

DNHG Field Trip: Mountain Front Wetlands, Friday, May 12

Gary Feulner will lead a half-day exploration of three temporary wetland sites along the western flank of the Hajar Mountains. We will walk around the three sites for 1.0 to 1.5 hours each, observing wildlife (vertebrates and invertebrates) and plants. 4WD is required to access two of the sites. [NB: It is likely to be very warm as noon draws near.]

- When/Where to meet?

7:30 am sharp at Shawkah junction, along the mountain front on the Mleiha Road. (Details will be forwarded upon sign-up.) The meeting point is ca. one hour from the Trade Centre area of Dubai. An early start is required to beat the heat.

- What to bring:

Footwear suitable for rough, brushy and/or damp ground.

Lunch/snacks

Water (2-3 liters in the car plus a small bottle to carry while walking)

[NB: There will be no formal lunch break as we will finish the trip by 1- 2pm]

Hat or other sun protection

Optional: camera, binoculars, magnifying glass, field guides

- 4WD required? Yes, 4WD is necessary for road access at two sites.

- Estimated time of return to Dubai: ca. 2-3pm

- Limit: 16 people maximum

To sign-up: Contact Gary by e-mail: grfeulner@gmail.com. [Do not reply to this e-mail.]

Please include (1) **your phone number**, (2) **whether you have a 4WD**, and (3) **how many passengers you can carry** for final access. (Failure to include 4WD information will be interpreted as meaning you do not have a 4WD).

Telephone numbers are requested to facilitate ride-sharing for those in need.

Gary will check responses at ca. 1pm on Sunday, May 7. If the trip is then over-subscribed, participants will be selected by drawing names from a hat, and Gary will send notifications accordingly, including details of meeting place. (In case additional 4WDs are needed, preference will be given to participants who have one.)