**Field trip to Yabbana landslide with wadi walk on Friday, Nov 15 2019**

The weather is now perfect for a walk in one of the many RAK wadis.

This will be a full day trip. We will meet in RAK at 10 am and will return to Dubai late afternoon.

The wadi that we will visit is hidden behind a huge landslide that closed the valley and created a flat, fertile area behind, dotted at the edges with abandoned villages and terrace fields. We will explore the remains of abandoned villages and terrace fields that are quickly disappearing through erosion, as well as observe the flora and fauna of the wadi.

There’s a path through the landslide boulders and the terrain behind the landslide is relatively flat, however you will still need decent fitness levels and good walking shoes. The area is not shaded and it gets hot during the day so plenty of water (at least 3 l per person per day), hat, sun screen and sun glasses are essential. Bring snacks and picnic lunch.

Time permitting we will also visit an old village cemetery and some ancient water cisterns.

**Please apply only if you are able to cope with the daytime heat, uneven terrain and you can walk for 4 hrs (with breaks).**

What to bring:

-       Comfortable walking shoes with good grip (no flip flops or sandals!)

-       Hat, sunglasses and sun cream

-       **Plenty of water – at least 3 litres of water/isotonic drinks per person**

-       Snacks and packed lunch for a picnic in the wadi

-       Reference books for flora and fauna identification

**The group is limited to a maximum of 15 people or 4 cars.**

We will allow till Tuesday (Nov 12) midday for sign-ups. If the trip is over-subscribed, participants will be selected by drawing names and notified accordingly on Tuesday evening, including details of meeting place.

Members who volunteer as trip leaders, contribute to Gazelle or otherwise contribute to DNHG will have priority.

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