

## 05. ROCK - CUT TEMPLE

### Place - Ramadurga

**District** : Chitradurga  
**Taluk** : Challakere  
**Locality** : Ramadurga

**Geo - Coordinates:**  
**Lat** : 14.40559° N  
**Long** : 76.54236° E



### History

The Rock-cut temple is located in Ramadurga village in Challakere taluk, Chitradurga district. Between the two fort walls on the west where the rock slopes down, there appears to have been a shallow cave, which is now converted into a cave temple.

The face of the rock has been cut by the architects until a vertical wall (about 7.5 x 3.5 m) was made. Next a regular hall has been hewn with eight pilasters and four pillars. The rock roof above is about a meter thick. Its inner side, i.e. the *navaranga* ceiling, is divided into 9 compartments. These are carved with beautiful padmas of Hoysala design.

The *navaranga mantapa* is 9 x 6 m. The *garbhagriha* doorway is a well-worked piece. The sanctum, the ceiling of which is unfinished, has a black stone linga (about 1 m high) which appears to have been brought from outside. The group is inset in a projecting *torana* on which are *chauri*-bearers and *dvarapalas*.

3D Point Cloud



Plan