

Sharaf Al Alamein : Wall of Shadow Access



From Al Ain, Abu Dhabi or Dubai, cross the border at the Mezyad/Hafeet Border post (**24deg 01' 40''N; 55deg 50' 45''E**), then take the motorway (straight on) direction Ibri/Nizwa for about 200km.

Pass Ibri and take the Balha/Jibreen exit (**22deg 55' 39''N; 57deg 15' 20''E**) drive over the motorway and take straight at the first roundabout.

Turn right at **22deg 56' 50''N; 57deg 15' 36''E** (leave the Jibreen Hotel on your left), traverse Bahla, pass a big Mosque on your left and turn left after two roundabouts at :

23deg 01' 18''N; 57deg 19' 56''E. (Brown sign for "Al Hoota Cave")

Drive about 3.7km and turn right at **23deg 02' 51'' N; 57deg 18' 43''E** direction Al Hoota Cave/Guest House/Balad Sayt. Continue for about 5.5km on a winding road until you reach the **Al Hoota Chicane** at **23deg 05' 14''N; 57deg 19' 04'' E.**

Turn right, then first left at the **turn for Al Hoota Guest House/Balad Sayt : 23deg 05' 13''N; 57deg 19' 06''E.** Then drive for about 23 km, direction Al Hoota Guest House/Balad Sayt, on a steep black top road, heading to Sharaf's pass, leaving the Guest House on your right, one and a half kilometer before **the top : 23deg 10' 02''N; 57deg 24' 56''E.**

Finally drive one kilometer down the track until finding a parking at :
23deg 10' 00'' N; 57deg 25' 29'' E.

About 3h from Al Ain, depending on the border crossing.

The parking can only fit one or two cars, please park sensibly; these parkings are actually passing places on a single track dirt road. It might be a good idea to leave your car at the top of the pass and walk downhill for an extra 10min.

Pedestrian access to the crag itself is made from the far left (when facing the wall); you should find a cairn then a few steps protecting the initial steep part.

Then reach the wall on a good path : 10min.