

HISTORY OF ONG ANG CANAL

Ong Canal is a part of the canal around the city during 1983 under the reign of King Rama I. In the year 1983, Bangkok established concession to private sectors in the management of commercial for the past ten years. More than 500 stores are selling different kinds of goods and services all over the Ong Ang canal area. The trading area is known as "Saphan Lek Market". Since 2000 most of the merchants continue to trade in this area even though the contract had already expired. In accordance with the resolution of the Rattanakosin Board and Old city under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration has organized the demolition of various buildings, structures, and shops that invaded the Ong Ang canal.

To improve the landscape, the historical canal and other public areas were fixed such as a proper drainage system. Then most of the shops were dismantled then rented out to Mega Plaza. This Mega Plaza is opposite Khlong Ong Ang near Mahachai Road. In the past 5-6 years trading still exists in the area.

The installation of "Silpa Pipe Cover" in the year 2019 from Damrongsathit Bridge to Osathanon bridge, the Urainpanich Company and ATM spray, organized the project called " ATM SPRAY X STREET BOTTLE ART. It creates a new landmark along Ong Ang Canal by painting work street art on the canal wall. Starting from Phanuphan Bridge going to Damrongsathit Bridge, this artwork makes the Khlong Ong Ang community more beautiful with works of art reflecting their unique identity. The character and culture of the community with contemporary and graffiti artists and leading by street art artists in Thailand such as ALEX FACE BIGDEU PAKORN and ASIN / BONUS TMC/ MAUY and MSV/ JOKER EB these groups of artists create the outstanding artworks in both

walls. At present, the canal is open to the public to see the beautiful scenery.

There are five bridges across the canal, namely Damrong Sathit bridge, Phanuphan Bridge, Bophit bridge, Facing Bridge, and Osathanon bridge. Bangkok organized "The Khlong Ong Ang walking street" it is open around 16:00 - 22:00. From Damrong Sathit bridge to Bophit Phimuk bridge, there are many shops for tourists. Shops that offer foods, toys, and other items and along the way, there are also free shows. Kayaking is available in Ong Ang Canal good for 30 minutes each round to see appealing of the place within the city of Bangkok.

You can get a queue card around 8:00 pm at the pier in front of Saphan Lek Square. Near Damrongsatit Bridge, there are many activities that this place can offer. After walking in Ong Ang canal attractions, you can sit and drink coffee while relaxing and looking at the amazing paintings at KAJA GALLERY CAFE.

This cafe opened in an old Victorian-style build over hundred years ago with a decoration of orange tones, brick trimmed with gray to extend the cozy atmosphere away from the chaos outside.

The KajaGallery Cafe (<https://www.facebook.com/kajagallerycafe/>) is near the Ong Ang canal on Phra Nakhon district, it's from the bridge facing Bophit Phumik bridge.

These are the list of the restaurant around the district:

Noodle Shop Tambon

Chokchai

Mama Resto

Little Bhutan

Royal India

and Tony's Travel 1.

If you have a car, the parking lot is available at The Old Siam Shopping Center at the rate of 10 baht per hour. After that, you can take a walk from the shopping center from Burapacha road going to Klong Ang Canal walking street the distance is about 300 meters.

At Grand De Ville Hotel at the rate of 40 baht per hour.

For more information, please contact 081 207755 2.

Travel by public bus line 1, 21, B2, 53, 43 and etc 3.

Traveling by MRT, get off at Sam Yot Station then walk about 100 meters.