**DNHG Field Trip: Buhais Geology Park**

**Saturday, February 22, 11am – 2pm (Overflow session at 2pm to 5pm)**

Gary Feulner will give a 2-3 hour guided introduction to Sharjah's new Buhais Geology Park, situated on the north side of Jebel Buhais, about 15 minutes south of Madam or 20 minutes north of Mleiha, on the Dhaid-Mleiha-Madam Road (E55).

Buhais Geology Park consists of a museum and an outdoor geology trail. The museum focuses on the geological evolution of the landscape of Sharjah and the Northern Emirates generally, and introduces many basic principles of geological science. Exhibits feature rocks and fossils, maps and graphical explanations, films and computer interactives, and hands-on fossil study and sorting for younger visitors (and the young-at-heart).

The outdoor geology trail follows a 0.6 km route that introduces the different kinds of rocks exposed at Jebel Buhais, explains their place in the broader geological history of the area, and invites visitors to look and think like a geologist. Two excavated Wadi Suq tombs are also included along the trail.

- When/Where to meet?

11:00 am sharp at Buhais Geology Park, which is about 1:15 hrs from Dubai's Trade Centre area.

- What to bring:

Modest clothing

Comfortable footwear

Hat or other sun protection for the outdoor geology trail

[Limited shade is available at the mid-point]

Snacks/Lunch

[For before or after the visit – food is not permitted in the museum or on the trail]

[It is uncertain whether the cafeteria in the museum will be open for business yet]

Water [1 liter or a half-liter to carry on the outdoor trail]

Optional: camera, binoculars, magnifying glass, note pad and pen

- Entrance fee: AED 10 per adult (plus VAT)

- Estimated time of return to Dubai: ca. 3-3:30 pm

- Limit:  20 people maximum per session

**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 need a ride**

(3) **if you can offer a ride, how many passengers you can carry & where you will leave from.**

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

Gary will check responses at ca. 8 pm on Friday, Feb 14. If the trip is then over-subscribed, participants will be selected by drawing names from a hat, and Gary will send notifications accordingly on Saturday, Feb 15, *including* details of how to reach the site. [NB: To accommodate overflow interest (if necessary), Gary will lead a second session from 2pm to 5pm on the same day.]