

DNHG Desert Drive
Saturday 28th March 2015

Start point is on the drive to the Banyan Tree al Wadi hotel off the truck road at GPS location N25 35.192 E55 50.445 – we will meet there at 13.00pm for tyre deflation. There will be a briefing at 13.20 and we will start off with a departure time of 13.30pm. The route is about 30km, running broadly due South along some interesting tracks and dunes, which I anticipate taking us about two hours. The terrain is relatively easy going, but there will be some soft spots that require a bit more care, with the usual climbs and descents you would expect from hilly dune territory.

On arrival at the start point, please deflate your tyres to 15psi (1 bar). I will not be checking this before we leave, but be aware that if you get stuck in the sand, the tyre pressure is the first thing I will be looking at! Remember also to engage 4WD high-range, and switch off any traction control systems if they are present on your car. If you have a stout tow strap and small sand shovel, please bring them with you, just in case you need them! Please also do not forget to take plenty of drinking water with you - too much is better than not enough.

The finish point and tyre inflation will be at the roundabout in Falaj al Mualla on the E55 road at GPS location N25 21.472 E55 51.171, where there is a tyre shop. Fuel is also available at the finish point.

Please RSVP to let me know if you will be attending the drive, along with details of your car (make and model), and names of all participants. The usual DNHG disclaimer form will need to be signed by all.

Andrew

PS – A digital tyre pressure gauge is much easier to read (and more accurate) than an analog version, especially for low tyre pressures. These are available at many outlets, including Carrefour supermarkets, for less than AED 30.

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