

Saluga & Ghazal Protected Area

These small granitic islands in the Nile at Aswan, only 0.5 km² in size, support a luxuriant vegetation cover including some of the only remnants of certain flora existing in the Nile Valley before cultivation by man. The islands shelter a remarkable botanical diversity as well as many characteristic Nile fauna, particularly exotic birds. The exceptionally beautiful natural landscape of the Nile River at Aswan has long been one of the city's main attractions.

Flora and Fauna

The floristic diversity of the islands is surprising for such a small area. Although 5 species of Acacia are the visually dominant elements, there are over 120 other native plant species to be found, including tamarisk, henna and a variety of unusual trees. Saluga and Ghazal, located on an important flyway, are a stopover for migrating birds in spring and autumn, and in the summer, numerous breeding birds nest there. An unusual resident, the rainbow skink can be found basking in the sun during the day. The rangers have established a bird ringing station and more than 135 species of birds have been recorded.

The Nile Cycle

Saluga and Ghazal form part of one of the six Nile cataracts that were the main obstacles for boats sailing on the Nile in antiquity. During the Nile floods, the islands were submerged for several months every year. The acacia trees nearby were able to withstand this immersion, remarkable considering these are desert-adapted trees. Today there is still substantial variation in the water level controlled by the High Dam, thus the outline of the islands and their interconnections vary throughout the year.

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.
- leave any garbage.
- use sound systems.
- fish, hunt or use motorboats.

Visiting hours

8.30 am to 4:00 pm.

How to get there

By boat from Aswan - 15 minutes.

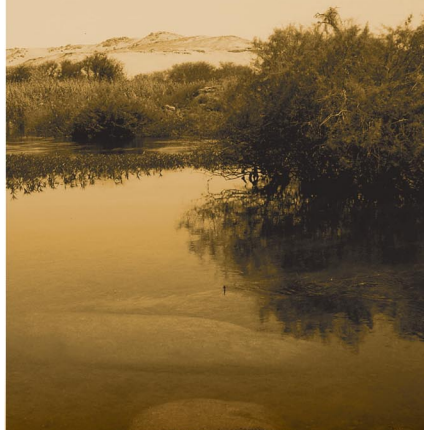


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Welcome to
SALUGA & GHAZAL



Discover Nature!

-  Park area
-  Main road
-  Track
-  Flora

-  Park office
-  Tickets
-  Visitor centre
-  View point
-  Birdwatching
-  Swimming
-  Hiking
-  Toilets



Main Attractions

The charm of this tiny park lies in its simple beauty and natural state, which allows visitors a glimpse of how the upper reaches of the Nile Valley would have appeared centuries ago.

