

## Abu Galum Protected Area

Abu Galum, covering an area of 400 km<sup>2</sup>, is among the most picturesque parks in the country, with its high mountains, sinuous valleys (wadis), coastal dunes, spectacular alluvial fans, and low lying salt flats. Impressive granite mountains end abruptly on the coastal plain. Easy beach entries and fringing reefs with some of the highest coverage and richest formations of coral in Sinai make this park a snorkeler's paradise. Traveling by camel from Dahab to Abu Galum along the pristine shoreline gives the visitor an experience of what Sinai was like in the past.

## Flora and Fauna

Because of the wide variety of natural habitats, this small area of the Sinai Peninsula hosts a remarkable 165 plant species. Researchers consider the area a floristic frontier falling under the influence of a tropical climate but having predominantly Mediterranean conditions. The mountains and valleys are refuges for wild animals and birds. Nubian ibex, hyrax, striped hyena, and Ruppell's fox may be found, but visitors are more likely to see basking lizards and snakes.

## Thrilling but Deadly

The black cobra, horned viper and Burton's carpet viper are very dangerous and visitors to the area should proceed with caution avoiding sandy areas with vegetation. Abu Galum features an underwater cave system exceeding 100 meters in depth, however access to these is strictly forbidden as the caves are unstable and deadly.

## 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 areas.  
Bedouin lodging in Dahayla Village.

## Visiting hours

Sunrise to sunset.

## How to get there

By private car or taxi:  
from Cairo - 600 km.  
from Nuweiba - 27 km.  
By foot or camel from Blue Hole, Dahab - 7 km.



To contact Abu Galum park office:  
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Welcome to  
**ABU GALUM**



**Discover Nature!**





-  Visitor centre
-  Camping area
-  Beaches
-  Snorkeling
-  Diving
-  Hiking



### Main Attractions

Abu Galum is one of Sinai's least developed parks, wherein lies its appeal. The main attraction is its wilderness - an island of peace in a sea of development.

- 1** Ras Mamalah
- 2** Wadi Arasasa
- 3** Wadi Al Okda
- 4** Dahayla Village

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