

DNHG Hajar Mountain Wadi Walk near Sfai
7 March 2014

Binish Roobas and Peter Olliff will lead a wadi walk in the area near Sfai, in the center of the Hajar Mountains of the UAE. The purpose will be to examine typical Hajar Mountain flora and fauna, and (as always) to look for any surprises. On a DNHG field trip to this area a few years ago, we discovered a local population of a small butterfly previously known only from the Musandam. Previous rain may mean that plant life will be flourishing more than usual for March.

A butterfly expert will also accompany us, so butterfly enthusiasts are highly encouraged to join the walk.

We will be on foot in the wadi for an estimated 6 hours, but our pace will be slow and we will not be climbing up the neighboring slopes (well, not very far, anyway). The trip is suitable for beginning hikers who are comfortable with the overall length.

What to bring: boots or sturdy shoes, water (3 litres), lunch or snacks, sun protection, camera, binoculars, field guides (if you have them).

Date: Sat, 7 Mar 2014

Departure: 8:00am from central Dubai

Estimated walking time: 6 hours

Estimated return to Dubai: 5:30-6:00pm

Trip limit: 15 people

****Last person to arrive gets to write trip notes for the Gazelle****

For sign-up and meeting point details, e-mail Peter at peolliff@gmail.com.