

December 16-17, 2016 - DNHG Pre-Christmas Picnic with optional overnight camp
Pre-Christmas picnic in the desert with overnight camping on Friday and Saturday,
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For those who will be in Dubai in December and would like to enjoy the nice weather and a weekend outdoors, we are organizing the traditional DNHG pre-Christmas picnic in the desert.

As last year we will venture into the stunning desert of Umm Al Quwain Emirate.

We will meet in Biyatha and follow a fairly good track through the desert, passing an old camel and saluki racing tracks, stopping at the desert view point and other interest points. We will drive over some shallow sandy patches so 4WDs will be needed.

We will stop in the amazing orange sand dunes in a small ghaf tree forest. The plan is to go for a walk to explore the dunes, watch the sunset from the vantage point, camp (and listen to the night stone curlew breeding call). In the morning we will check out the early morning sand prints of the animals' night activities.

However, the central part of our outing will be sharing an international picnic:

You are asked to bring your favorite food, possibly your typical national (Christmas) dish or two to share with the group.

No need for huge quantities, everyone should bring a bit more food than usual, which will be then laid out in an international buffet to share - a great way of experience variety of cuisines and enjoy a different (pre)Christmas in the desert.

This will be a two-day trip for those who wish to stay for overnight camping in the desert. The group will be limited to max 8 cars; sharing is of course encouraged.

More details on where and when to meet and what to bring will follow.

If interested, **please contact Sonja at lavson@gmail.com** for more information.