

RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING VISITING PROTECTED AREAS

Entrance into the sanctuaries are prohibited without permission from the sanctuaries management authority.

VIDE THE LOCAL ORDER 2/1998, THERE ARE TWO WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES AND FIVE NATURE RESERVES HAVE DECLARED IN THE EMIRATE OF DUBAI

Wildlife Sanctuary:-

1. Ras Al Khawr Wildlife Sanctuary, located at the end of the Dubai Creek
2. Jabal Ali Wildlife Sanctuary, located between the Jabal Ali and Ras Ghantut

Pass your time in leisure with care for plants and animals. For making your tour a favorable to the environment, please follow the instructions and regulations depicted in our Signboards, hoarding posted at various location of Dubai.

In appreciation of the values and functions of the nature and wildlife, and in response to the consequences of rapid decline of species and indiscriminate destruction of natural environment, it is necessary to intervene to protect these creatures by establishing nature conservation programs which mean preserving any area of land, coastal or inland waters characterized by the inclusion of plants, animals, fish, or natural phenomena of special cultural, scientific, tourist or aesthetic level in the protected areas. Pursuant to the Local Order 61/91, Article (85) specified that “Any work, acts, activities or procedures which may destroy, damage or deteriorate the natural environment or damage wildlife, marine flora and fauna or affect the aesthetic standard in the protected areas, shall be prohibited; particularly the following:

1. Hunting, transporting, killing or disturbing marine or wildlife or carry out any work, which may destroy them.
2. Hunting, removal or transporting of any creature or organic materials such as mollusks, coral reefs, rocks, or sand for any purpose.
3. Destroying or transporting of plants from the protected areas.
4. Damaging or disfiguring geological or geographical formations of the habitat or breeding place of flora, fauna and Aves.
5. Introducing non-indigenous species to the protected areas.
6. Polluting the land, water, or atmosphere of the protected area by any mean.
7. Constructing buildings, structures, roads, or use motorized vehicles, or undertake any agricultural, industrial or trade activities in the conservation area, or undertake any activities, acts, or works in the areas surrounding the protected area, unless by a permit from the competent authority, according to conditions, rules and procedures specified by a decision issued by the Director of Municipality”.

Local Order 2 of 1998 prohibits the following activities:

1. Camping without permit.
2. Polluting beach sand with ash and coal after barbeque.
3. Using generator without thick plastic blanket sheet underneath.
4. Throwing rubbish outside bin box.
5. Using all kinds of fishing gears.
6. Bringing pet animals like dogs , horses, etc.
7. Diving and skiing.
8. Bringing and using boats/ jet sky / dune buggy, etc.
9. Driving along the beach on the inter-tidal zone.
10. Driving outside the existing tracks.
11. Destroying fauna and flora.

Under the Local Orders 61/1991 and 2 of 1998, the violators or abusers of the rules and regulations will be prosecuted.

Parties involved in Tourism Industry in the Emirate of Dubai should fully aware and comply with the following Federal Laws and Local Orders pertaining to Environment Protection.

1. Federal Law No. 23/1999 On the Use, Protection and Development of Aquatic Resources in the UAE.
2. Federal Law No. 24/1999 For the Protection and Development of the Environment.
3. Federal Law No. 9/1983 On the Ban on Wildlife Hunting, Gathering and Destruction.
4. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Resolution 77/1989 On the Prevention of Catching Sea Turtles.
5. Dubai Emirate, Local Order No. 61/91 On the Environment Protection Regulations in the Emirate of Dubai.
6. Local Order No. 2/1998 Declaration of Wildlife Sanctuaries in the Emirate of Dubai.

All the Business houses, Hotel management, Tour and Travel agencies, Tour operators, Individuals, Groups and Institutions engaged in tourism are requested to get proper permission and no objection certificate from the Environment Department and other relevant departments.

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NATURE WATCH SITE PERMITTED FOR VISITORS

1. Bird-watching hide located in the Southwest of the Lagoon.
2. From the hide up to the Promontory number two, visitors can enjoy bird-watching only from the outer boundary tracks. Beyond boundary line access is restricted
3. Southern Sabkha except the Flamingoes roosting and feeding spots. Approaching will be restricted only to the outer boundary track.

STRICTLY PROHIBITED AREA TO ENTRANCE OR APPROACH WILDLIFE

1. All areas excepting the designated sites for bird watching.
2. All Flamingoes roost, promontory, feeding station and beyond track
3. Inside the mangroves.
4. High tide roost in the Southern Sabkha.
5. Island and Mudflats.

Points to remember

1. In each point of bird watch the group should be restricted to a maximum of 5 members.
2. Fire-arms, hunting or trapping equipment are not allowed to carry.
3. Musical or sound producing instrument are not allowed.
4. Close approach to take photographs is restricted.
5. Disturbance of birds and other in any form is not acceptable.
6. No littering.
7. Pets are not allowed.
8. Damage to vegetation cover and natural landscape features in any form are not acceptable.
9. Collection of plants, animals and any parts thereof are not allowed.