

The DNHG is organizing a field trip to Mleiha Archaeological Centre
Friday 8th April 2016

Mleiha Archaeological Centre (developed and managed by the Sharjah Investment and Development Authority – SHUROOQ) has been operational since January 2016. A Phase 1 project that is set close to Fossil Rock and the Jebel Faya Mountain Range in the Mleiha region of the Central Region of Sharjah Emirate, this centre is the first of its kind in the Emirate and features an Interactive Museum that showcases the life, findings and society of the Early Human Races that lived in the Mleiha region with finds and artefacts dating back from the Palaeolithic to the Pre-Islamic periods.

DNHG members will enjoy a guided tour of both the indoor museum and the outdoor Stone Age archaeological sites, lead by long-time DNHG member and Centre employee Ajmal Hasan. Members will be taken by Centre's off-road vehicles for an interesting drive through the sand dunes of Mleiha to some interesting locations such as Camel Rock (a large monolith naturally shaped in the form of a camel) , Fossil Rock (a large limestone monolith with numerous fossils from the late Cretaceous period visible on the surface rock), and Saddle Rock (Jebel Mleiha). This is a unique setting in the UAE that adds substantial value to ecotourism, archaeological and environmental focused tourism activities.

DNHG members will benefit of a preferential discounted rate of AED 80/- per person for the below itinerary:

- Mleiha archaeological centre exhibit area
- Mleiha Palace and Burial Chambers (Late Pre-Islamic Site)
- Valley of the Caves (Neolithic Site) Trek
- Jebel Faya Cave (Paleolithic Site) Visit
- Camel Rock Visit
- Fossil Rock Visit

(Lunchbox from Mleiha Café with a half sandwich, half soup and a juice pack is an additional AED 40/-)

The entire visit will take approximately between **3-4** hours, daylight hours. **The group is limited to 20 people.** 4WD is not necessary. Further details will be sent to those who apply. **In case of oversubscription we will have a draw of participants (those helping with trips or contributing to the Gazelle will have priority). This will happen at the beginning of April.**

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