**Arabian Wildlife Center**

**Information**

Located in Sharjah Desert Park, Arabia’s Wildlife Centre hosts several animals, including the Arabian Oryx, the UAE’s national animal, and the Arabian leopard, the region’s famous big cat. These endangered animals have their own large landscaped enclosures and come from the nearby Sharjah wildlife centre where they are bred. Since they are rare animals to see, it is one of the busy tourist places in Sharjah. Sharjah Desert Park is also one of the only parks in Sharjah to have a conservation centre and an Islamic Botanical Garden.

**What to do**

Reptile and Insect House

You will find several Arabian snakes and reptiles like venomous vipers, adders, monitor lizards, and chameleons. Besides this, there are insects like camel spiders and scorpions as well.

Bird Aviary

Birds like Houbara Bustard, Flamingos, Indian Roller Birds, Rock Hyrax, and several songbirds are found in the aviary set in a Wadi and Desert environment.

Fish Tank and Cats

The tank primarily consists of the blind cavefish of Oman. Despite being born with eyes, these fishes do not develop because of their naturally dark habitat. You will find them like a pinprick on the adult fish. Besides this, you will also find Caracal, Wildcat, and the shy Sand Cat to the side of the aviary.

Nocturnal House

This is an exciting space in the Wildlife Center. Here, night has been turned into a day to display three species of porcupines, fox, mongoose, hedgehogs, and twelve rodent species.

**Timings**

Closed on Tuesdays

Saturday to Wednesday - 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Thursday - 11:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Friday - 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM