

Panglung Hermitage (Spangs lung ri khrod)



The ruins at Panglung Hermitage (Spangs lung ri khrod).

Location and Layout

Panglung Hermitage (Spangs lung ri khrod) is located in the valley northeast (and downhill) from Phur lcog. It takes about thirty minutes to walk there from Phur lcog. Spangs lung today lies completely in ruins, and we can say little about its layout or its history. We know that it once had a large temple, and that there was a Rdo rje shugs ldan chapel somewhere on the site. The hermitage (*ri khrod*) also had a Rdo rje shugs ldan oracle – an individual who would go into trance to make prognostications while possessed by the god.

An attempt was made to rebuild a portion of Spangs lung in the 1990s, but informants reported that there was considerable opposition from the local people because the site has always been associated with this controversial protector deity, the propitiation of which has been banned in recent years by the present Da lai bla ma.