**DNHG Field Trip to the Archaeological Site at Wadi Al Helo, Sharjah, on Friday, November 26th, 2021.**

This visit will take us to see a multi-period site (HL01) in Wadi al Helo, where excavations have revealed processes associated with ore extraction and copper production from as early as the end of the 4th millennium BC right up to the Iron Age - suggesting an interesting sustainability of practice.  We will also see the remains of a Bronze Age tower, three restored Islamic towers, a sub-modern Islamic ‘village’ and modern ‘aristocratic’ house, all nestled within this fertile wadi area. The site is about 1 hour 50 mins from the Umm Suqeim area of Dubai.

**Field trip details:**

This will be a half-day trip, starting at 9.00 am at Wadi Al Helo Archaeological Site and ending around 12:30pm. We will be walking relatively short distances between the modern, Islamic and Bronze Age sites but the ground and tracks are covered in loose pebbles, and there is little to no shade.  We will conclude the morning by taking a c. 15 minute walk up a steep track to eat our snacks at the Islamic watchtower that overlooks the wadi.

The exact meeting location will be sent to participants in a separate email.

What to bring:

-       Comfortable, closed walking shoes due to the many loose pebbles scattered over the terrain around the site.

-       Hat, sunglasses and sun cream - please note that the area is not shaded.

-       Plenty of water – at least 1.5 litres of water/isotonic drinks per person

-       Reference books for birds/flora if desired.

**The group is limited to a maximum of 20 people.**

**COVID-19 Protocol:**
All trips will be organized respecting the current UAE COVID-19 protocols:

* Small groups up to maximum of 20 participants
* All participants need to have proof of Covid-19 vaccination (i.e. UAE Green Pass) or PCR test that is not older than 72 hrs. This applies equally to non-vaccinated minors.
* Masks are obligatory, both outdoors and indoors and also obligatory in the cars if the passengers are not from the same household
* Social distancing must be observed throughout the field trip
* Please restrain from attending if you have recently had flu-like symptoms or if you have been in contact with a person with flu-like symptoms.
* Alternatively please provide a fresh negative PCR test regardless of your vaccination status.