

Nabq Protected Area

Nabq, the Gulf of Aqaba's largest coastal park, is a 600 km² protected area of outstanding natural beauty sheltering a variety of ecosystems. These host a rich assortment of animal life as well as marine habitats such as sea grass beds, mangrove stands, coral reefs and tidal flats. The landscape is also diverse with deserts, mountains and wadis (dry river valleys). Several local Bedouin communities and a small artisanal fishing community participate in and benefit from local tourism.

Flora and Fauna

Nabq is home to a variety of animal and marine species, including one of the largest populations of gazelles in southern Sinai. These are often seen at sunset in the vicinity of the dunes. Nubian ibex can be found in the mountain areas and hyrax thrive in Wadi Khreiza. The coral reefs in Nabq are extremely rich with unusual profiles and structures adding to their beauty and uniqueness. Ras Tantoor and Nakhlet El Tal provide easy access to excellent viewing of these and other underwater wonders.

Mangroves

The largest mangrove stand in the Gulf of Aqaba and the northernmost mangroves in the Indian Ocean/Red Sea area front the shoreline of Nabq. Mangroves are remarkable for having aerial roots that help aerate their submerged roots. These distinctive aerial root structures (pneumatophores) form a refuge for invertebrates and juvenile fish, which attract a remarkable variety of birds.

Arak

A large part of Nabq was created by alluvium deposited by floods flowing to the sea through mountain wadis, forming the catchments of Wadi Kidd. A rare and beautiful Arak bush, characterized by its convoluted dune stabilizing root system, grows at the mouth of Wadi Kidd. Bedouins have traditionally used Arak as a medicinal plant and its twigs as toothbrushes.

Parks Egypt mission

To maintain a well-managed, representative system of parks conserving natural resources, contributing to sustainable economic growth and providing education, inspiration and enjoyment for all.

Visitor code

Check and follow safety precautions.

Please do not:

- disturb or damage animals and plants.
- collect or damage rocks or geological features.
- leave any garbage.
- drive off of marked tracks or on vegetation.
- touch, walk or sit on the reefs.
- fish, hunt or feed the fish.
- disturb turtle nesting sites.
- write, paint or carve graffiti.
- camp outside of designated areas.

Accommodation

Camping in designated desert areas.
Hotels in South Nabq and along the Gulf of Aqaba.

Visiting hours

Ticket office: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm every day.
Visitor centre: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm every day.
Park office: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm every day.

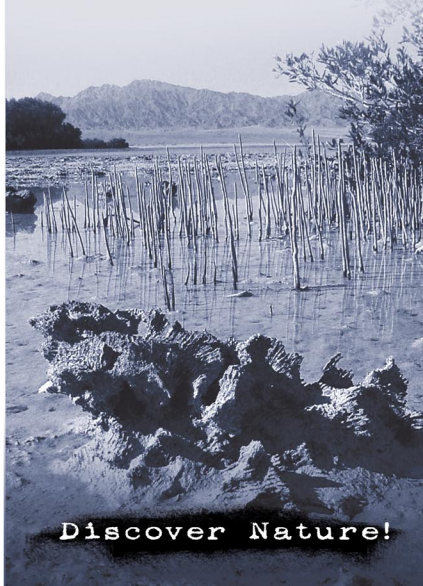
How to get there

By car, bus or taxi:
from Cairo - 500 km.
from Sharm El Sheikh - 35 km.
By 4X4 through Wadi Kidd.



To contact Nabq park office:
Tel./Fax: (069)366-0668/0559

Welcome to
NABQ



Discover Nature!

-  Park area
-  Main road
-  Track

-  Tickets
-  Visitor centre
-  Main gate
-  Camping area
-  View point
-  Beaches
-  Snorkeling
-  Diving
-  Hiking
-  Archaeological site



Main Attractions

- 1** Ghargana fishing village and restaurant
- 2** Arak bushes
- 3** Khereiza bedouin village
- 4** Mangroves
- 5** Shipwrecks
- 6** Old copper mine

