

Thailand Snake Note – What is Field Herping for Snakes?

A lot of snake enthusiasts would like to go snake herping – or looking for snakes, but they're not really sure what it's all about. Here I'll explain.

You book a number of days from someone offering herping trips (us). When you arrive we'll meet you at your hotel and go from there for day 1. Day 1 might consist of a 30km ride out to a place we have found snakes in the past. A lot depends on the Thailand weather. Snakes love to come out during and after a rain. Reason is – the frogs and other wildlife are more abundant then. If it rains straight for 2-3 days, you won't find many snakes out in that. But, if the weather turns sunny after a couple days of rain – bam, they're out.

You can target certain snakes or snake family and we will create a custom itinerary for you based on the number of days you're staying for.

Herping can be done in two primary ways:

1. Walking through the forest, along streams, up mountains, etc.
2. Driving around at night to find snakes crossing the road. It sounds almost ridiculous, but after a rain this is an especially productive technique if you're in the right area.

Usually you'll be walking and on your feet for a couple of hours at a time. There are always places we can stop and rest if you feel the need – the herping excursion goes according to what you need.

During the field herping you may be able to take photos right there where you find the snake, or, you might choose to bag it

up and take it to another location for photos. The snake is then released in its natural environment. We don't keep snakes. We cannot allow you to keep them either.

When you hire a guide to take you herping in Thailand, in our case anyway, we are not there to put on a show for you – you are the focus. The trip is focused on your experience. On occasion we might pick up a snake for you – but, it's really all about you! We can tell you where to look and tell you some things about the snakes you find, of course.

Herping, even in Thailand, is a little bit like fishing in Florida. There are many varieties of snake out there. They are in some hard to reach places. If you want to make the effort to find them – chances are you will find some. If not, if you don't turn over every snakey rock or board, you may not find enough snakes to make you happy. On occasion the weather is wrong and we will only find a couple of snakes. Sometimes, for no reason we can understand – we don't find many snakes.

We hope that isn't the case, of course, and we try every time we go out herping in the field to find snakes!

If you have any questions about setting up a herping trip in Thailand while you're here – zap us an email at: info@thailandsnakes.com.

Here's more info – [Herping for Snakes](#) (Tips) >