

West Baray

Siem Reap beach



There are four major barays (water reservoirs) in the park area, but West Baray is the only one which still contains water. The beach side has small bamboo huts with hammocks for rent and there are food stalls available. It's a good place to relax, eat and go for a swim, and enjoy a day off from the temples. Accessible by a short boat ride is an artificial island with the temple ruins of West Mebon.

Practical Information

West Baray is sometimes referred to as the "Clear Water Lake" and it is a very popular destination for locals to hang out and have picnic with their friends and family. Especially on Sundays the shores are filled with local families enjoying their day off.

Don't forget that this is a holy place so it's a good idea to dress according to the local customs. It is a good idea to adjust your bathing cloths to local customs. Instead of wearing bikini a pair of shorts and a t-shirt is more appropriate. Locals usually swim with their cloths on



How to get there

West Baray is located around 6 km from Siem Reap town, and can be reached by bicycle, moto, tuk-tuk, car or van.

Can be combined with a trip to Silk Farm, Sangkheum center or National Centre for Khmer ceramics revival.