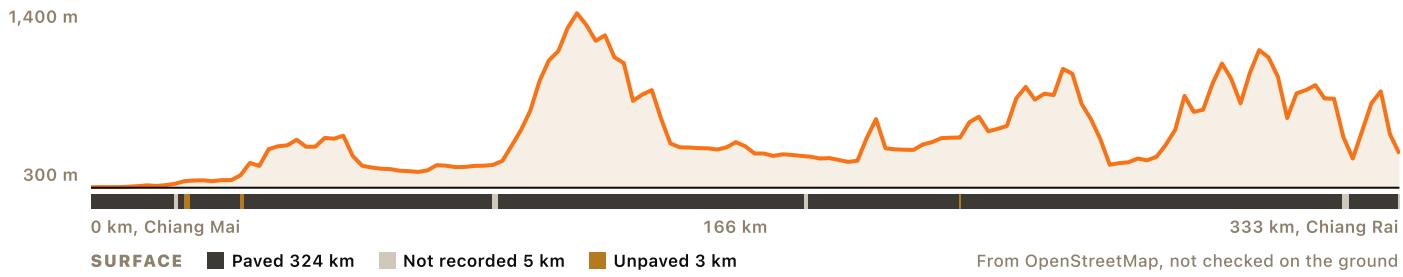
Fuel stops	In all major towns
Water crossings	None
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6,298 M	1,348 M	308 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



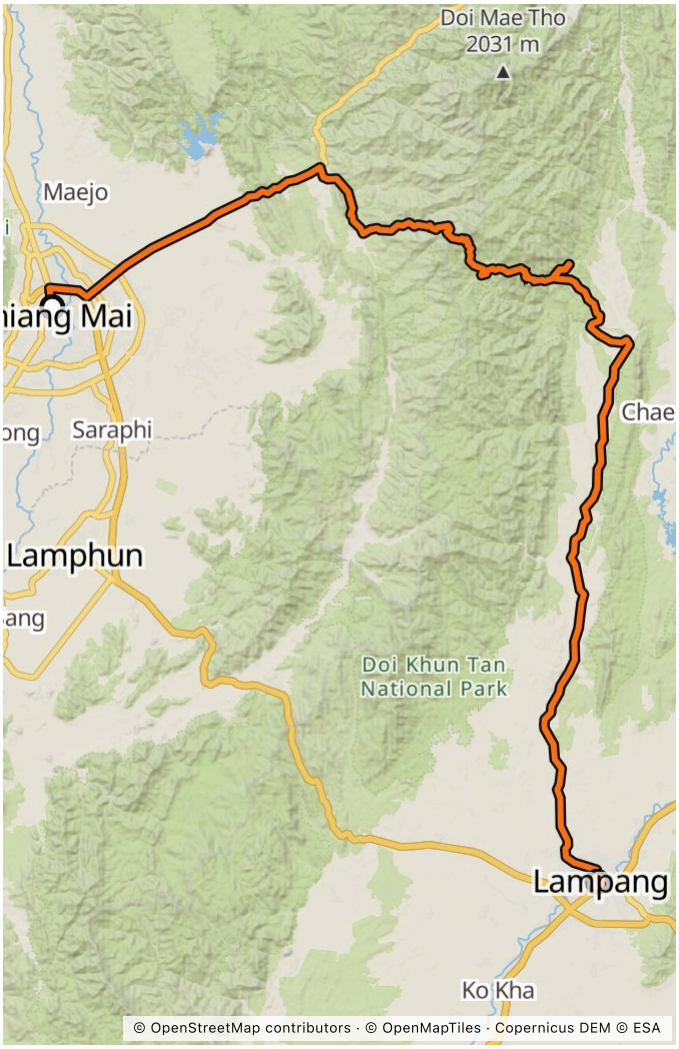
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CHIANG MAI TO LAMPANG BY THE BACK ROADS

03

CHIANG MAI TO LAMPANG	150 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	99% PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

Skip the highway. Ride east to the mountain village of Mae Kampong for coffee among the tea gardens, then take the narrow concrete road over the ridge to Chae Son National Park, where you can boil eggs in the hot springs. From there quiet country roads run south through Mueang Pan to Lampang and its old teak houses. The ridge road is steep and narrow but almost empty.

Fuel stops Mae On before the climb, Mueang Pan, then Lampang.

Water crossings None

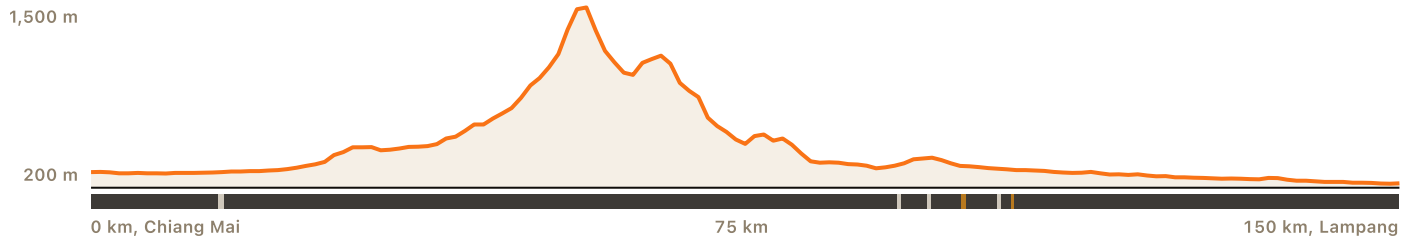
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1,588 M	1,480 M	236 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



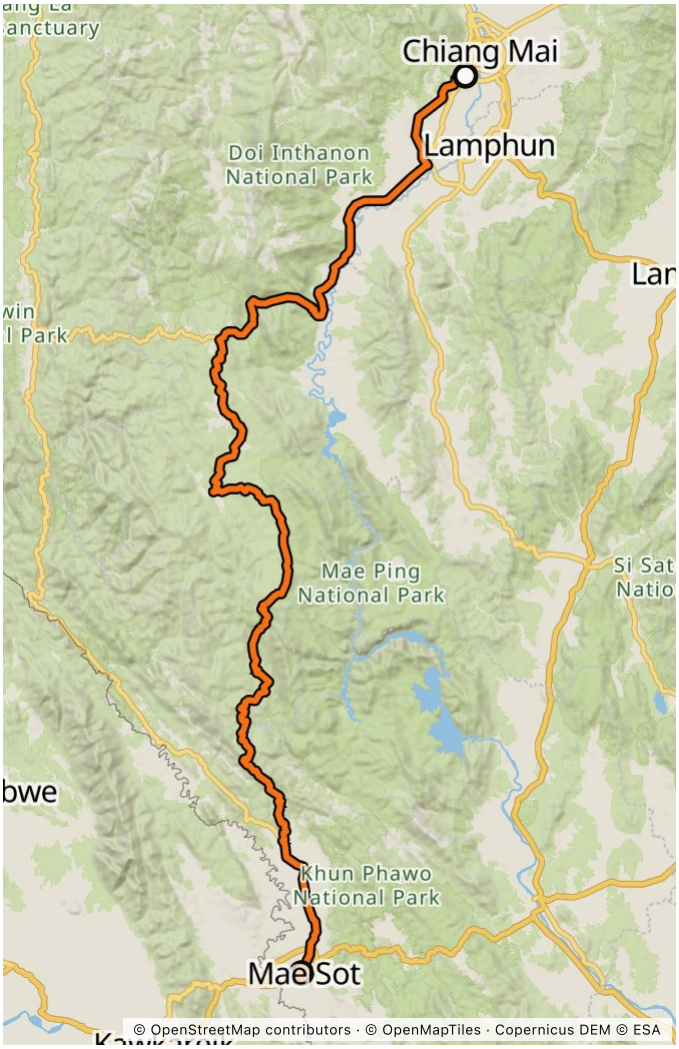
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CHIANG MAI TO MAE SOT VIA MAE RAMAT

04

CHIANG MAI TO TAK	362 KM	FULL DAY	ALL YEAR	99% PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

An exhilarating ride from Chiang Mai to Mae Sot via Om Koi and Mae Ramat. Deep in the hills of Northern Thailand, these roads wind through all the natural beauty this region has to offer.

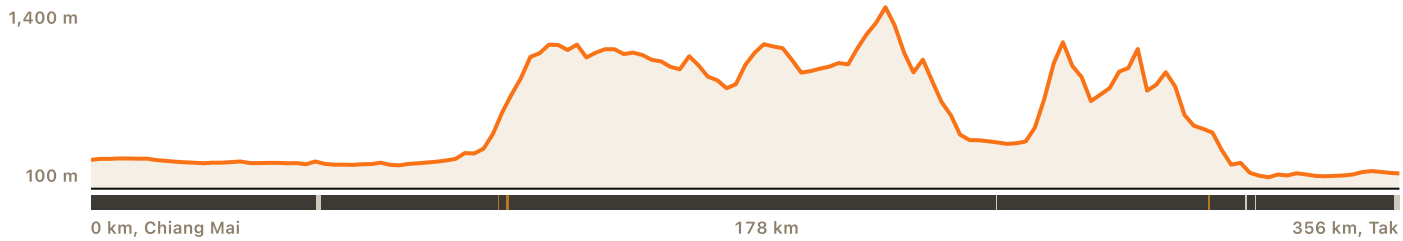
Fuel stops	In all major towns
Water crossings	None
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5,484 M	1,389 M	187 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



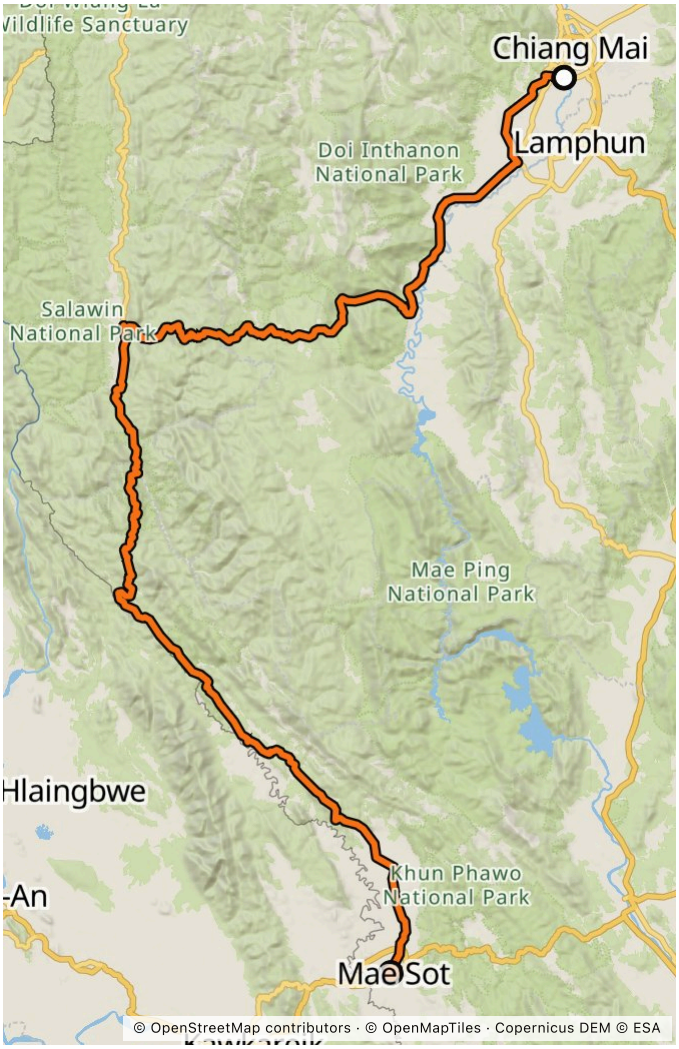
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CHIANG MAI TO MAE SOT VIA THE BORDER ROADS

05

CHIANG MAI TO TAK	424 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - JULY	ALL PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

A long though exhilarating ride from Chiang Mai to Mae Sot following the roads along the Myanmar border, passing hill tribe settlements and stunning cliffs.

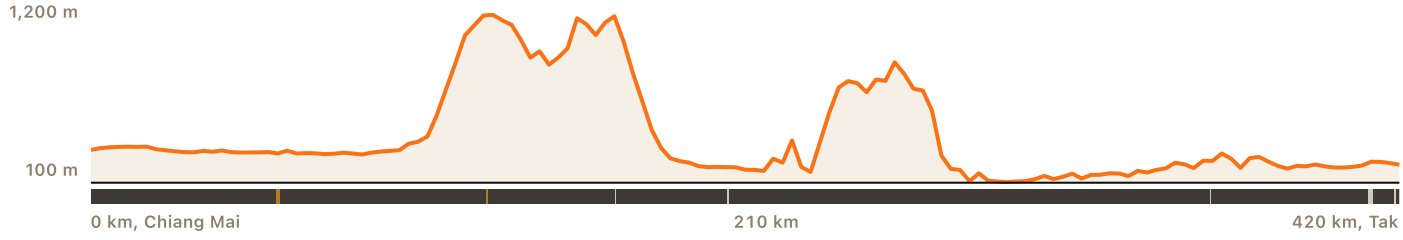
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Water crossings	None
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5,530 M	1,109 M	109 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



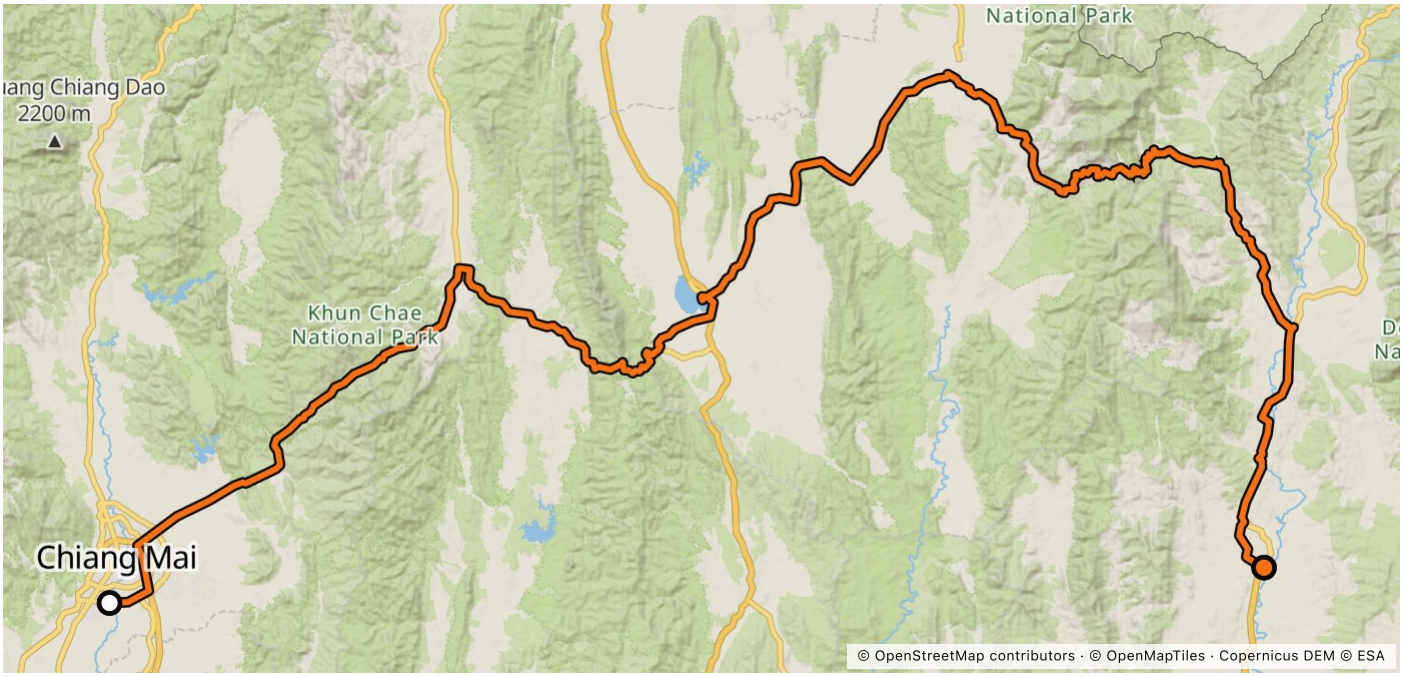
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CHIANG MAI TO NAN VIA THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN

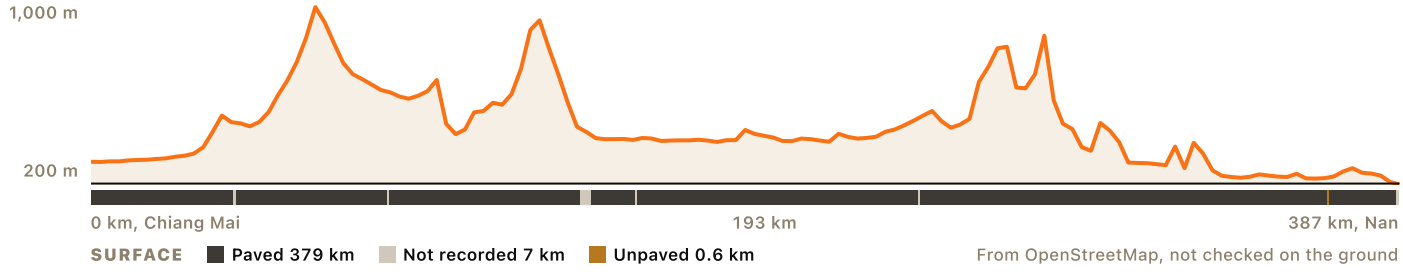
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CHIANG MAI TO NAN	391 KM	FULL DAY	ALL YEAR	ALL PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

4,260 M	971 M	201 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 379 km Not recorded 7 km Unpaved 0.6 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

A winding route from Chiang Mai through the best roads in the North, past the stunning ridge line ride offering views of Magic Mountain, and ending in Nan, an untouched gem of the North.

Fuel stops	In all major towns
Water crossings	None
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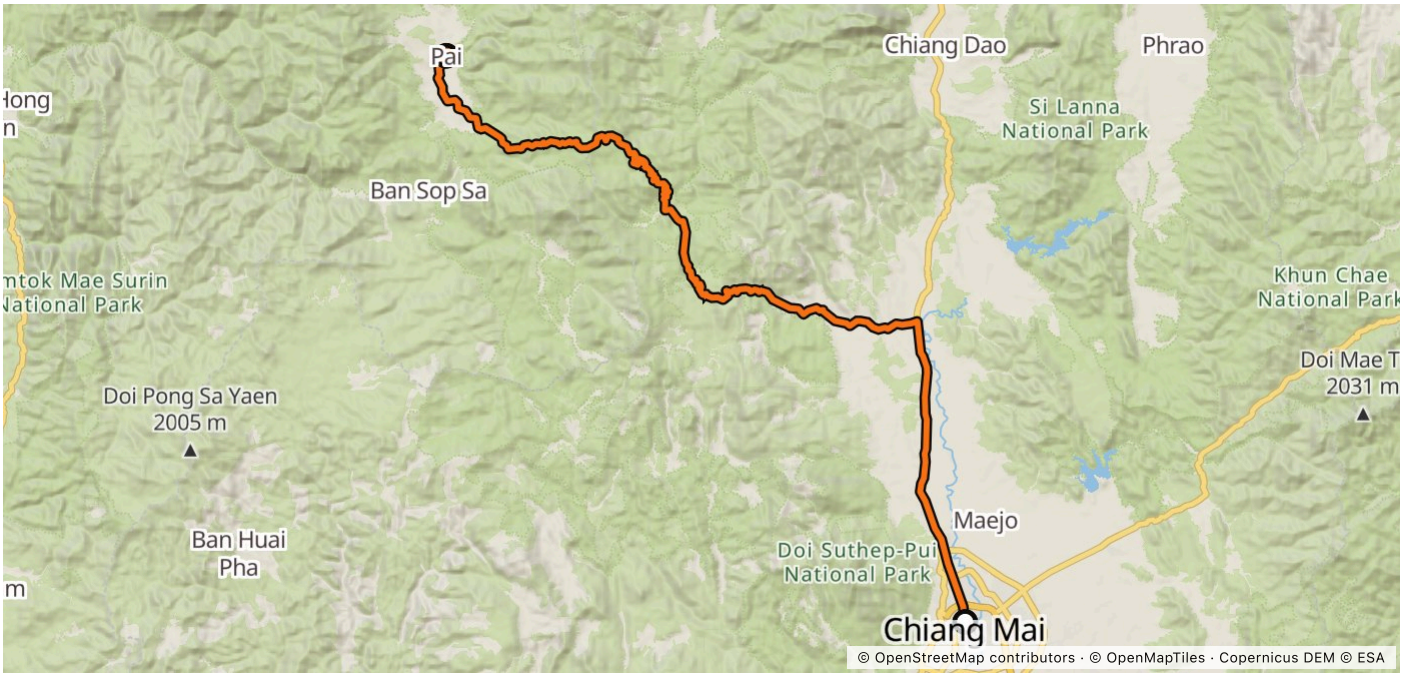
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CHIANG MAI TO PAI, THE 762 CURVES

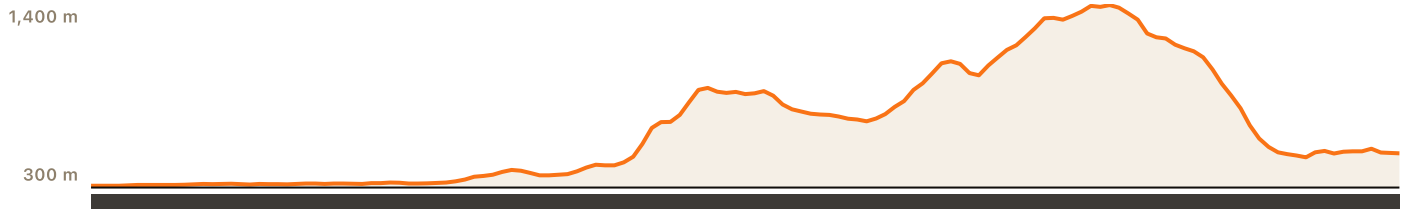
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CHIANG MAI TO MAE HONG SON	131 KM	HALF DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

1,555 M	1,397 M	317 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 131 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

The famous road to Pai. Ride north on Road 107 to Mae Malai, then turn onto Road 1095 and count the bends: 762 of them over the mountains to Pai. The surface is good but the road is busy with minivans that cut corners, so keep to your side on the blind ones. Stop at the viewpoints near the top, and at the Memorial Bridge just before town.

Fuel stops Mae Malai at the turn-off, then Pai. A few small stations on the way.

Water crossings None

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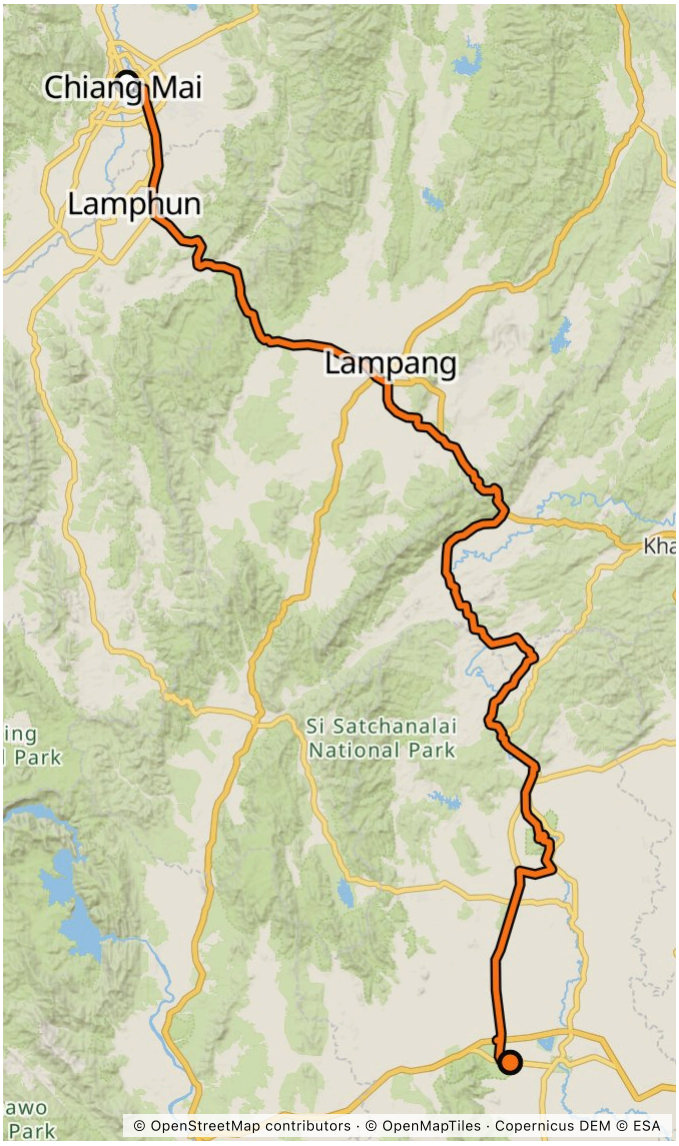
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CHIANG MAI TO SUKOTHAI

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CHIANG MAI TO SUKHOTHAI	305 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - JULY	ALL PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

A fun full day ride through the mountains and hills of Lampang through the rice fields of Tak to the ancient ruins of Sukothai, one of the older Thai kingdoms.

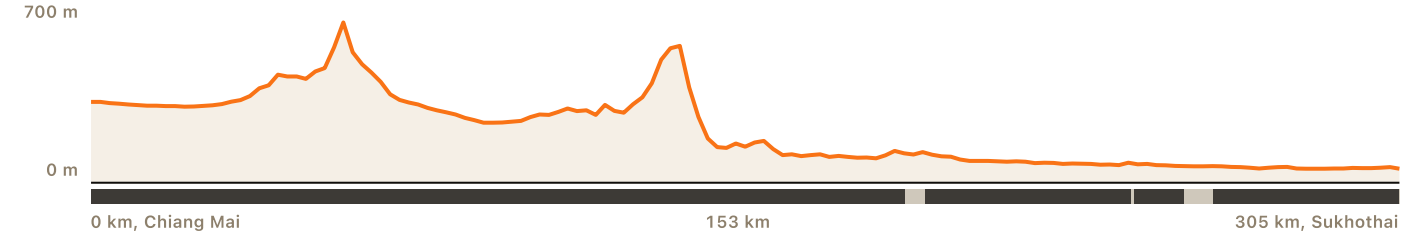
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1,483 M	613 M	57 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



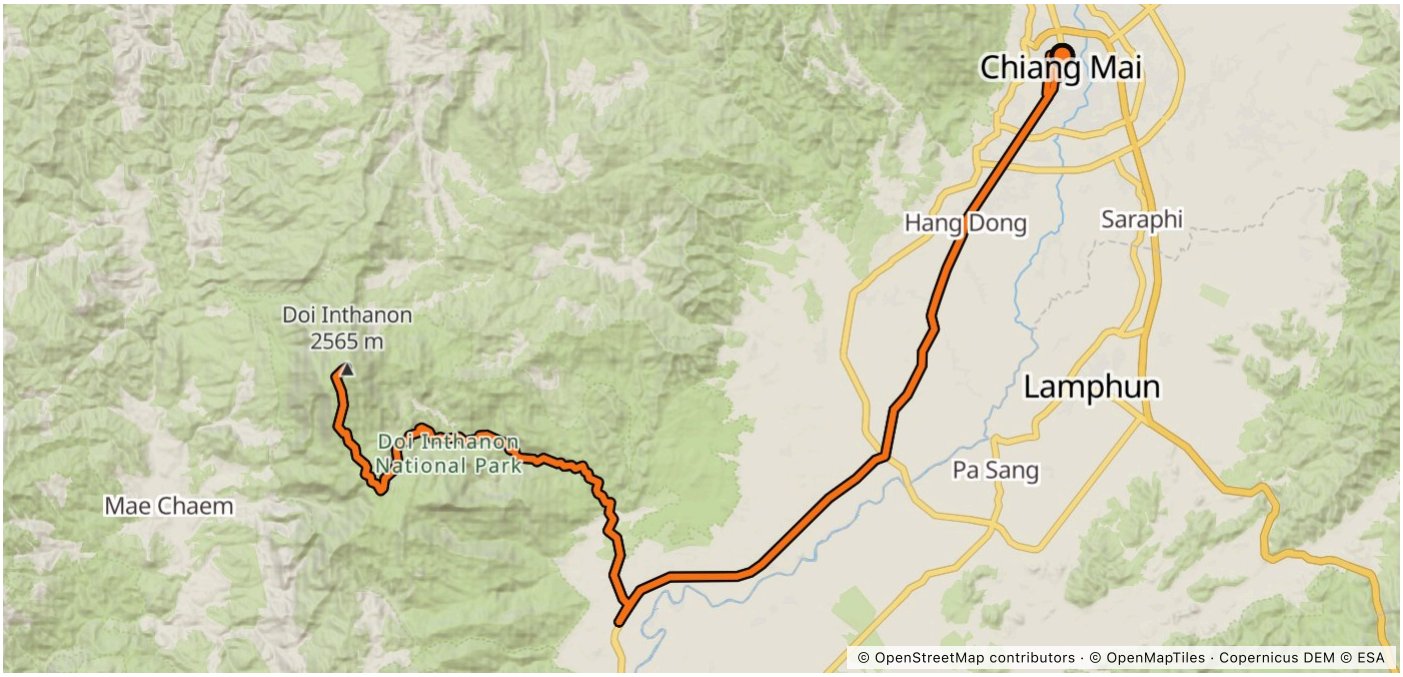
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DOI INTHANON, THE ROOF OF THAILAND

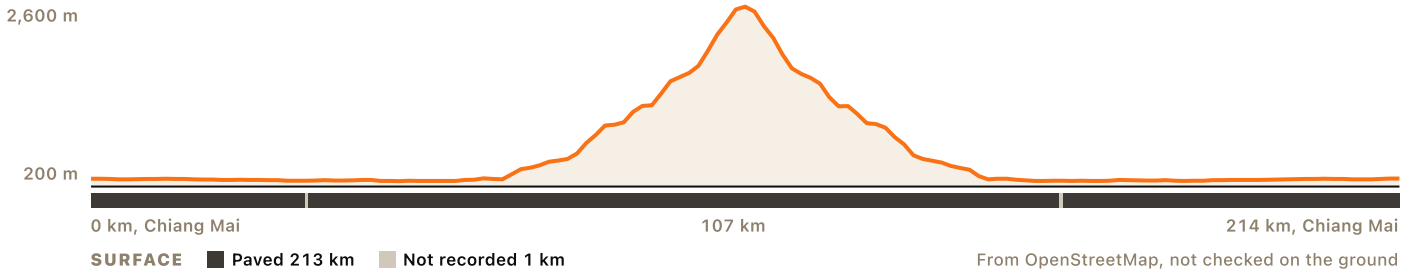
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CHIANG MAI	214 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

2,376 M	2,557 M	284 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 213 km Not recorded 1 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

A day ride to the highest point in Thailand, 2,565 m above sea level. Ride south to Chom Thong, then follow Road 1009 up through the national park past Wachirathan waterfall and the twin royal pagodas to the summit. It is a long steady climb and noticeably cold at the top, so bring a layer. The national park charges an entrance fee at the gate. Return the same way.

Fuel stops Chom Thong, before the park gate. None inside the national park.

Water crossings None

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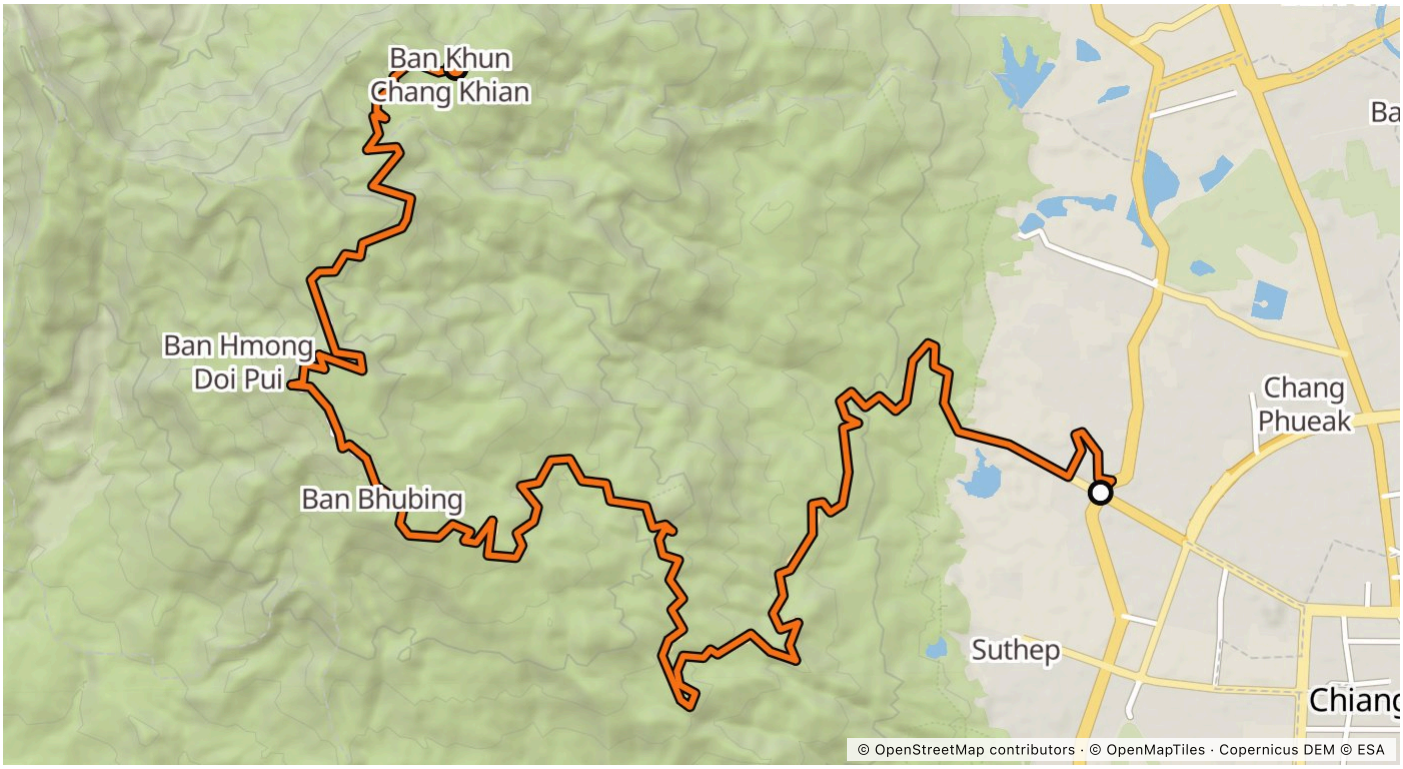
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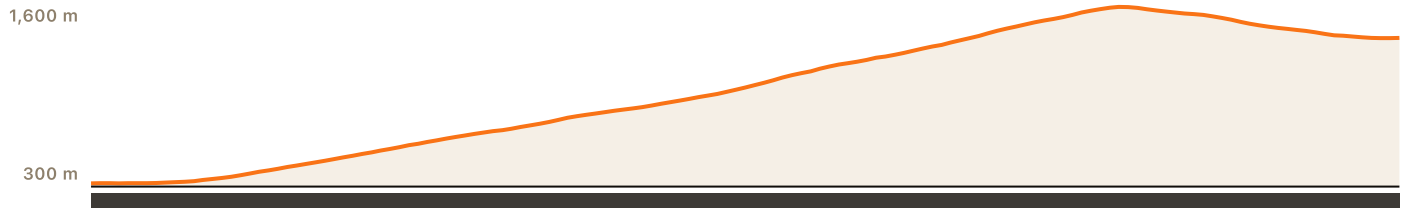
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CHIANG MAI	25 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

1,470 M	1,576 M	330 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 25 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

A perfect introductory ride to get used to riding in Chiang Mai. Ride up the iconic mountain seated just next to Chiang Mai, stopping at waterfalls, golden stupas, hill tribe villages and a royal garden.

Fuel stops	In the hilltribe villages
Water crossings	None
Last checked by us	19/11/2025

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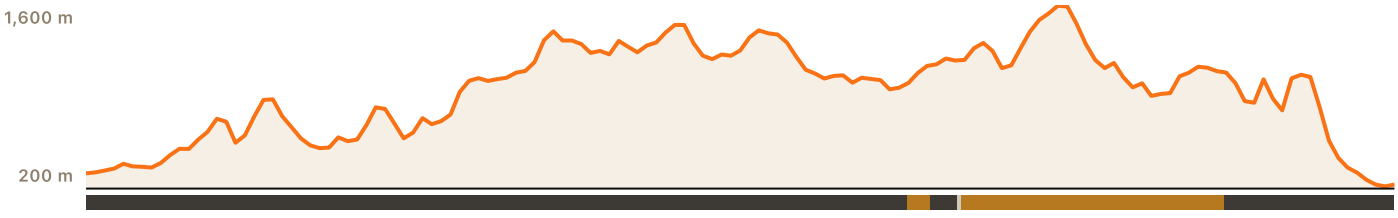
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CHIANG MAI TO MAE HONG SON	184 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	78% PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

4,390 M	1,598 M	224 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 143 km Unpaved 40 km Not recorded 0.7 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

From Chiang Mai to Mae Hong Son, Follow the historic linkage of the two great cities in North Thailand. From Concrete to easy dual track, this is a great route for adventure bikes and CRFs.

Fuel stops	Hand Pumps in the small villages.
Water crossings	Minimal
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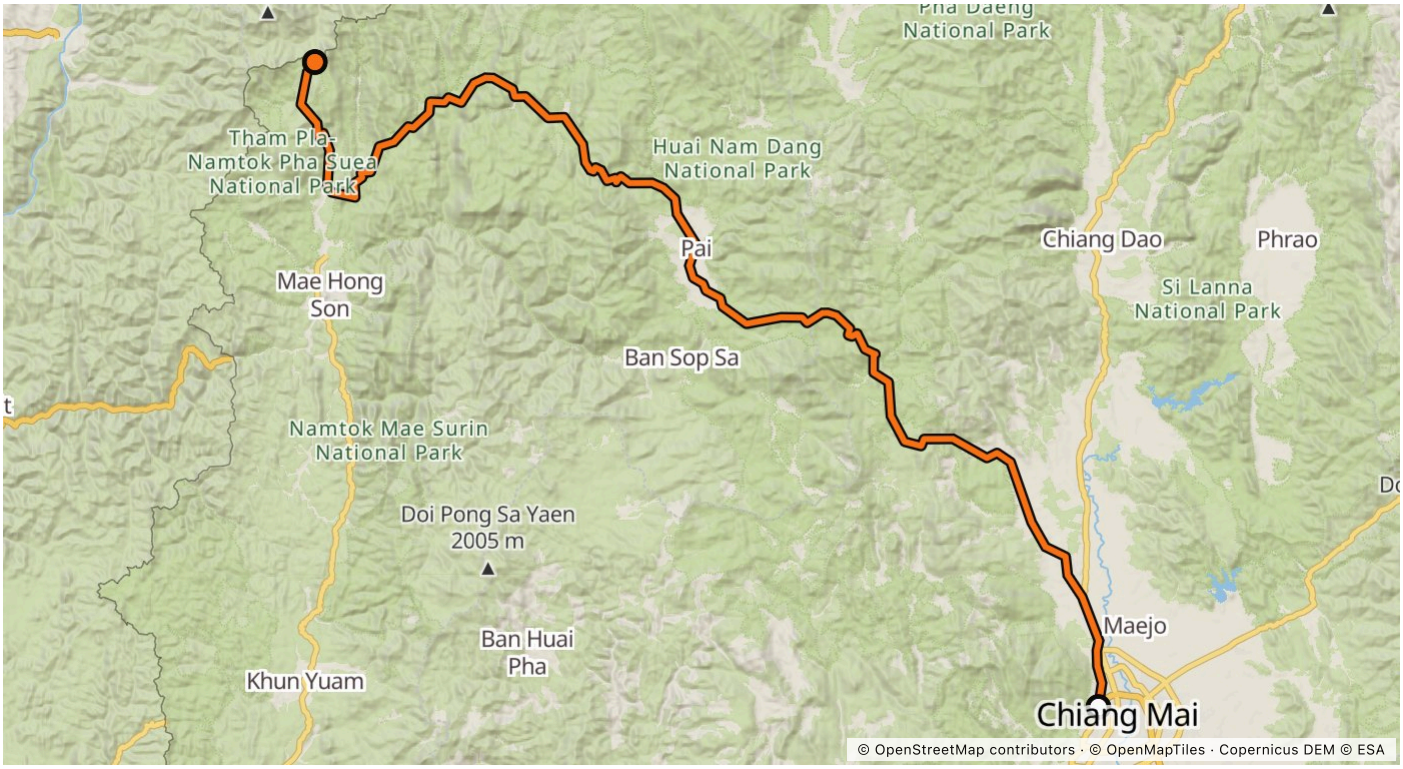
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MAE HONG SON LOOP: DAY 1

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CHIANG MAI TO MAE HONG SON	199 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

3,486 M	1,392 M	236 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 194 km Not recorded 5 km

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Mae Hong Son Loop Day 1: From Chiang Mai to Ban Rak Thai

Fuel stops	In Every Major Town
Water crossings	None
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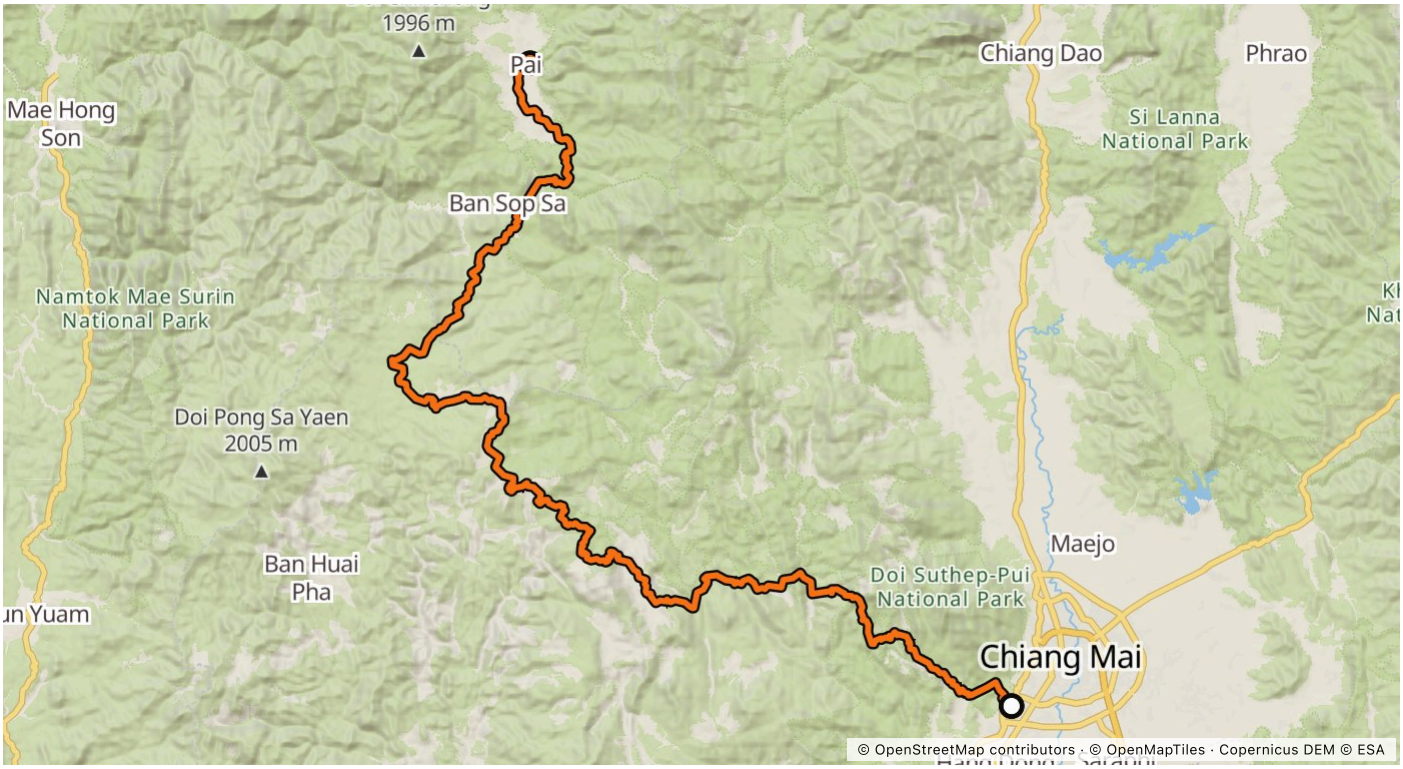
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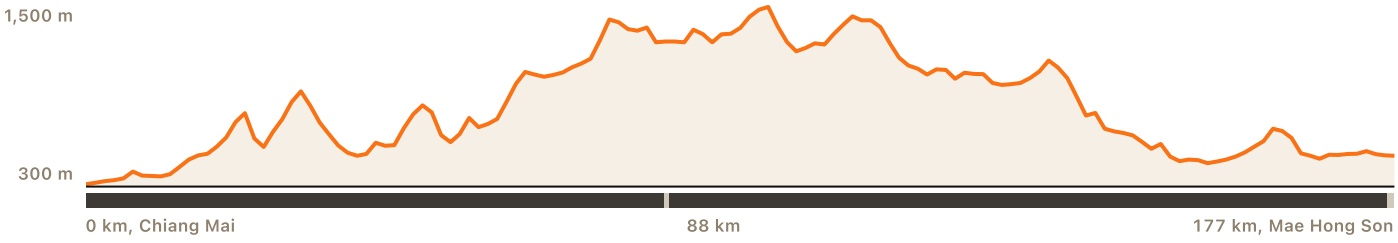
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CHIANG MAI TO MAE HONG SON	177 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

4,331 M	1,478 M	322 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 175 km Not recorded 1 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

The scenic road from Chiang Mai to Pai via Wat Chan.

Fuel stops	Available in Wat Chan
Water crossings	None
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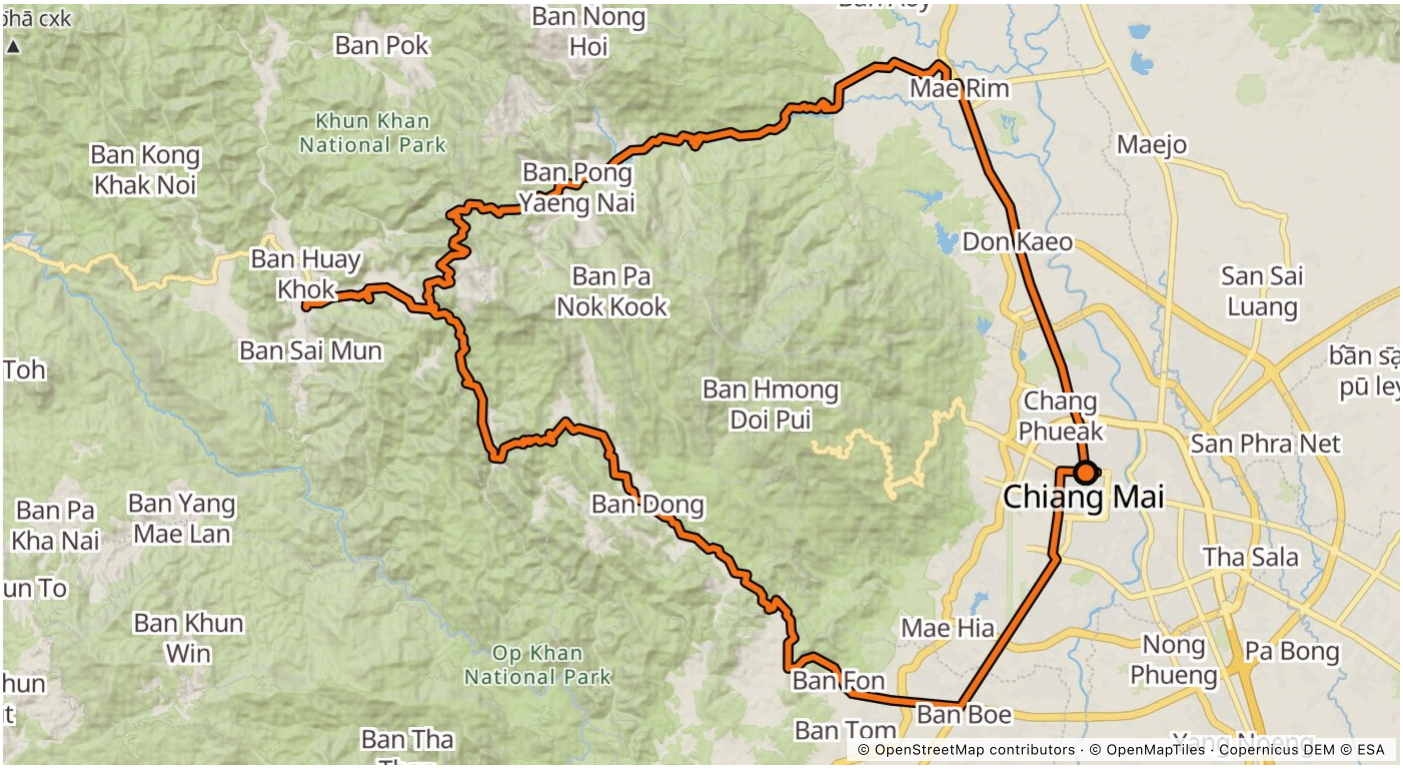
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THE SAMOENG LOOP

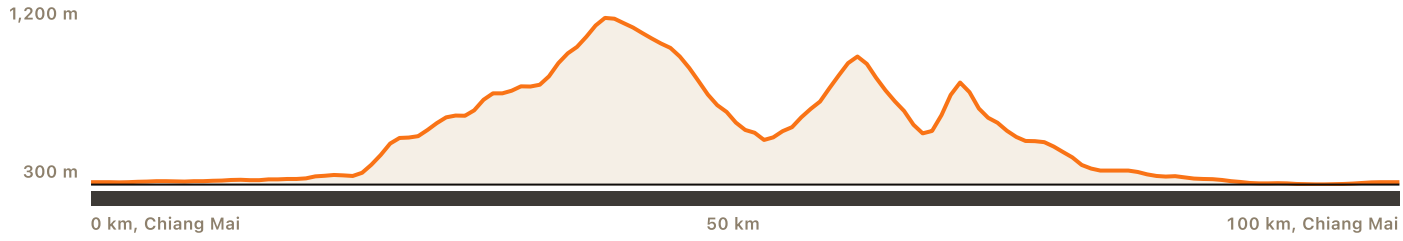
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CHIANG MAI	100 KM	HALF DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

1,490 M	1,120 M	306 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 100 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

The classic half-day ride out of Chiang Mai. Head north to Mae Rim, turn west up the Mae Sa valley on Road 1096 past the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden, and climb through the forest to the Samoeng viewpoint. Drop into Samoeng for lunch, then take Road 1269 back over the ridge and down to the canal road. About 100 km of curves with very little traffic once you leave the valley.

Fuel stops Fill up in Mae Rim before the climb. Samoeng town has fuel; there is little in between.

Water crossings None

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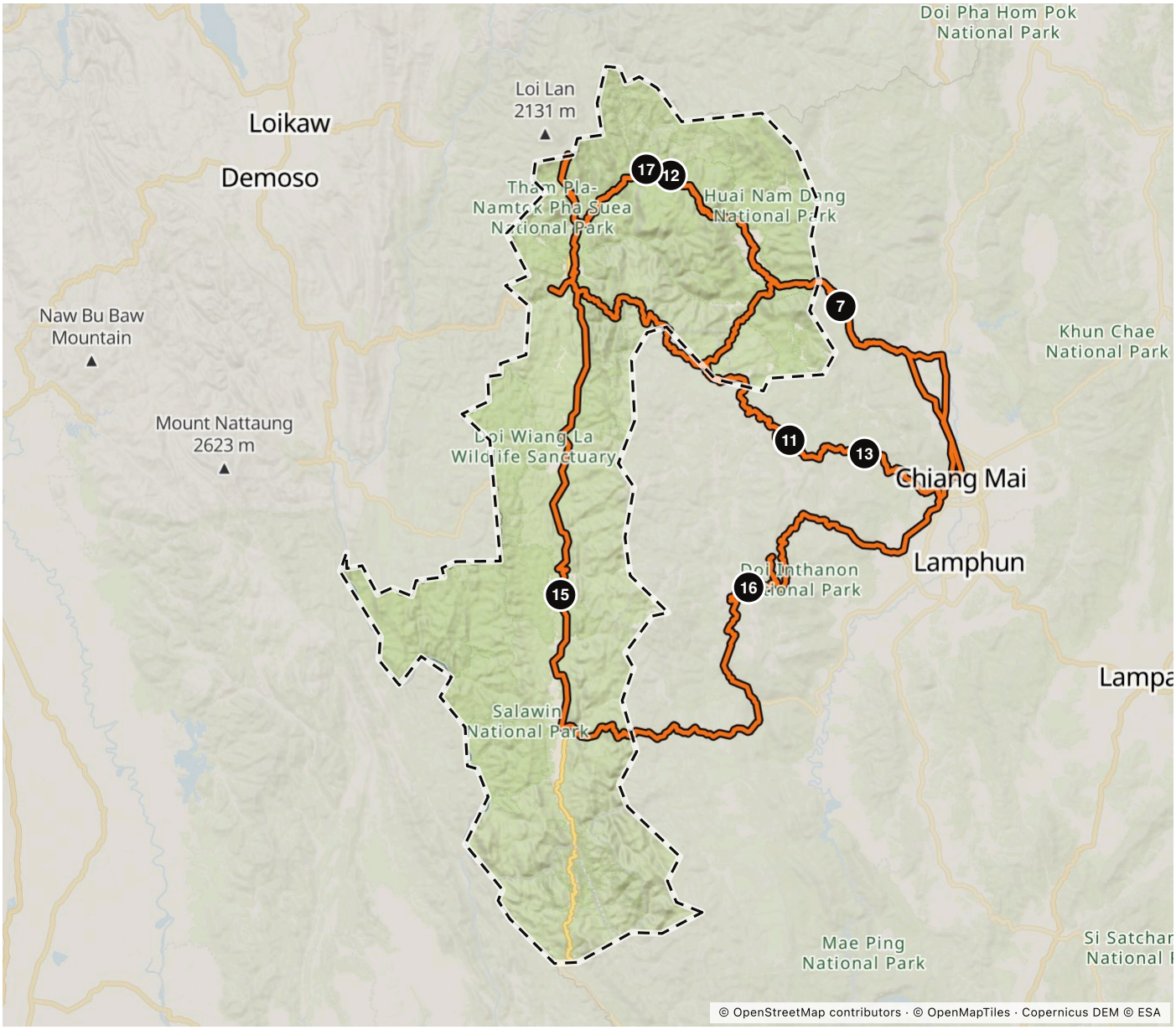
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MAE HONG SON

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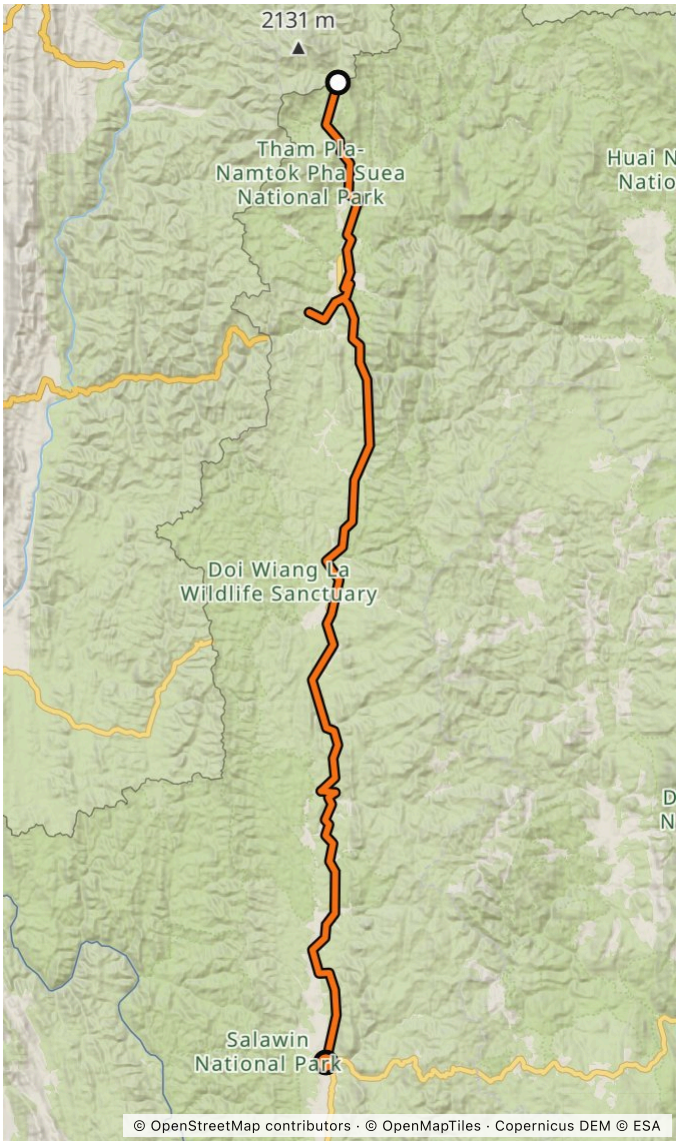


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7	**Chiang Mai to Pai, the 762 Curves**	Chiang Mai to Mae Hong Son	131 km	All paved	**10**
11	**Elephant Trail**	Chiang Mai to Mae Hong Son	184 km	78% paved	**14**
12	**Mae Hong Son Loop: Day 1**	Chiang Mai to Mae Hong Son	199 km	All paved	**15**
13	**The Backway to Pai**	Chiang Mai to Mae Hong Son	177 km	All paved	**16**
15	**Mae Hong Son Loop: Day 2**	Within Mae Hong Son	196 km	All paved	**19**
16	**Mae Hong Son Loop: Day 3**	Mae Hong Son to Chiang Mai	271 km	98% paved	**20**
17	**Pai to Mae Hong Son via Pang Mapha**	Within Mae Hong Son	106 km	All paved	**21**

MAE HONG SON LOOP: DAY 2

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MAE HONG SON	196 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

From Mae Hong Son to Mae Sariang

Fuel stops In Every Major Town

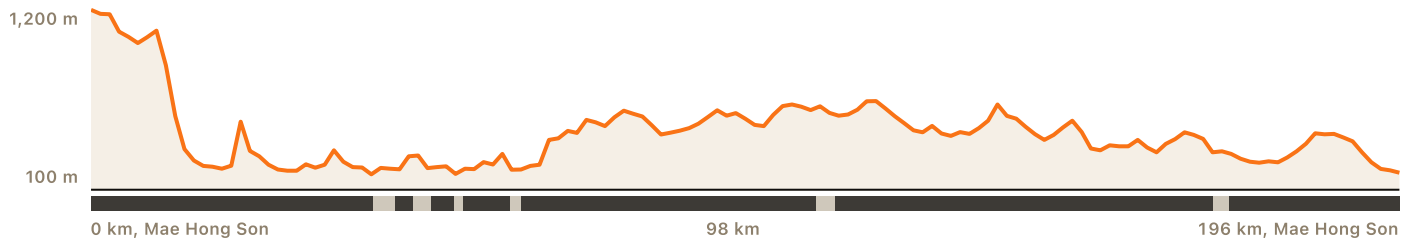
Water crossings None

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900 M	1,181 M	198 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



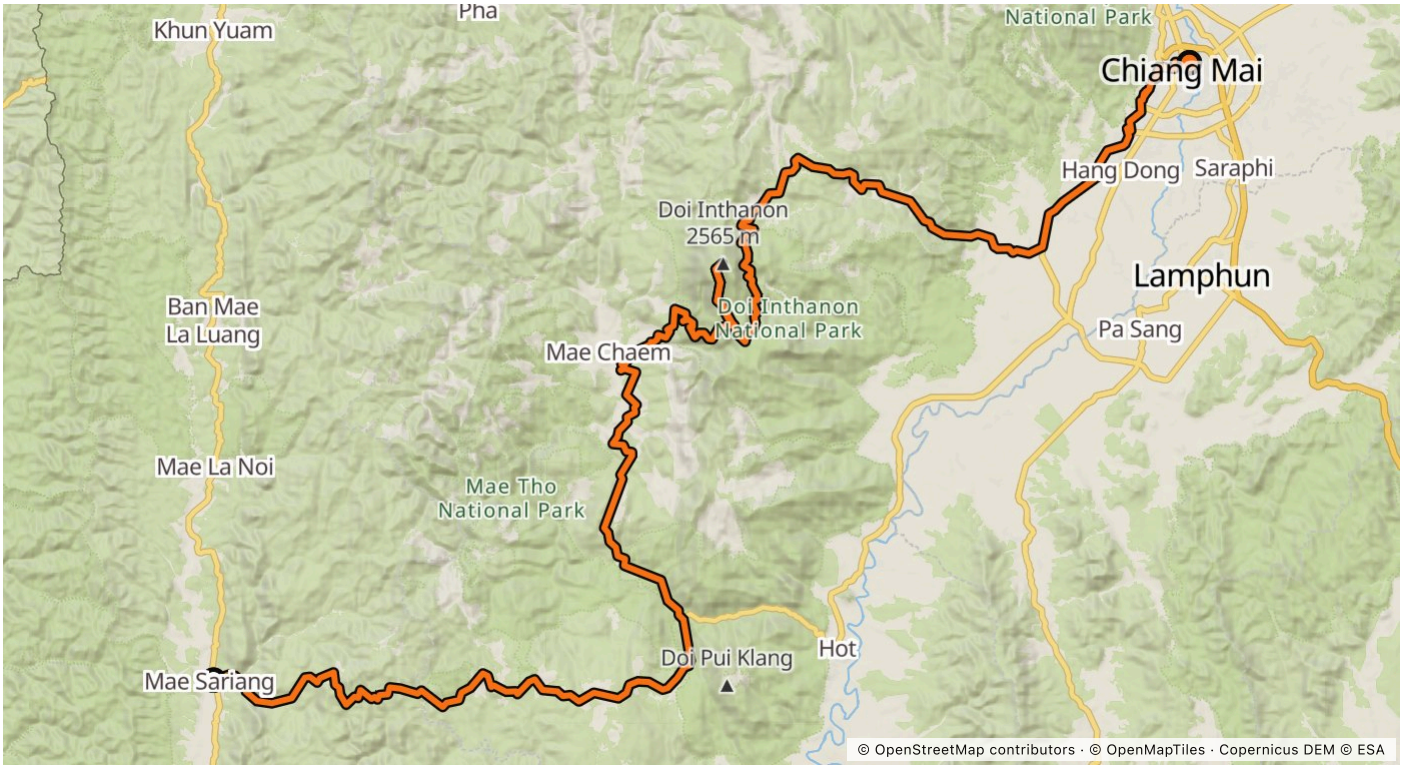
SURFACE Paved 182 km Not recorded 14 km

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MAE HONG SON LOOP: DAY 3

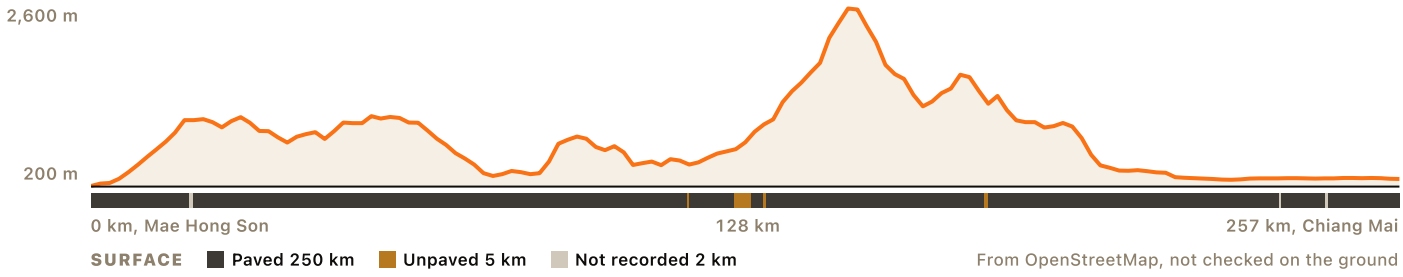
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MAE HONG SON TO CHIANG MAI	271 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	98% PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

4,751 M	2,536 M	222 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



From Mae Sariang, the route traces through the sunflower fields, up to Doi Inthanon and then back to Chiang Mai

Fuel stops	In all major towns.
Water crossings	None
Last checked by us	10/11/2025

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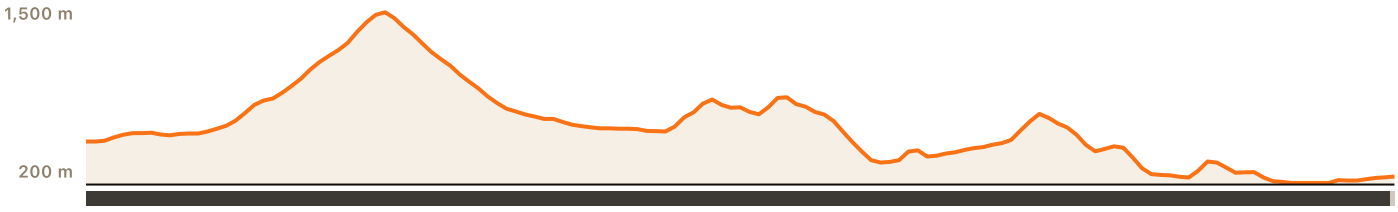
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MAE HONG SON	106 KM	HALF DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

1,943 M	1,424 M	218 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 106 km Not recorded 0.4 km

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The quieter, steeper half of Road 1095. From Pai the road climbs to the Kiu Lom viewpoint, drops into Soppong, where a short detour leads to Tham Lod cave, then winds through limestone hills to Mae Hong Son and its lake-side temples. Fewer vehicles than the Chiang Mai side and some of the best views on the whole Mae Hong Son Loop.

Fuel stops Pai, Soppong (Pang Mapha) and Mae Hong Son.

Water crossings None

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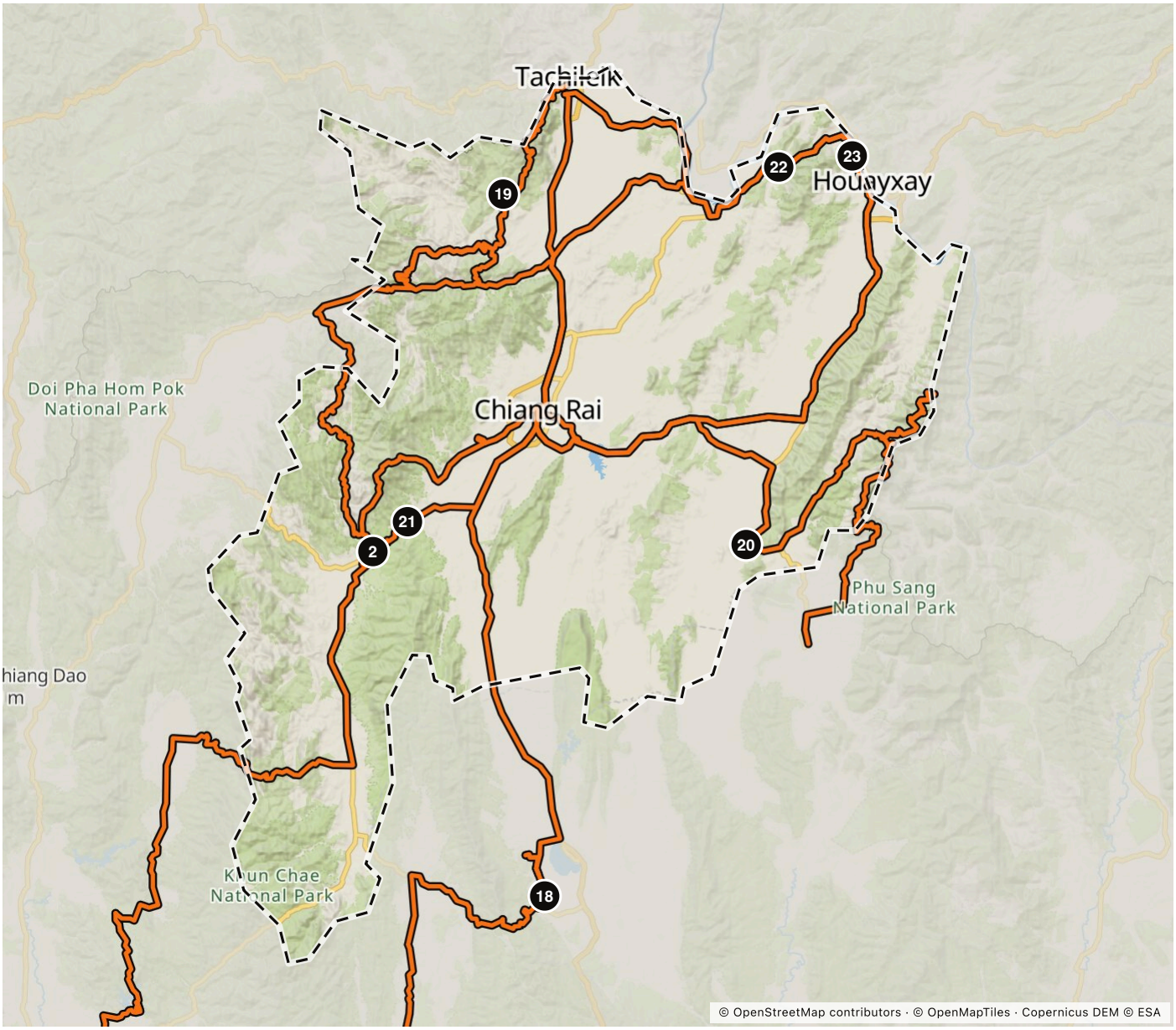
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CHIANG RAI

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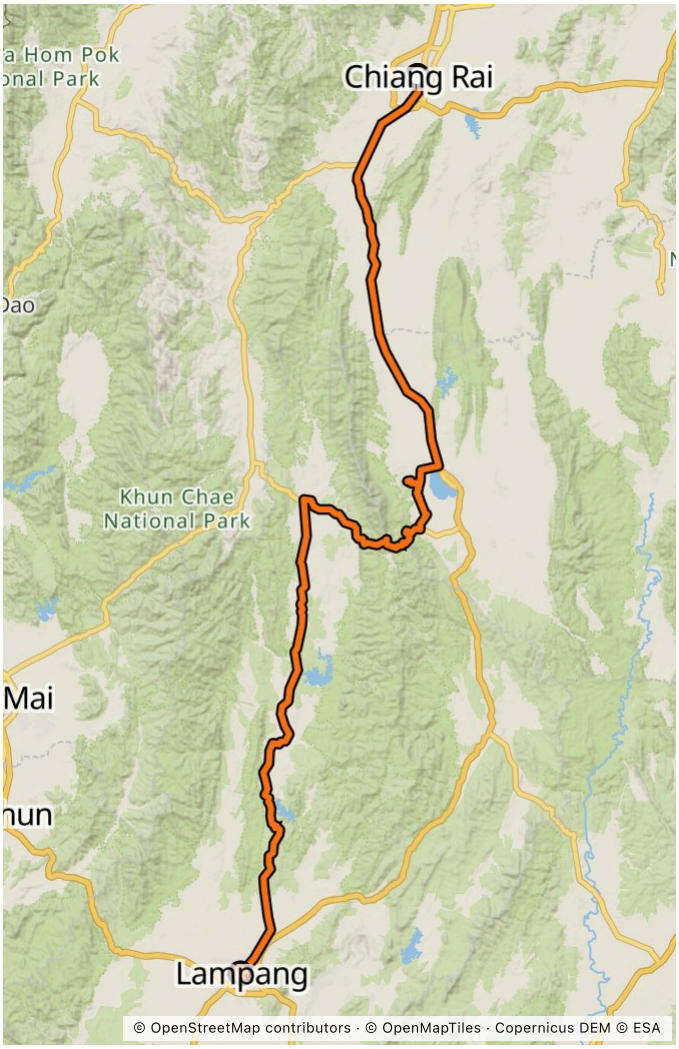


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2	**Chiang Mai to Doi Mae Salong**	Chiang Mai to Chiang Rai	340 km	99% paved	5
18	**Chiang Rai to Lampang past Phayao Lake**	Chiang Rai to Lampang	266 km	All paved	23
19	**Mae Salong, Doi Tung and Mae Sai**	Within Chiang Rai	150 km	All paved	24
20	**Phu Chi Fa and Doi Pha Tang**	Chiang Rai to Phayao	231 km	All paved	25
21	**The Doi Chang Coffee Loop**	Within Chiang Rai	118 km	All paved	26
22	**The Golden Triangle**	Within Chiang Rai	225 km	All paved	27
23	**The Mekong Road: Chiang Saen to Chiang Khong**	Within Chiang Rai	221 km	All paved	28

CHIANG RAI TO LAMPANG PAST PHAYAO LAKE

18

CHIANG RAI TO LAMPANG	266 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

A relaxed way between Chiang Rai and Lampang that leaves the highway where it can. Ride south to Mae Chai, then take Road 1193 around the west side of Phayao Lake to the hilltop temple complex of Wat Analayo, with its view over the water. Road 120 carries on west to Wang Nuea, where Road 1035 turns south and follows a quiet valley through Chae Hom all the way to Lampang.

Fuel stops Phan, Mae Chai, Wang Nuea and Chae Hom.

Water crossings None

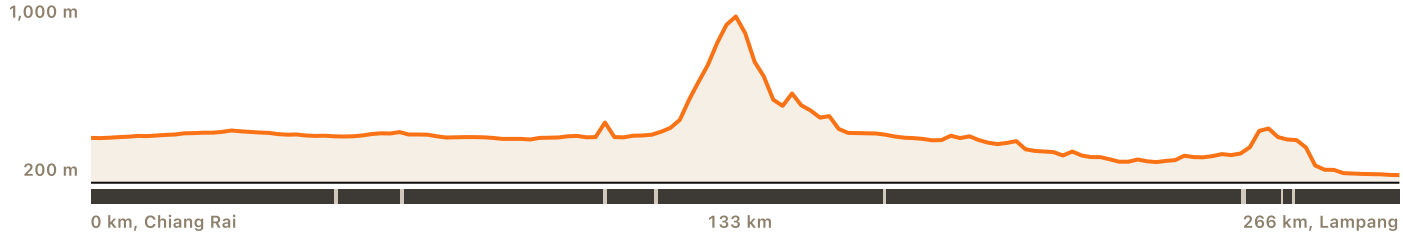
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1,063 M	927 M	237 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



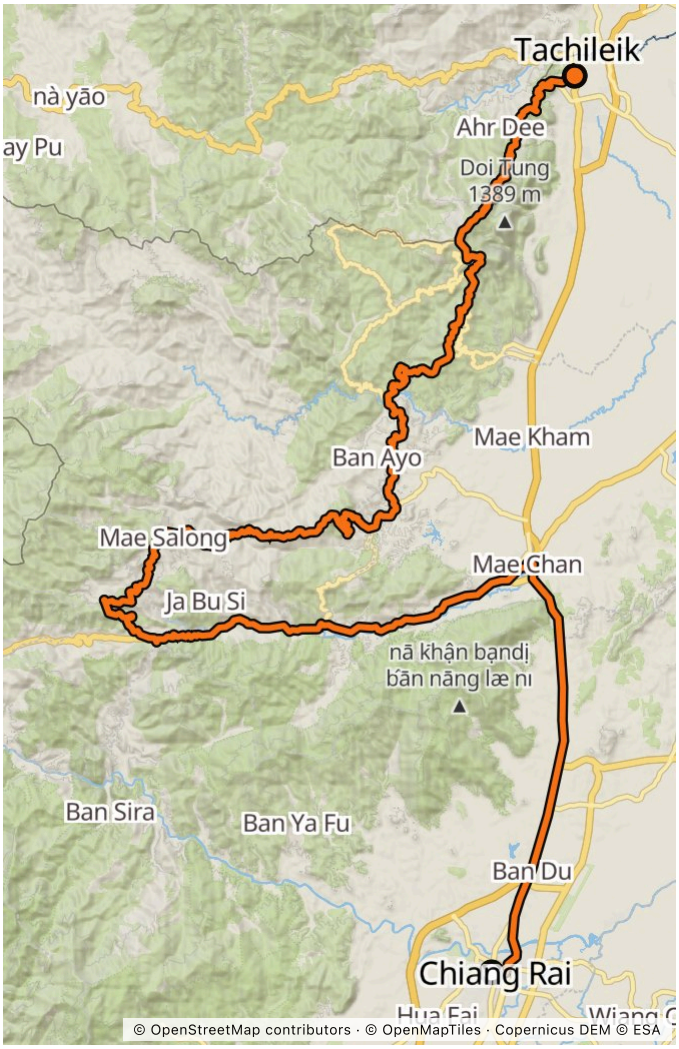
SURFACE Paved 260 km Not recorded 6 km

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MAE SALONG, DOI TUNG AND MAE SAI

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CHIANG RAI	150 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

A border-country day from Chiang Rai. Climb to the tea plantations of Doi Mae Salong, a town settled by Chinese Nationalist soldiers, then cross to Doi Tung for the royal villa and gardens. From there Road 1149 runs along the ridge that marks the Myanmar border, past army checkpoints and the coffee village of Pha Hi, before dropping to Mae Sai, the northernmost town in Thailand. Carry your passport for the checkpoints.

Fuel stops Mae Chan, Mae Salong and Mae Sai.

Water crossings None

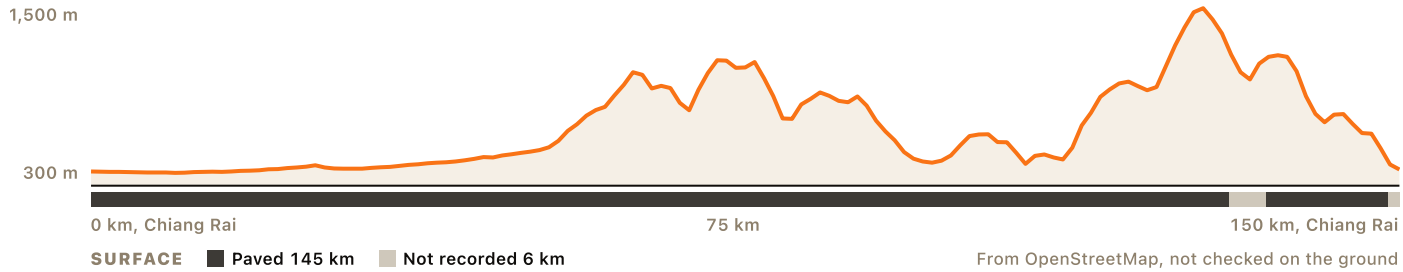
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2,938 M	1,464 M	390 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



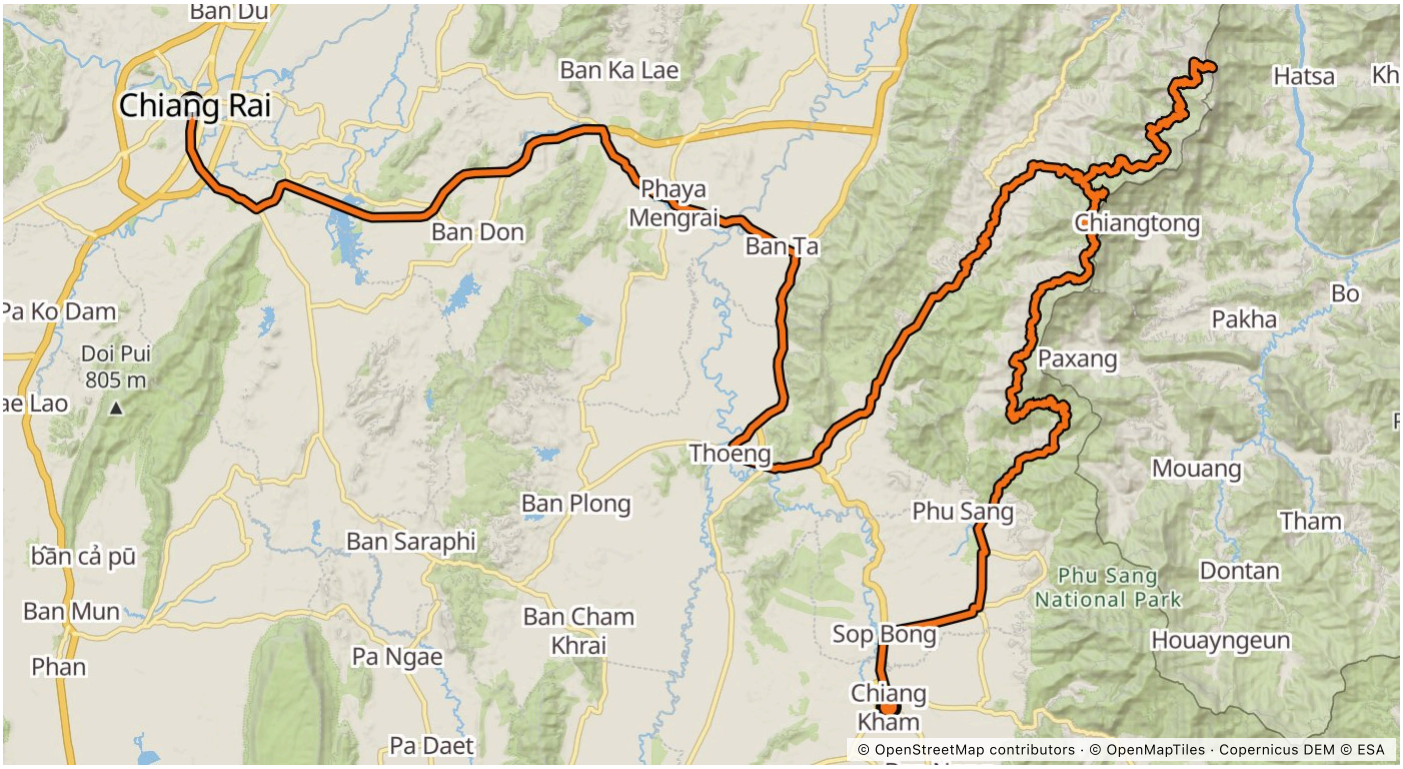
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PHU CHI FA AND DOI PHA TANG

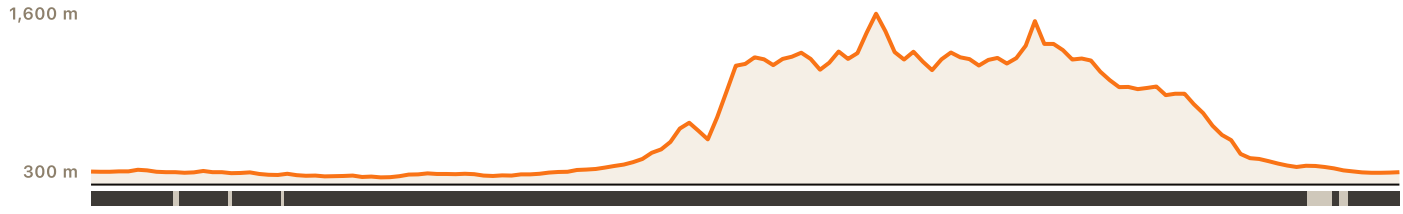
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CHIANG RAI TO PHAYAO	231 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

2,338 M	1,514 M	358 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 223 km Not recorded 8 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

East from Chiang Rai to the ridge that forms the Laos border. Ride up to Doi Pha Tang, then south along Road 1093 to Phu Chi Fa, the cliff where people gather before dawn to watch the sun rise over a sea of cloud in Laos. Continue down past Phu Sang waterfall, which runs warm, to Chiang Kham. Parts of the ridge road are rough and steep, so take it steady. Stay a night near Phu Chi Fa if you want the sunrise.

Fuel stops Thoeng, Wiang Kaen and Chiang Kham. Carry enough for the ridge.

Water crossings None

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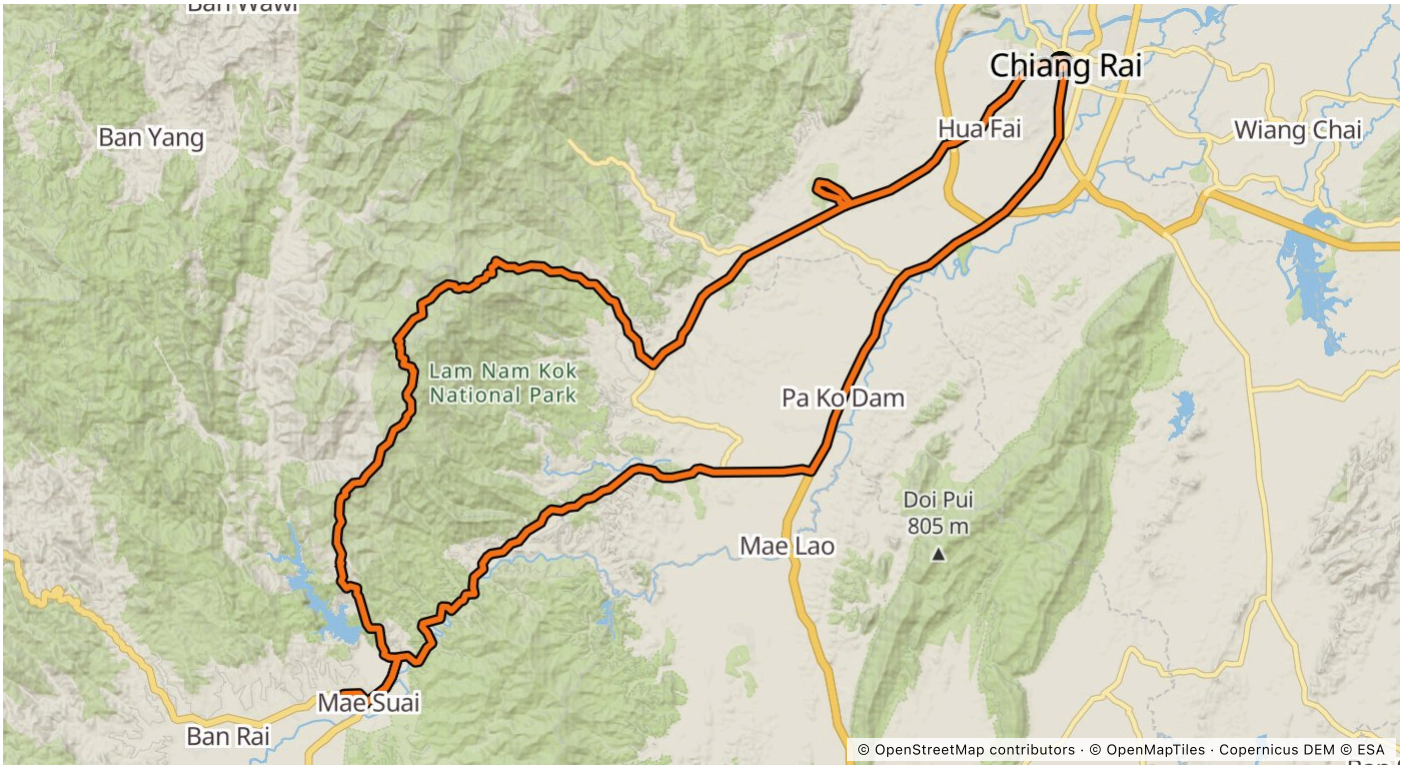
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Chiang Rai

THE DOI CHANG COFFEE LOOP

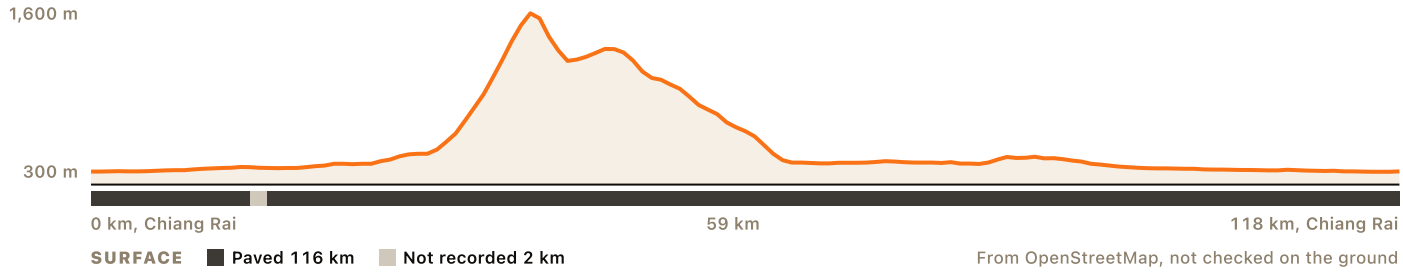
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CHIANG RAI	118 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

1,296 M	1,516 M	397 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 116 km Not recorded 2 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

A day in the coffee hills west of Chiang Rai. Ride out past Singha Park and climb to Doi Chang, an Akha village above 1,500 m that grows some of the best-known coffee in Thailand; stop at one of the farms for a cup. The climb is very steep in places and riders report a shallow water crossing on the way up, so this is one for confident riders on a bike with some ground clearance. Descend to Mae Suai and return on Road 118.

Fuel stops Chiang Rai and Mae Suai. None on the mountain.

Water crossings None

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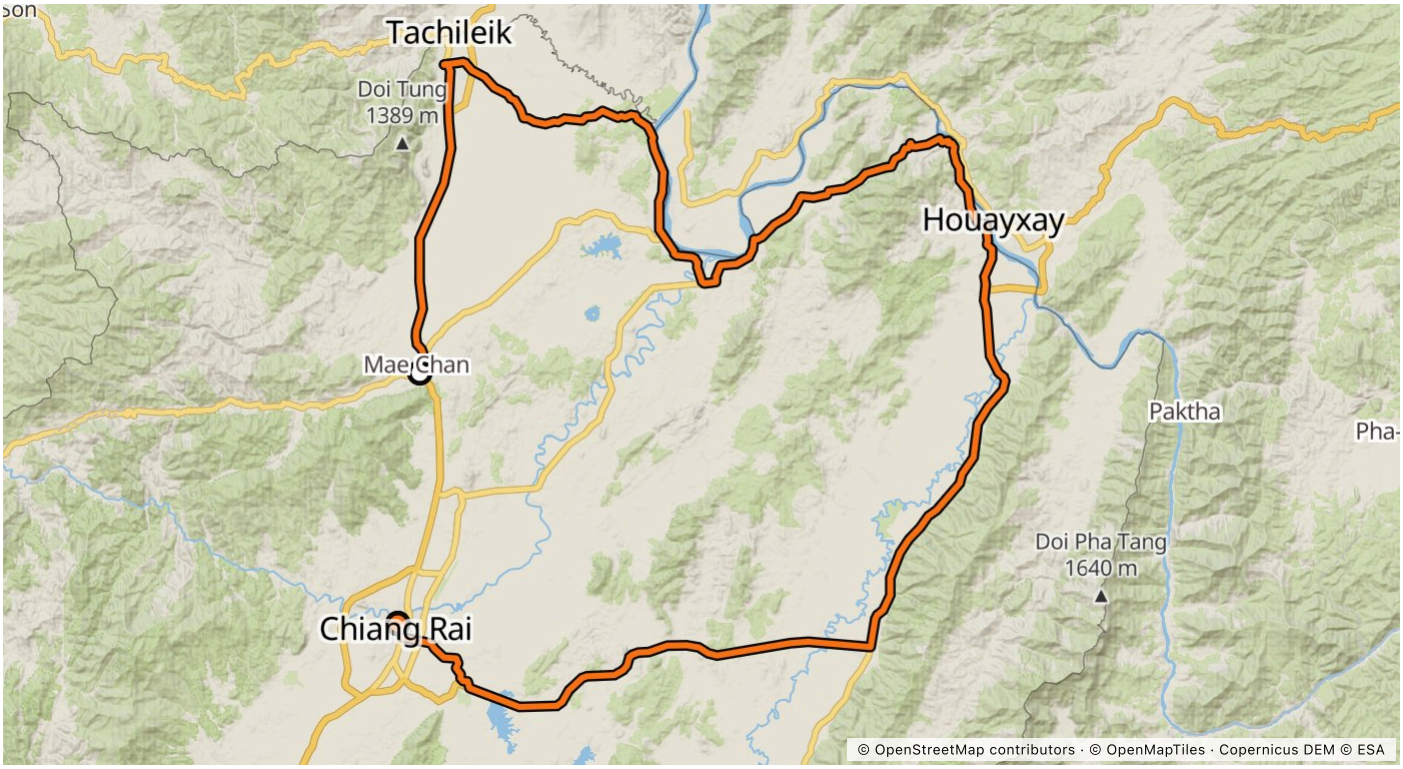
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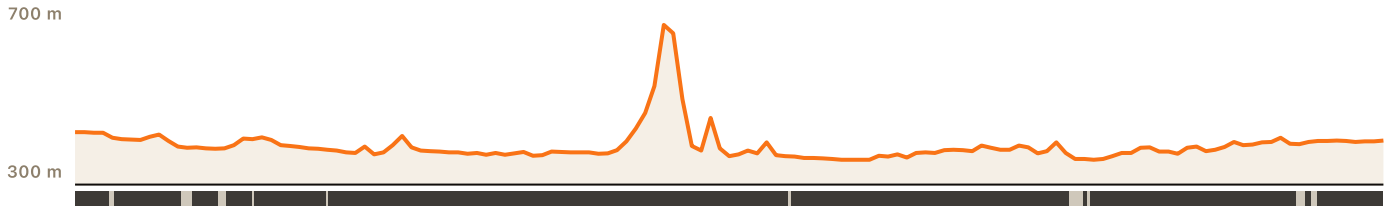
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CHIANG RAI	225 KM	1 DAY	WINTER	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

1,629 M	649 M	356 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 214 km Not recorded 11 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

A beautiful ride, especially during the cold season, leading from Mae Chan to Chiang Rai, taking you along the famous Golden Triangle roads.

Fuel stops	In All Towns
Water crossings	None
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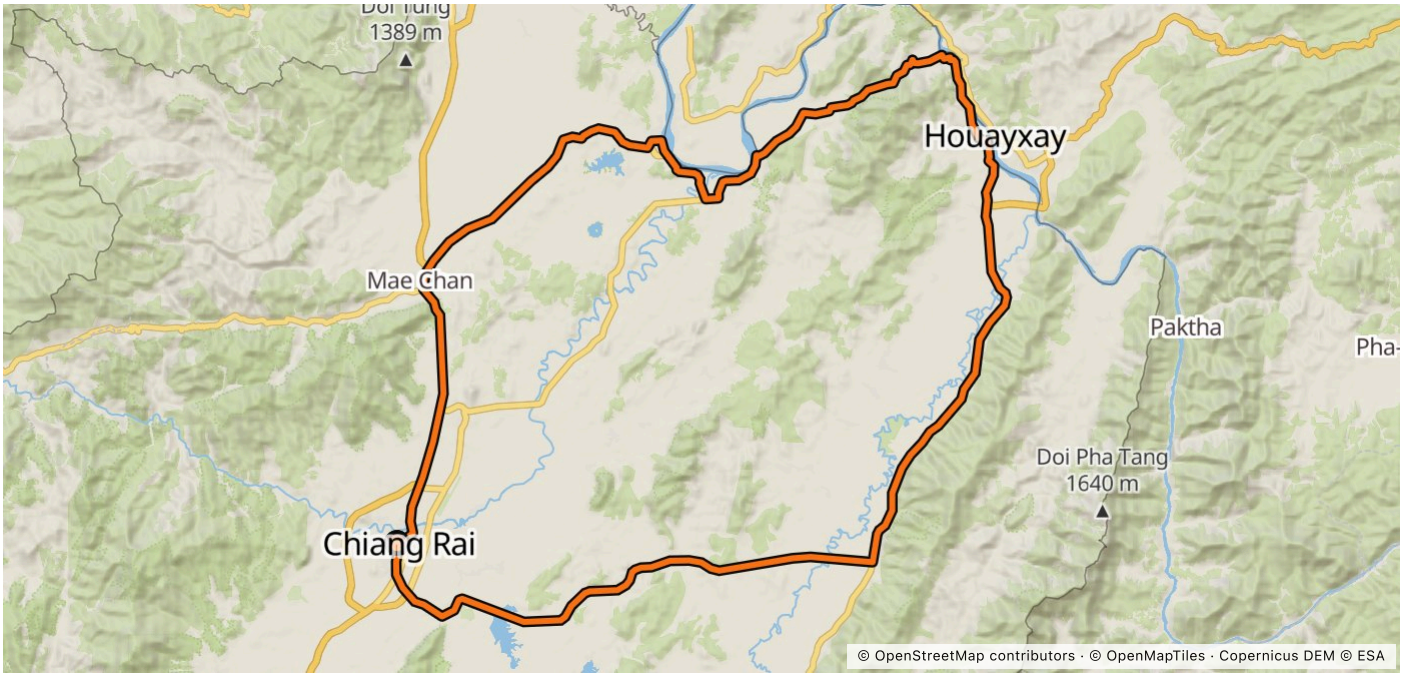
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THE MEKONG ROAD: CHIANG SAEN TO CHIANG KHONG

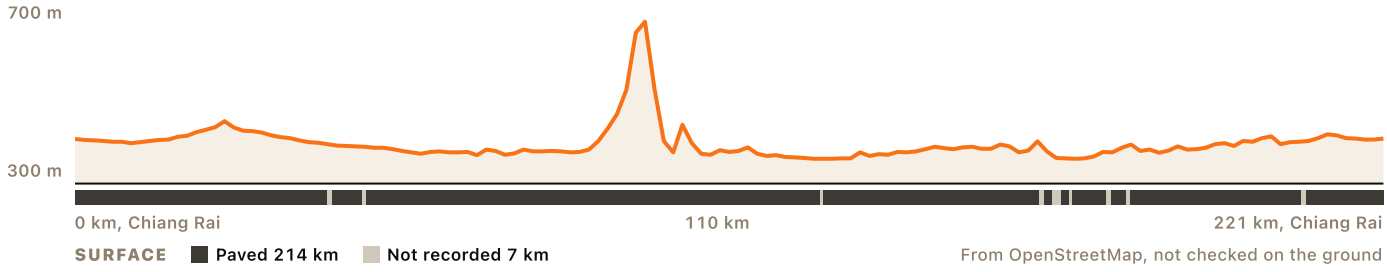
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CHIANG RAI	221 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

732 M	654 M	356 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 214 km Not recorded 7 km

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A loop from Chiang Rai to the Mekong and along it. Ride up to Chiang Saen, an old walled town with ruined chedis among the teak trees, then follow the river road east with Laos on the far bank all the way to Chiang Khong, the border town facing Huay Xai. The road rises over headlands and drops back to the water, with almost no traffic. Return to Chiang Rai on Road 1020.

Fuel stops Chiang Saen and Chiang Khong.

Water crossings None

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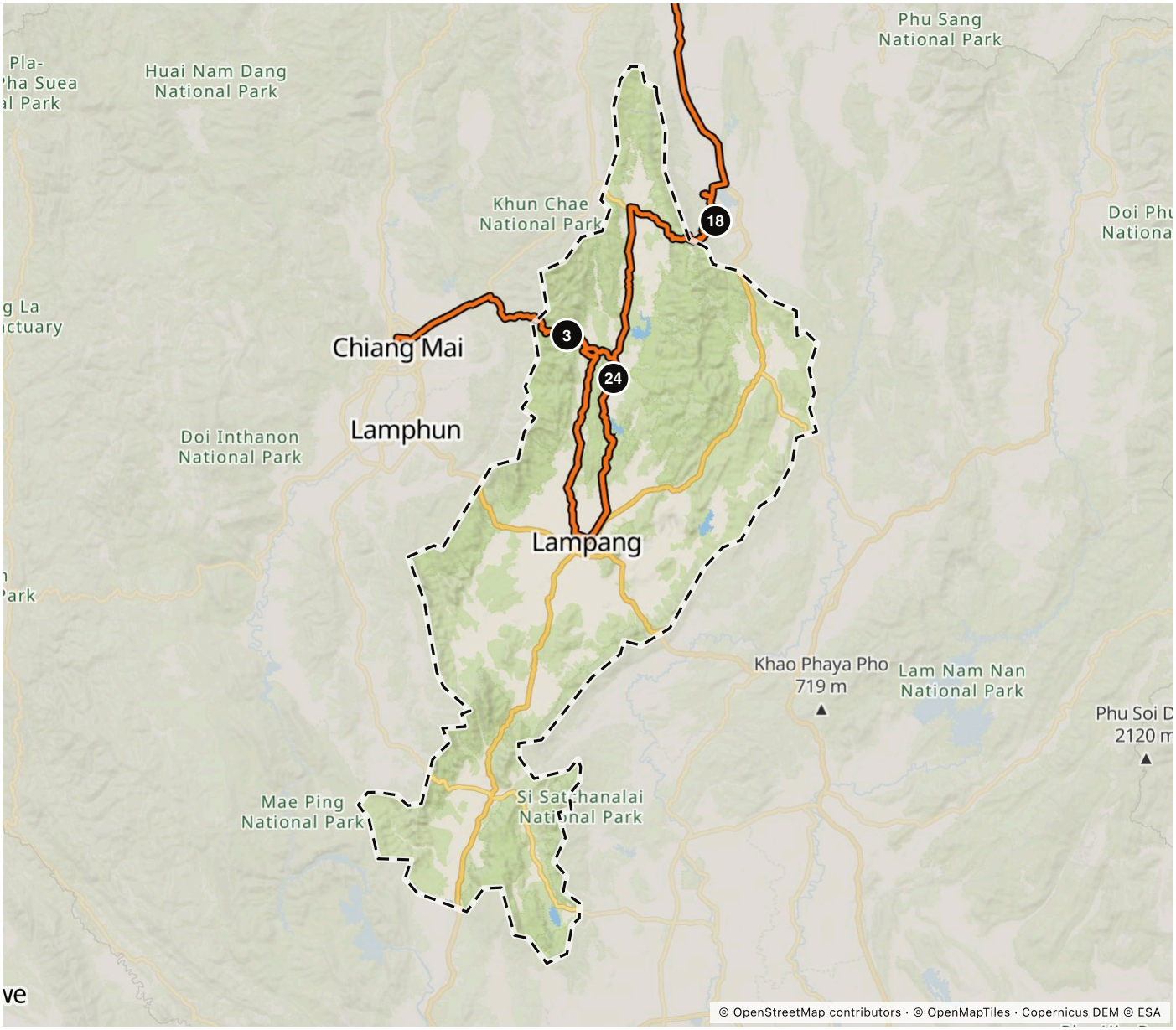
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LAMPANG

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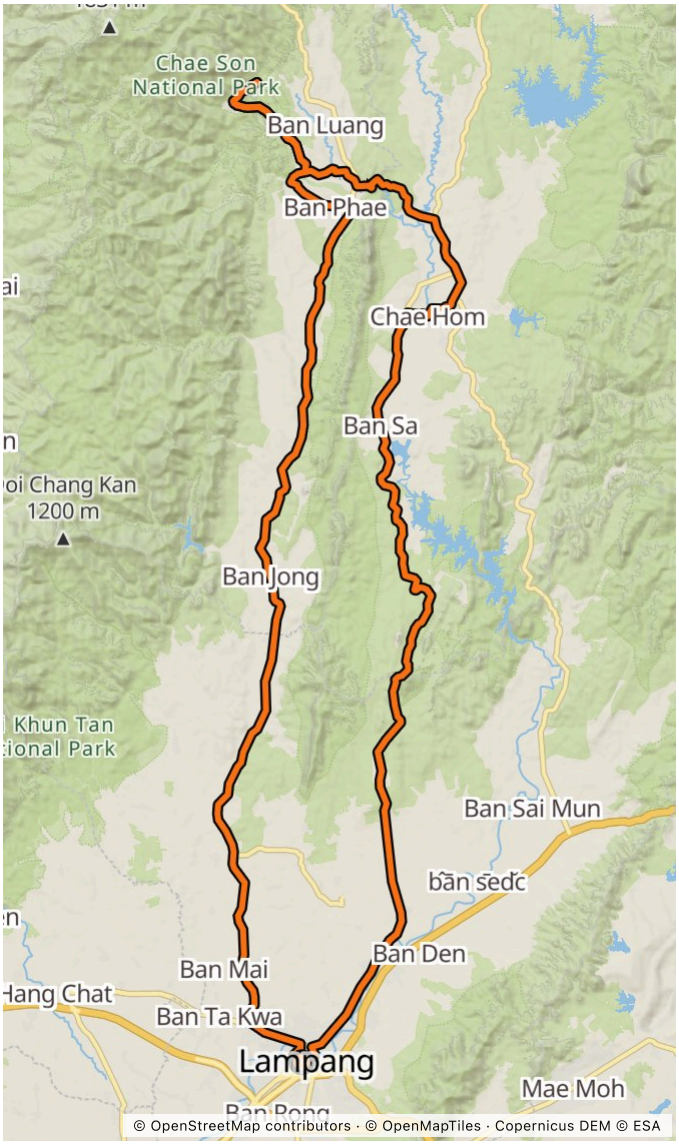


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3	**Chiang Mai to Lampang by the Back Roads**	Chiang Mai to Lampang	150 km	99% paved	**6**
18	**Chiang Rai to Lampang past Phayao Lake**	Chiang Rai to Lampang	266 km	All paved	**23**
24	**The Lampang and Chae Son Loop**	Within Lampang	159 km	All paved	**30**

THE LAMPANG AND CHAE SON LOOP

24

LAMPANG	159 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

A gentle loop north of Lampang. Road 1157 runs up a quiet valley to Mueang Pan and on to Chae Son National Park, where the hot springs sit beside a cold river and a waterfall drops through the forest behind. Cross to Chae Hom on Road 1287 and come back down Road 1035. Riders describe the roads here as empty and well surfaced, though leaves make the forest sections slippery after rain.

Fuel stops Lampang, Mueang Pan and Chae Hom.

Water crossings None

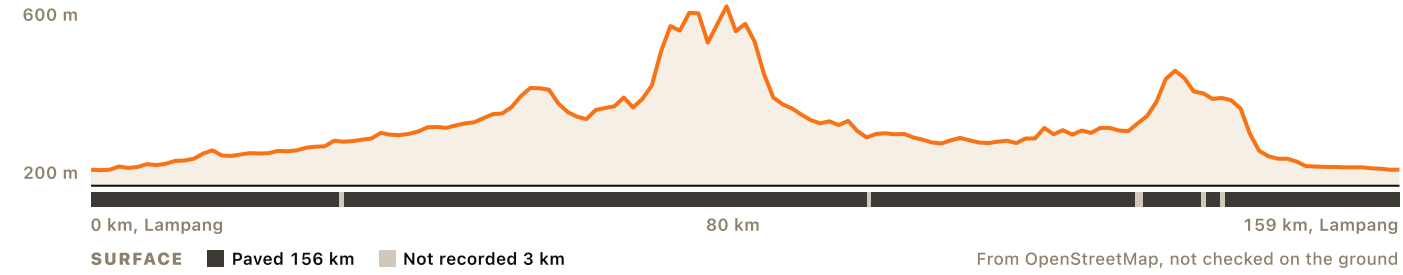
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810 M	592 M	236 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point

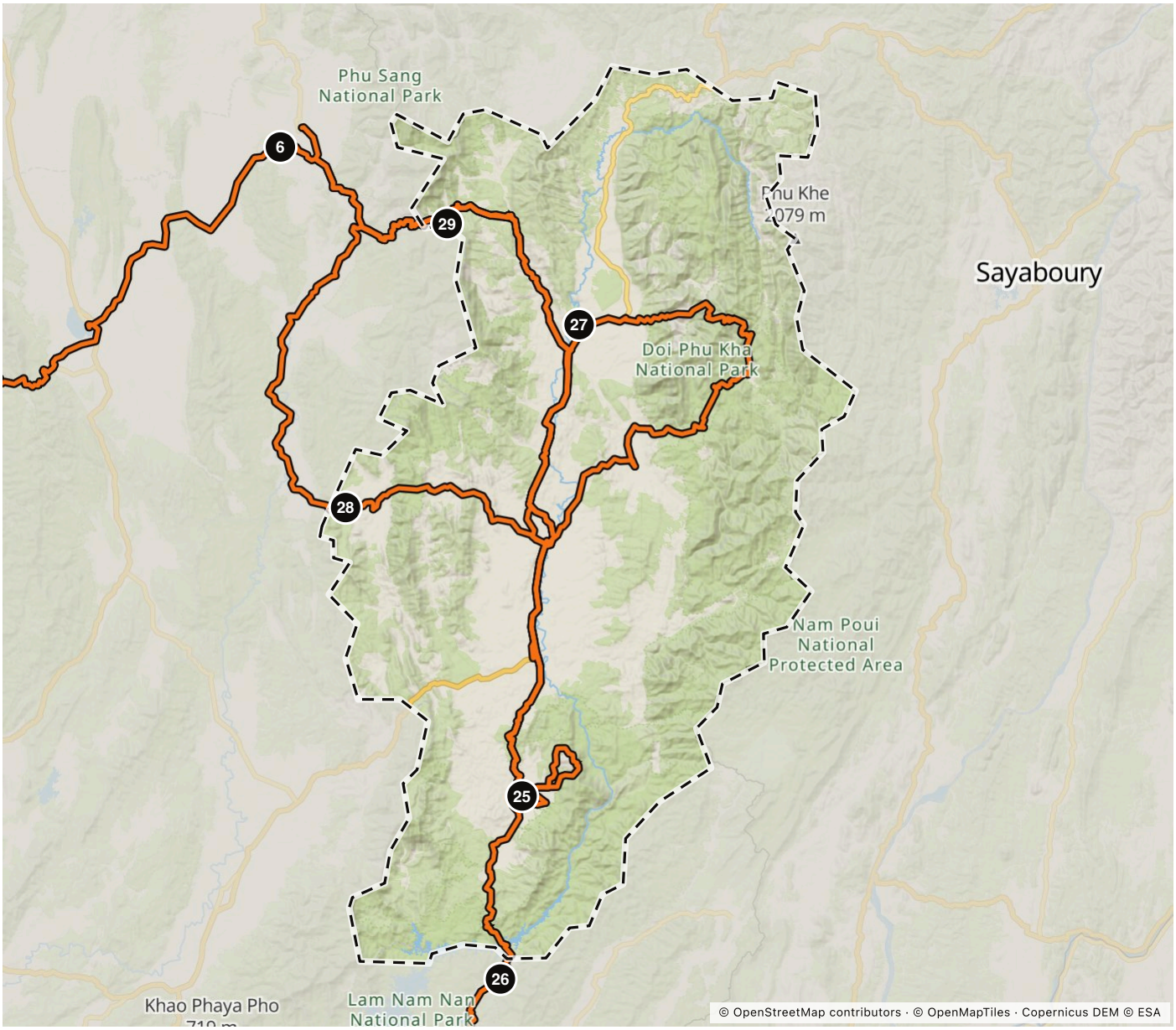


SURFACE Paved 156 km Not recorded 3 km

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NAN

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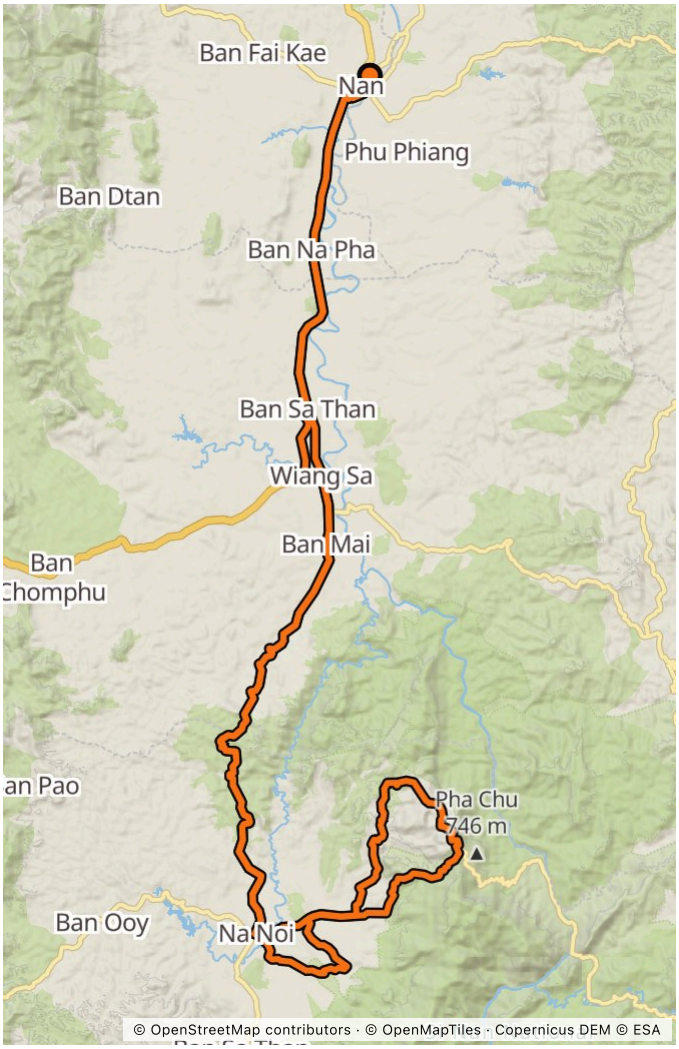


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6	Chiang Mai to Nan via the Magic Mountain	Chiang Mai to Nan	391 km	All paved	9
25	Nan to Na Noi and the Sao Din Pillars	Within Nan	171 km	89% paved	32
26	Nan to Nam Pat by the Sirikit Ferry	Nan to Uttaradit	158 km	99% paved	33
27	The Nan Loop: Doi Phu Kha and Bo Kluea	Within Nan	195 km	All paved	34
28	The Nan North Loop via Chiang Muan	Within Nan	273 km	All paved	35
29	Road 1148, Chiang Kham to Nan	Phayao to Nan	161 km	All paved	37

NAN TO NA NOI AND THE SAO DIN PILLARS

25

NAN	171 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	89% PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

An easy day south of Nan. Follow Road 101 to Wiang Sa, then Road 1026 down the valley to Na Noi. Just outside town are the Sao Din Na Noi earth pillars, a small eroded canyon of red clay spires, and a little further on Road 1083 climbs to the Doi Samer Dao viewpoint in Si Nan National Park, known for its sea of morning mist. Return the way you came. Riders report the 1026 can be bumpy in places.

Fuel stops Wiang Sa and Na Noi.

Water crossings None

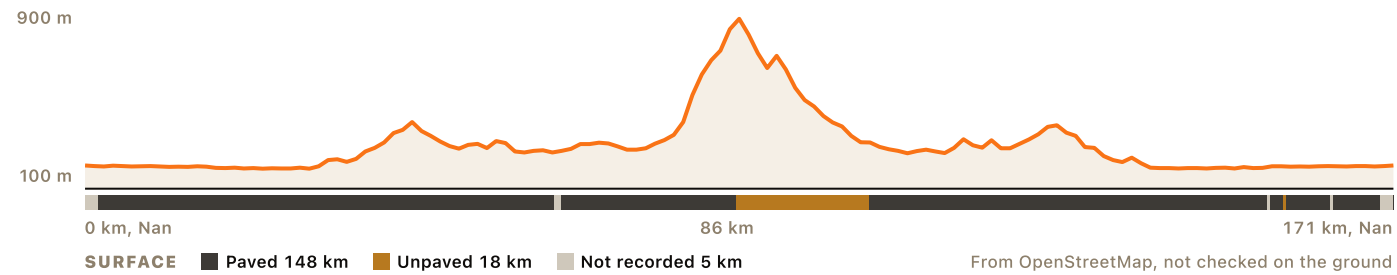
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1,253 M	843 M	191 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



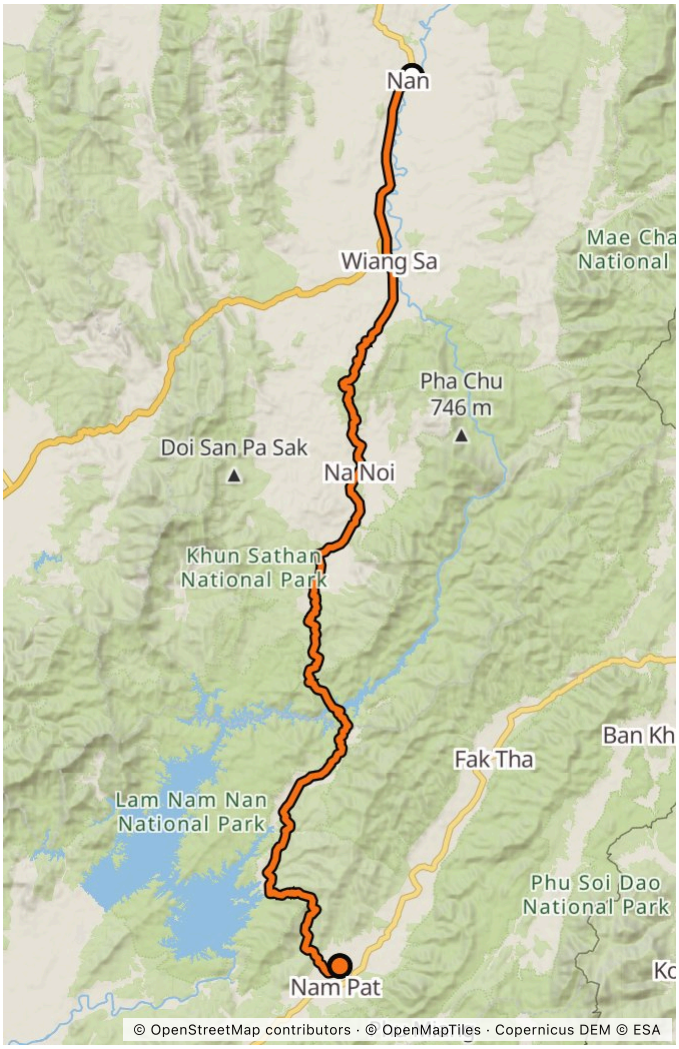
SURFACE Paved 148 km Unpaved 18 km Not recorded 5 km

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NAN TO NAM PAT BY THE SIRIKIT FERRY

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NAN TO UTTARADIT	158 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	99% PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

The adventurous way south out of Nan. Ride down Road 1026 through Na Noi to Na Muen, then take Road 1339, a run of tight hairpins down to the fishing village of Pak Nai on the Sirikit reservoir. A small vehicle ferry, pulled across by a boat, carries bikes over the water; expect to wait, sometimes a couple of hours, and take care on the loose gravel at the landings. On the far side the road winds on through the hills to Nam Pat. Check locally that the ferry is running before you commit.

Fuel stops Wiang Sa, Na Noi and Na Muen, then Nam Pat. Nothing between Na Muen and the far shore.

Water crossings None

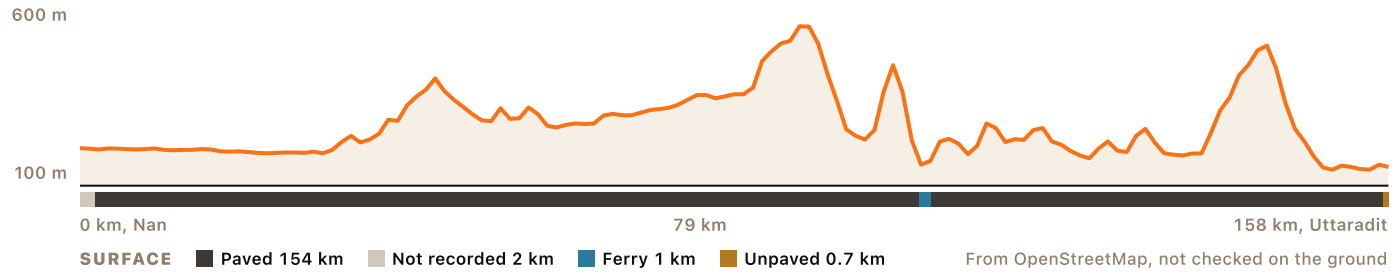
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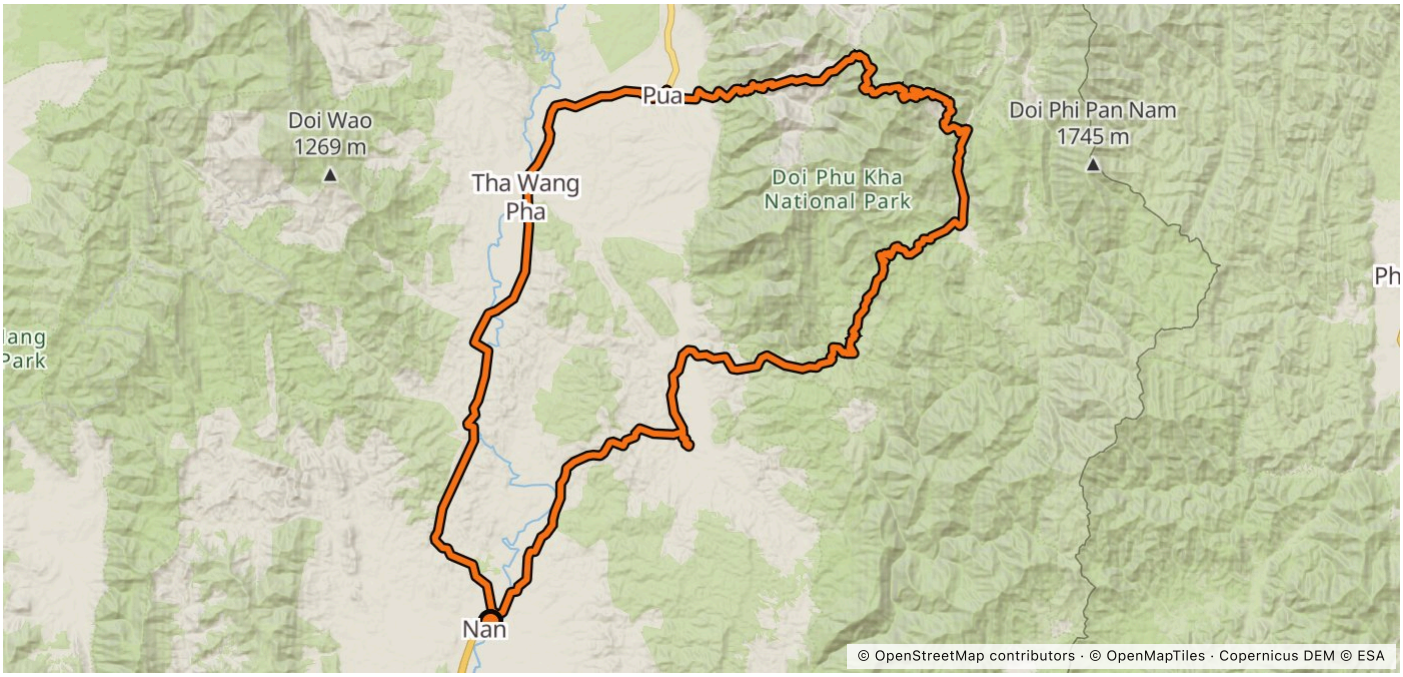
1,509 M	536 M	146 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



THE NAN LOOP: DOI PHU KHA AND BO KLUEA

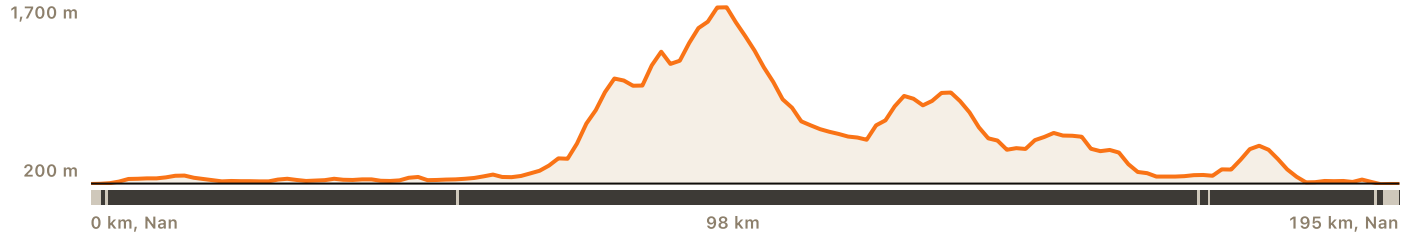
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NAN	195 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

2,918 M	1,645 M	204 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



SURFACE Paved 189 km Not recorded 6 km

From OpenStreetMap, not checked on the ground

A full day in the mountains east of Nan. Ride north to Pua, then take Road 1256 up and over Doi Phu Kha National Park to the village of Bo Kluea, where salt has been boiled from mountain wells for centuries. Come home on Road 1081, the roller-coaster ridge road south through Santi Suk, with the number-3-shaped bend people stop to photograph. Quiet, cool and green all the way.

Fuel stops Nan, Pua and Bo Kluea.

Water crossings None

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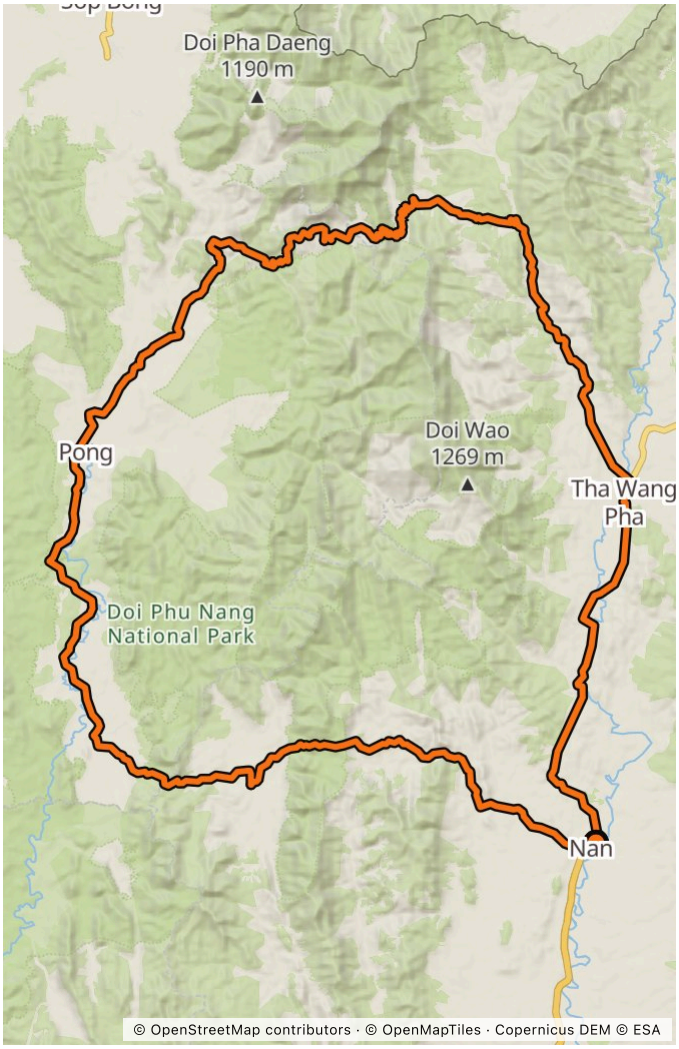
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THE NAN NORTH LOOP VIA CHIANG MUAN

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NAN	273 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

A long day on three of the best roads around Nan. Ride north to Tha Wang Pha and take Road 1148 west over the hills, then turn south on Road 1092 through Pong to Chiang Muan in Phayao province. Road 1091 brings you home through Ban Luang, climbing and curving all the way back to Nan. Riders on the forums call this combination the best roads they have ridden. It is about 280 km, so start early.

Fuel stops Tha Wang Pha, Song Khwae, Pong and Chiang Muan.

Water crossings None

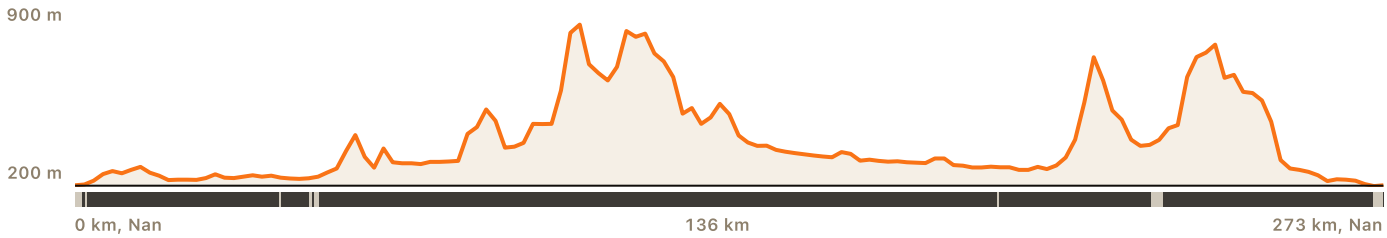
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2,602 M	816 M	202 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point

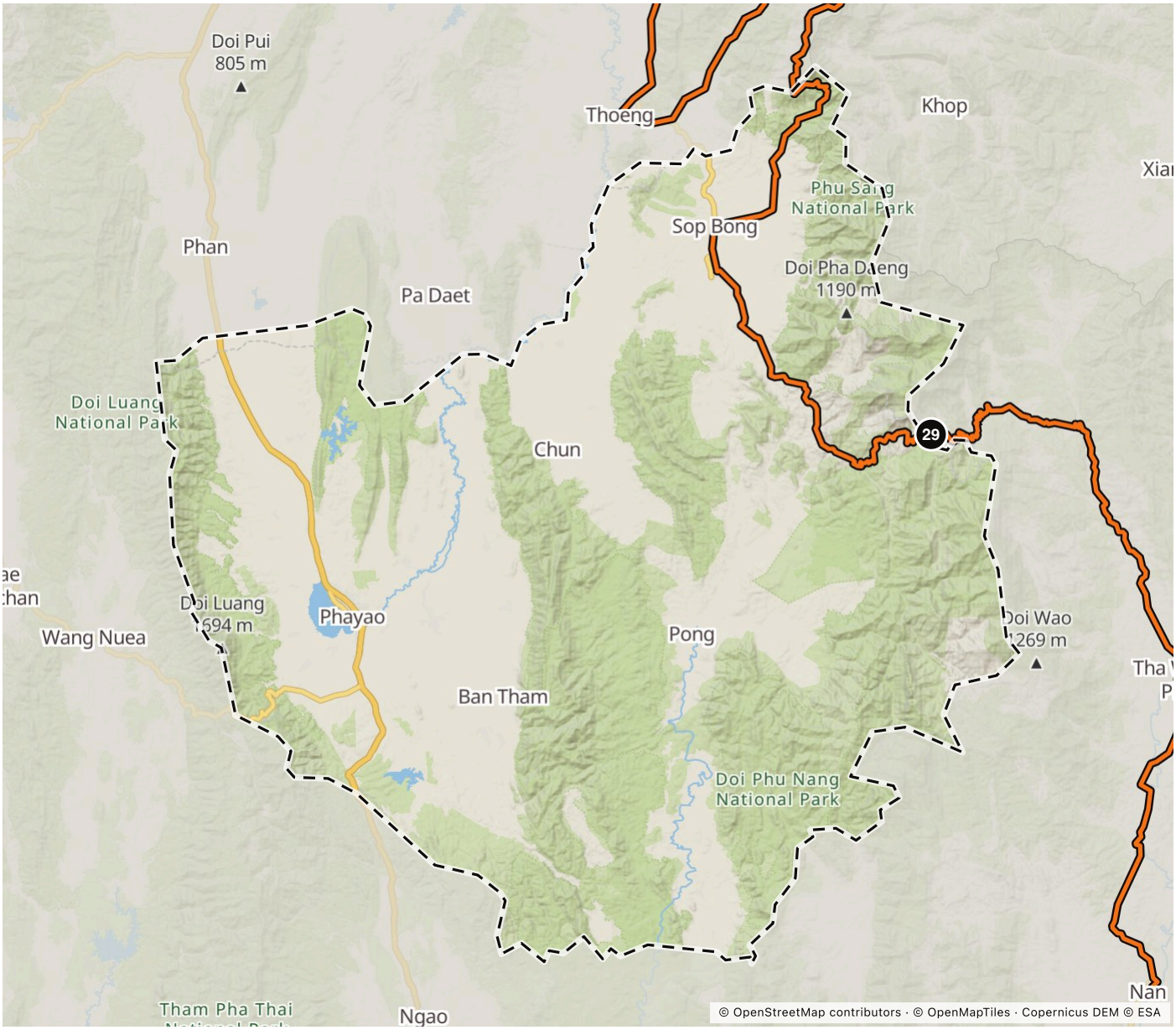


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PHAYAO

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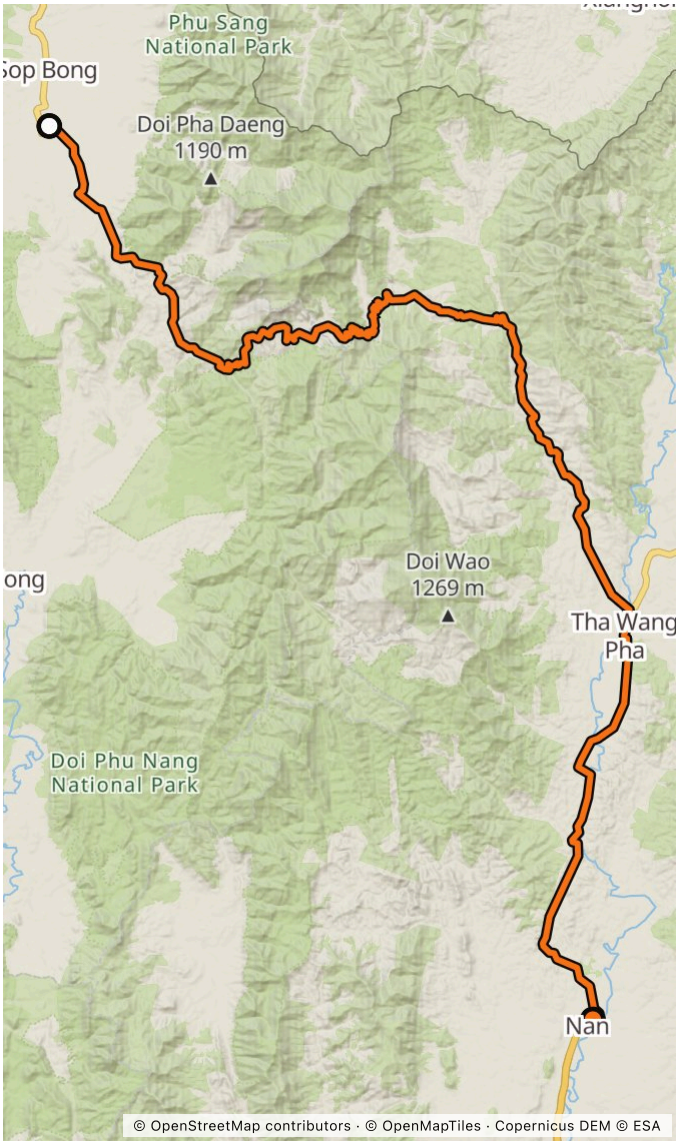


No.	Route	From and to	Distance	Surface	Page
20	**Phu Chi Fa and Doi Pha Tang**	Chiang Rai to Phayao	231 km	All paved	**25**
29	**Road 1148, Chiang Kham to Nan**	Phayao to Nan	161 km	All paved	**37**

ROAD 1148, CHIANG KHAM TO NAN

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PHAYAO TO NAN	161 KM	HALF DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
From and to	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

Ask riders for the best road in northern Thailand and most will say the 1148. From Chiang Kham it runs about 90 km to Tha Wang Pha in one long sequence of fast, well-surfaced sweepers over forested hills, with almost no traffic. From Tha Wang Pha it is an easy run down Road 101 to Nan. Ride it once for the road and again for the view.

Fuel stops Chiang Kham, Song Khwae and Tha Wang Pha.

Water crossings None

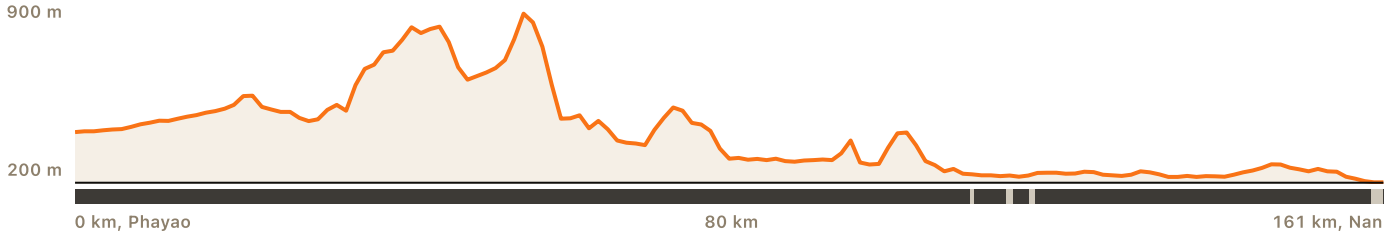
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1,387 M	847 M	205 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point

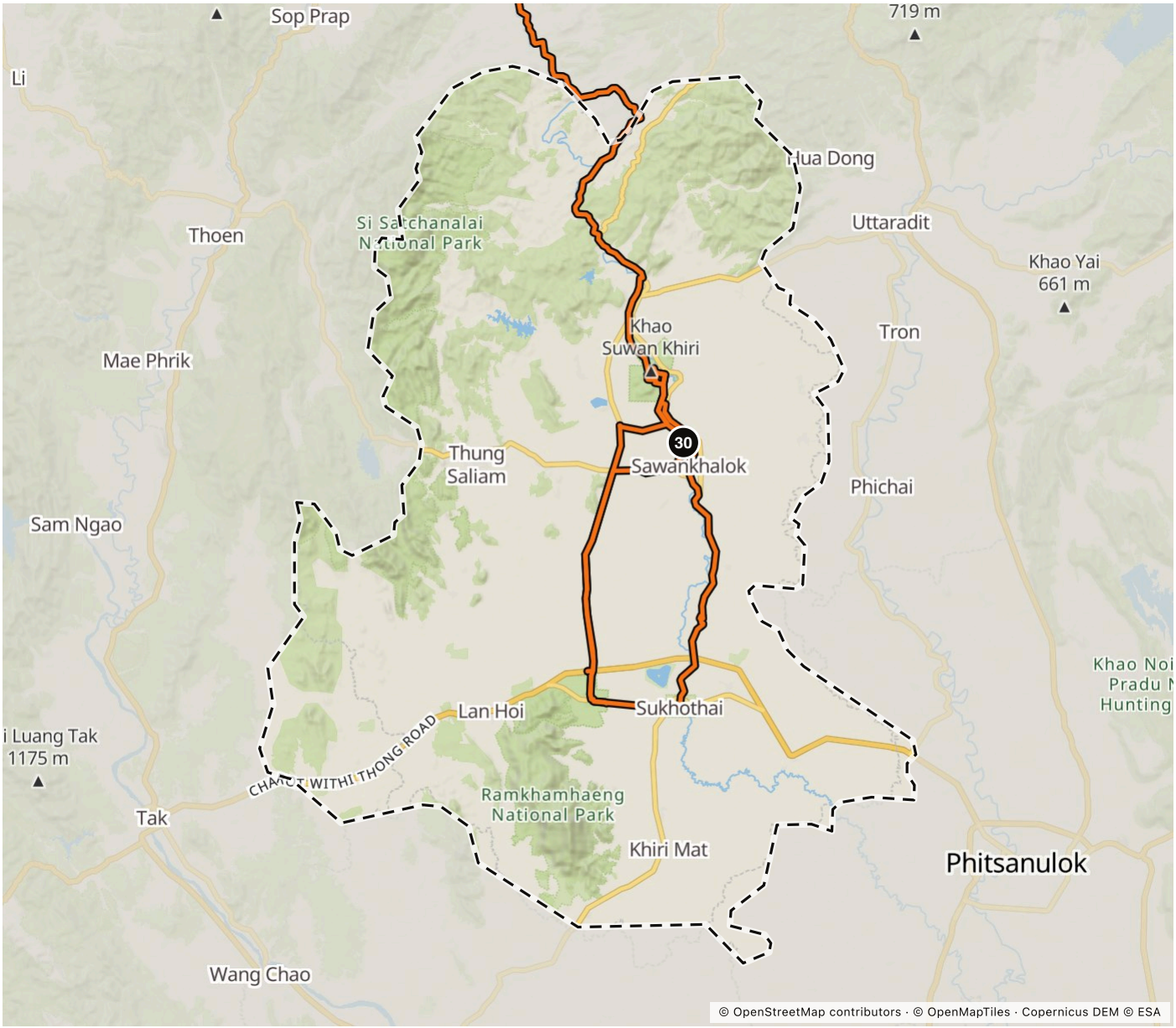


SURFACE Paved 157 km Not recorded 4 km

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SUKHOTHAI

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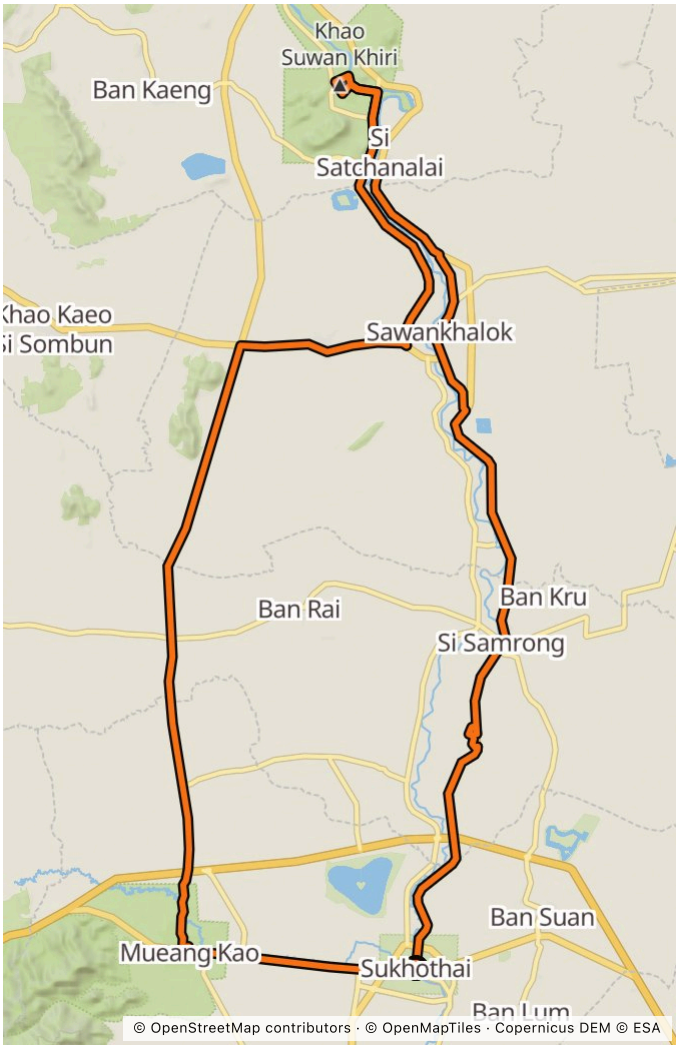


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8	**Chiang Mai to Sukothai**	Chiang Mai to Sukhothai	305 km	All paved	**11**
30	**Sukhothai to Si Satchanalai, the Old Kingdom**	Within Sukhothai	131 km	97% paved	**39**

SUKHOTHAI TO SI SATCHANALAI, THE OLD KINGDOM

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SUKHOTHAI	131 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	97% PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

A flat, easy day between the two capitals of the first Thai kingdom. Start among the ruins of Sukhothai Historical Park, then ride north through rice fields and sugar cane to Si Satchanalai, its quieter sister city on the Yom River, where the temples sit in forest and you can often have them to yourself. Come back through Sawankhalok, known for its old ceramic kilns. Both parks charge an entrance fee, and the lowlands are hot from March onward.

Fuel stops Sukhothai, Sawankhalok and Si Satchanalai.

Water crossings None

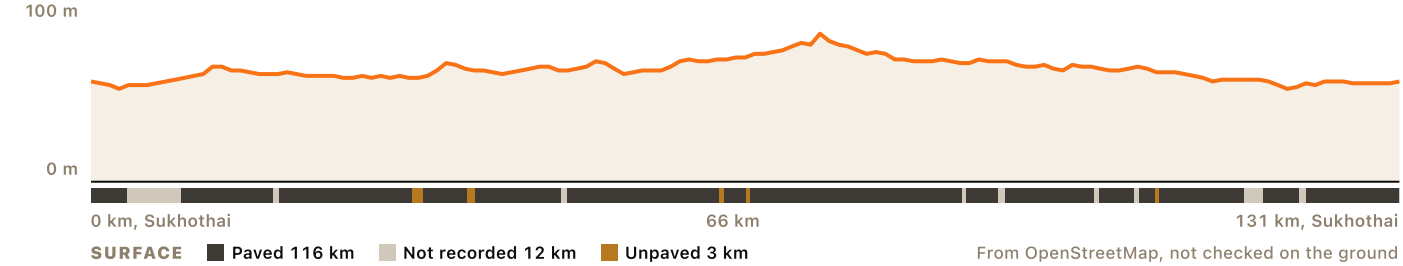
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30 M	81 M	51 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point

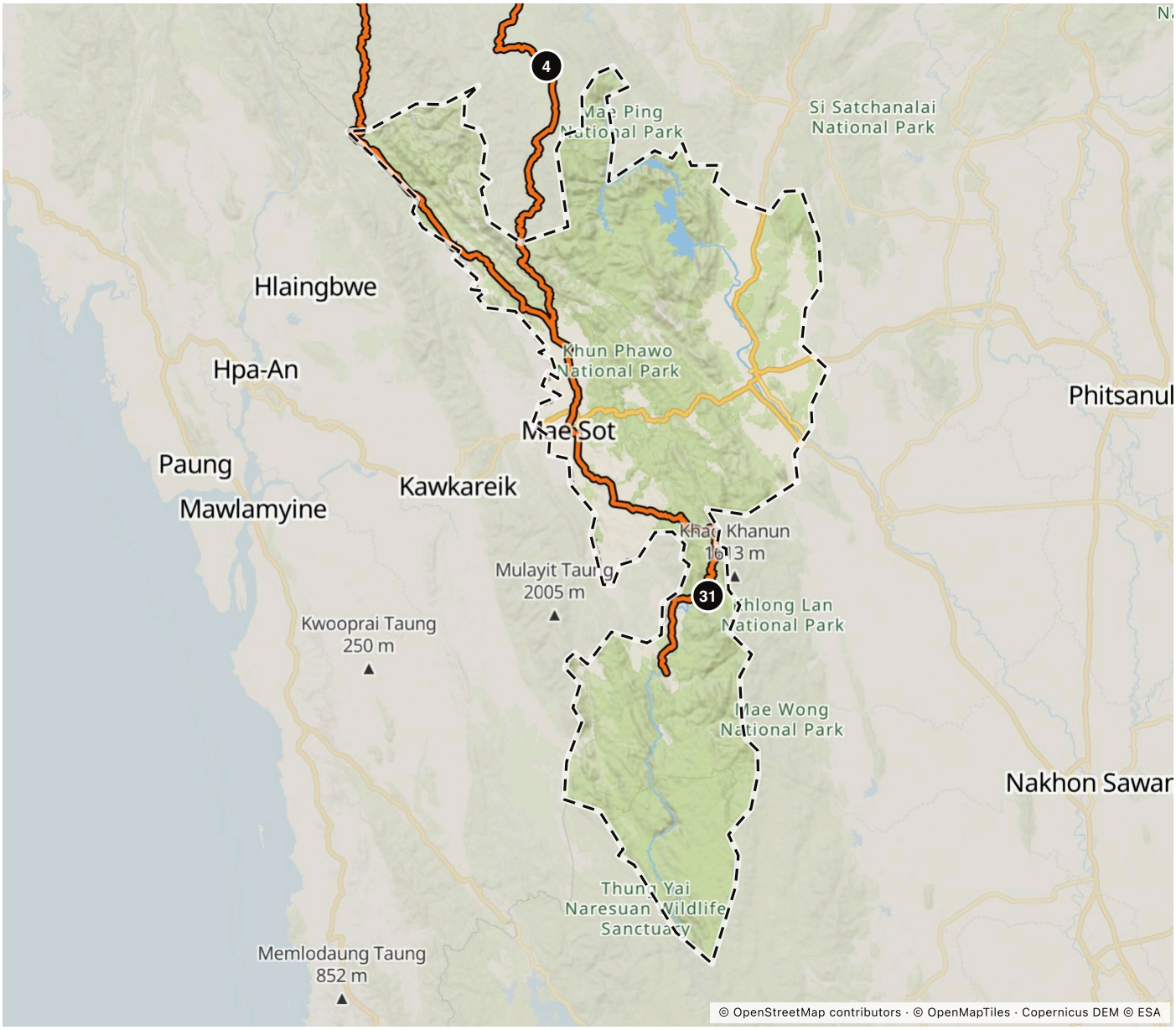


SURFACE Paved 116 km Not recorded 12 km Unpaved 3 km

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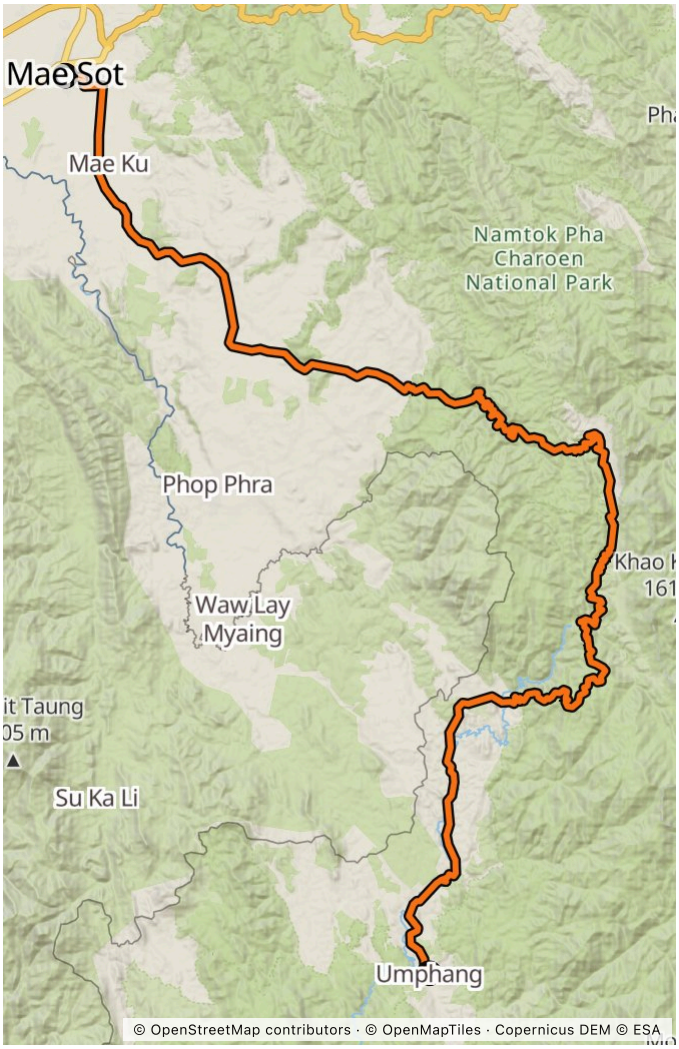
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No.	Route	From and to	Distance	Surface	Page
4	**Chiang Mai to Mae Sot via Mae Ramat**	Chiang Mai to Tak	362 km	99% paved	7
5	**Chiang Mai to Mae Sot via the Border Roads**	Chiang Mai to Tak	424 km	All paved	8
31	**Mae Sot to Umphang, the 1,219 Curves**	Within Tak	165 km	All paved	41

MAE SOT TO UMPHANG, THE 1,219 CURVES 31

TAK	165 KM	FULL DAY	NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	ALL PAVED
Province	Distance	Riding time	Best season	Surface



Start Finish

Road 1090 to Umphang is a dead end, and that is the point. The first stretch out of Mae Sot is flat farmland, then the road climbs into the mountains and does not stop turning: 1,219 curves by the local count, reaching about 1,300 m before it drops to Umphang. Traffic all but disappears. There is an army checkpoint on the way, so carry your passport. Umphang is the base for Thi Lo Su waterfall, and the only way back is the way you came.

Fuel stops Mae Sot, then nothing reliable until Umphang. Fill up before you leave.

Water crossings None

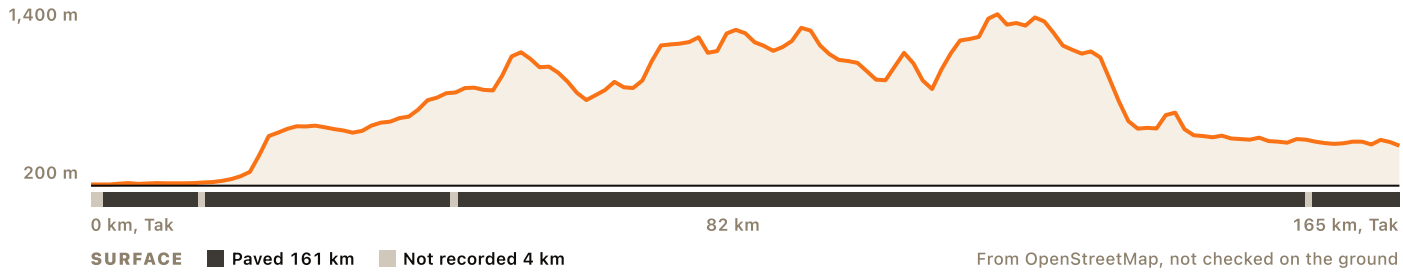
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2,886 M	1,324 M	214 M
Total climb	Highest point	Lowest point



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