**DNHG Field Trip: Wadi Walk in Wadi Daynah, Friday, Nov 23**

[Please READ the details below before you reply and sign up, and please supply the requested information to allow efficient coordination]

Gary Feulner will lead this full-day introduction to the flora, fauna, geology and ecology of the wadis on the western flank of the Hajar Mountains. The trip will be a 6-7 hour walk in a wadi environment, mostly without trails, and will include the ascent of gentle slopes to visit natural and agricultural terraces. The area received rain at the end of October, so we may encounter shallow pools near our intended turn-around point. 4WD is required for the final 2-3 km road access.

- When/Where to meet?

7:45 am sharp at the mountain front near Shawkah, along the Sharjah-Mleiha-Kalba Road (E102). (Exact details will be forwarded upon sign-up.)

- What to bring:

Sturdy footwear for walking in a wadi and up wadi banks without a trail.

Day pack for food, water and equipment

Water (3 liters – enough for 6-7 hours outdoors)

Lunch

Hat or other sun protection

Optional: camera, binoculars, magnifying glass, field guides

- 4WD required? Yes, 4WD is necessary for the last 2-3 km of road access.

- Estimated time of return to Dubai: ca. 6:00-6:30pm

- Limit:  15 people maximum

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

 Your reply should include:

(1) **your phone number**

(2) **whether you have a 4WD**

(3) **how many passengers you could carry** for final access

(4) **what locality you would be leaving from** on Friday morning.

[Failure to include 4WD info will be interpreted as meaning you do not have a 4WD].

 Phone numbers and departure locality are requested to facilitate ride-sharing for those who may be in need.

Gary will check responses at ca. 9pm on Monday, Nov 19. If the trip is then over-subscribed, participants will be selected by drawing names from a hat. Gary will send notifications accordingly, including details of meeting place for confirmed participants.

(In case additional 4WDs are needed, preference will be given to participants who have one.)