

DNHG Al Wathba Wetland Reserve
March 21, 2015

The Environment Agency of Abu Dhabi has kindly offered to host the DNHG at Al Wathba Wetland Reserve from **3.45pm until sunset** (outside the normal opening times of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays) on **Saturday 21st March 2015**. This will offer an excellent opportunity to learn more about the reserve in addition to seeing the flamingos plus other migrating birds that are wintering or en-route through Abu Dhabi. Further details about the reserve can be found below from the website.

<http://www.ead.ae/al-wathba-wetland-2/>

We are also trying to arrange an early afternoon visit to the Abu Dhabi Wildlife Centre, which is very close to Al Wathba Wetland Reserve. The A.D. Wildlife Centre is "a non-profit rescue and rehabilitation centre to ensure the continued survival and well-being of **endangered species**. The Centre provides sanctuary for orphaned and sick animals from the largest mammals to the smallest antelope. Raising public awareness of the urgent need for wildlife preservation is an integral part of the centre. The Centre focuses on the breeding of Cheetah, Tigers, Lions, Ocelot, Caracals, Leopards, Servals and Jaguars. "

Entry to the Wildlife Centre is Dh55/- per adult and Dh35/- per child under 12 years.

We will travel by **Bellobus**, which has already been booked, from Dubai and we will meet opposite JESS School and the Medcare Hospital near Safa Park. Cars can be parked on the open space in that area. Directions to the meeting place will be sent to all participants.

If a visit to the Abu Dhabi Wildlife Centre is confirmed, then we shall meet at 11.15 a.m. for an 11.30 a.m. start with the aim of getting to the venue at about 1 p.m.

Participants should then bring packed lunches and drinks with them.

If we are only able to visit Al Wathba, then we shall meet at 1.15 p.m. for a 1.30 p.m. start with the aim of getting to the venue before 3.45 p.m.

In any case we shall leave Al Wathba by **6.30 p.m.** to return to Dubai.

Cost of the Bellobus trip will be about **Dh60/-** per person

Please note that this trip is open to a **maximum of 30** participants.

If interested please email Angela Manthorpe at manthorpe2005@yahoo.co.uk

and copy in Valerie Chalmers at valeriechalmers@gmail.com so that she can get back to you regarding the Abu Dhabi Wildlife Centre visit.

This trip is open only to paid-up members of the DNHG and all participants go at their own risk.