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It is an archipelago comprising nine islands off the coast of the Wilayat of Seeb and the Wilayat of Barka (Al Kharabah, Al Hayut, Al Jabal Al Kabir, Al Jabal Al Saghir, Al Malha, Al Lumiyah, Qasma, Al Jun, and Awlad Jun). The reserve's boundaries also include rocks and shallow waters extending 16–18 kilometers from the coast extending from Seeb to Barka. The reserve covers an area of 203 square kilometers. These islands are characterized by their pristine nature and beautiful, picturesque landscapes, which qualify them to become a natural museum. The Daymaniyat Islands are considered a wonderful protected area of national and regional importance, and are an important regional and international center for the reproduction of countless migratory and resident bird species, where seabirds nest in high densities. They are unique in the nesting of the osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) and are characterized by the presence of many species of coral and diverse coral reef fish. These islands are home to large numbers of sand turtles, which nest and lay eggs, adding global importance to these islands as a haven for these critically endangered species. Green turtles also visit them in the summer to nest.

Visitor Guidelines

- Obtain entry vouchers to the reserve for swimming, diving, or camping from the Directorate General of Nature Conservation.
- No landing on the islands or camping is permitted from the beginning of May to the end of October of each year. After this period, camping is permitted only on Jabal Al Kabir and Al Jun islands.
- The voucher is valid for one day only, and the limited date cannot be changed, modified, or transferred. Its holder must adhere to all applicable rules and regulations regarding the protection of wildlife and protected natural sites in the Sultanate.
- Tampering with fishing nets and cages is prohibited.
- Fixed or mobile areas designated for lighting fires (barbecues) should be used on the two islands where camping is permitted.
- Collecting or harming coral or other marine organisms while diving is prohibited.
- Nesting turtles must not be harmed or disturbed by touching or approaching them while moving on

the beaches, or touching or collecting their eggs.

- Nesting birds must not be harmed, disturbed, approached, touched, collected, or moved. Plants and seeds, as well as cats, dogs, and other animals, should not be brought onto these islands.
- Plant and herb cuttings should be brought within the reserve.
- Trash should be disposed of in designated bags and carried off the island.
- Lights and fires should be turned off after 9:00 PM.
- The coupon should be completed, with the first half handed to the Wildlife Protection Unit inspectors, and the other half kept in the booklet and returned to the Ministry's specialists.

Overview

Purpose: Sightseeing	Type: Sights	County: Muscat Governorate
City: Seeb		