

WonderWall access



From Al Ain or Abu Dhabi : First, pass the Hilton Hotel and cross the Omani border at **Al Khattm Al Shiklah Border Post** : **24 deg 12' 27" North; 55 deg 57' 09" East**. According to [this article in Gulf News](#) it is the new crossing point to Buraimi for UAE residents. You will have to pay 35 AED per person get an exit stamp and should be able to come back to the UAE without going to any Omani border. Usually you get the stamp from your car and crossing time is often faster than Hili's. Tourist visa holders will probably have to go to Oman before coming back to the UAE.



Then drive straight past a police checkpoint and reach a **roundabout** at :

**24 deg 13' 49" North;
55 deg 57' 25" East.**

Turn right at this roundabout and drive another 18km (passing a little mosk to your left), until reaching the **WonderWall turning point** :

24 deg 06' 49" North; 56 deg 04' 18" East.

At this **point quit the main road** and take a good track to the right, cross the truck road and continue on the track through two small boulders. (If you're heading for **Shark Fins**, quit this track to the left after a couple of hundred metres and drive off road a bit more in the direction of the crag, then scramble up the scree).

After 3km, before the soft sands, reach the **2WD parking** at : **24 deg 04'45" North; 56 deg 02'37" East**



With a 4WD different parking places will bring you closer to the different sectors. See Guidebook.
A bit more than two hours from Abu Dhabi, 1h45 from Dubai and 30min from Al Ain

From Dubai : *The following access is not practicable anymore (November 2015), use the preceding access (Khatim Al Shikla proved more fluid than Hili border post so far).*

The second border post described below does not seem to let through non GCC without Omani stamps anymore, I leave this itinerary nevertheless, it might be worth trying again from time to time as it saves significant time when travelling from Dubai.

First go to **Hatta check point** at 24 deg 54' 26" North; 55 deg 48' 39" East. No difficulties reported at this border so far. Just need ID card or passport.

Then drive for 14km and turn right at **24 deg 51' 54" North; 55 deg 56' 41" East** (Shell Station), drive for 43km and turn right at **24 deg 32' 22" North; 56 deg 02' 57" East**, drive for 17.5 km and turn left at **24 deg 24' 57" North; 55 deg 57' 28" East**, drive for 2.5 km in a small village and turn left again at **24 deg 23' 51" North; 55 deg 58' 14" East**, (here, possible right turn at 24 deg 22' 06" North; 56 deg 00' 15" East but I don't know if then it would be possible to take right on the dual carriageway at 24 deg 14' 26" North; 55 deg 58' 05" East), drive for 22 km and turn right at **24 deg 15' 07" North; 56 deg 05' 43" East**. (small Mosque)
Finally, after 15km, take the Khatam Ashaklah/Hafeet/Sohar exit on the dual carriageway and reach the above mentioned **roundabout** from the north at **24**



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where you turn left and drive for another 18km in direction of **WonderWall turning point** :

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A big "Thank you" to Gail Muirhead for the map below (Take the yellow road, faster. On the way back access it from the service road after the ptrol station.):

