

## **DNHG trip to Islamic Botanical Garden in Sharjah Desert Park on Friday 9th February, 2018**

The DNHG has arranged a visit to the ISLAMIC BOTANICAL GARDEN, Sharjah Desert Park, Sharjah, on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

The centre showcases 57 plant species that are listed in the Quran and the scriptures. At the time these plants were used in food preparation and for medicinal purposes.

The living plants can be seen, accompanied by references to them from the Quran and scriptures. A guide from the Islamic Botanical Garden will accompany the group around the centre.

The outdoor garden is beautiful and members will have time to enjoy it before the start of the guided visit.

Within the Sharjah Desert Park complex, Arabia's Wildlife Centre, the Children's Farm and the Natural History Museum can be visited in your own time, after the IBG visit.

Arabia's Wildlife Centre is home to exclusively Arabian species. This air-conditioned centre is well worth a leisurely visit. You can enjoy a coffee or light meal in the cafeteria with a view of flamingo, Ibex, gazelle and the Arabian oryx. Observant visitors will catch a glimpse of the rock hyrax that inhabit a rocky outcrop.

With the recent lambing/kidding season, several goat kids and lambs can be seen at the Children's Farm.

### **Programme of the visit:**

**We will meet at 13.30 in front of the Islamic Botanical Garden, second entrance on the left after entering the Sharjah Desert Park.** Please report to Jackie and sign the waiver. You will then have 1 hour free for exploring and enjoying the garden on your own. Or you can help yourself to refreshments: hot water, coffee, black tea and milk will be available at this time. Please bring your own mug and snacks.

**The guided visit of the garden will start at 14.30.**

After the visit you are welcome to extend your visit to Arabian Wildlife Center and Children's Farm.

This trip is suitable for families and children. **Group is limited to 20 people**

**Entry fee is 15 aed for adults, children under 12 years old are free. Please bring exact change.**

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