

Sharaf Al Alamein

Birkat Al Alamein - 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** : **23 deg 05' 13''N;57 deg 19' 06''E.** Then drive for about 21.5 km, direction Al Hoota Guest House/Balad Sayt, on a steep black top road, heading to Sharaf's pass.

Park just after the Al Hoota Guest House on your right (below the water tank) :

23 deg 09' 36''N; 57 deg 25' 22''E.

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

Pedestrian access to the crag is made through the corridor between the small mosque and the guest house. Then head slightly leftward in the direction of the crag passing just underneath a few buttresses. Take a steep gully left (cairns) before the last buttress and finally walk up in the direction of the crag : 20min