Mylliem Village

Smit Village
Laitumkhrah Locality

Mashkhar Locality
A view of Shillong city

Monoliths
Lum Schpetbneng

Religious rituals performed at Lum Schpetbneng
DAIN THLEN FALLS

Located near Sohra (Cherrapunjee) there exists a gentle but beautiful waterfall known as Dain Thlen Falls or the falls where Thlen was butchered. Thlen is the khasi name for Python, which according to local legend and belief personifies evil, nay the devil himself. Legend has it that once upon a time, the people decided to rid themselves of evil, hunted down the Thlen and captured it from the depths of a deep rocky crevice. The Thlen was then dragged to the wide flat rocks overlooking a gentle waterfall and butchered there. A mighty feast was prepared and the entire community partook of the flesh of the Thlen. One selfish individual, however, stealthily hid a few pieces of the Thlen’s flesh for his later use. Unfortunately for human society, the Thlen rejuvenated himself from these few pieces and evil filled the world again.

Axes used by the people as they butchered the Thlen made deep scars on the surface of the flat rock where Thlen was butchered. These axe-marks are still intact and visible. Ever since, the waterfall at this place has been known as Dain Thlen Falls or the falls where Thlen was butchered.
The Syiem of Hima Khyrin
Paiem Balajied Singh Syiem

Young maidens at the Nongkrem dance
Religious sacrifice during the "Pumblang Syiem" Nongkrem dance

Musicians (Nhzias) at the Nongkrem dance
Tea stall during the Nongkrem dance festival

Khasi Archery