### **Climbing walls:**

## Abu Dhabi:

### Sorbonne University climbing wall.

Only open for renting to corporates. Some local climbers managed to group themselves and rent the wall upfront for semesters, try to get more informations through the grapewine. How long will it last?

# Dubai

1) **Wafi Mall** (Pharaoh's club) http://www.wafi.com/ +971 4 324 0000 The Pyramids Wafi City, Dubai Wafi Centre GPS: 25° 13' 48" North; 55° 19' 08" East

Call before to book a course or just a climbing session, they sometimes reserve the wall for training purposes courses and you do not want to drive over there for nothing. Not the best wall but got Air Conditionning, cool in summer.

2) **The Wall**: http://dorellsports.com/ +971 43065061 by the World Trade Center. +971 43065061 GPS: 25° 13' 20" North; 55° 17' 2" East.

A better climbing wall but outdoor and therefore hot in the summer. The team and route setting quality seem to have improved recently. A nice swimming pool by the wall. They also provide comprehensive courses for beginners and might organise some outdoor rock climbing in the future. Again call before driving.

3) **Adventure HQ:** http://www.adventurehq.ae/ in Time Square by Sheikh Zayed Road. +971 4 346 6824 GPS: 25° 08' 29" North; 55° 13' 12" East

The shop hosts a small climbing wall with self belaying devices, soon belay courses will also be provided on the premises. More rope activities for kids.

# Al Ain The Wall:

**The Wall:** http://dorellsports.com/ +971 3 702 6437

Al Ain equestrian, shooting and Golf club GPS: 25° 08' 29" North; 55° 13' 12" East

The newest climbing wall in the UAE, again outdoor.

## The shops:

# <u>Abu Dhabi</u>

**Adventure HQ Dalma Mall** Level 2 **Tel**: +971 2 445 6995 GPS : 24° 19' 59" North; 54° 31' 24" East A small bouldering wall, a skate park, some camping gear and a little bit of climbing equipment...



**Go Sport Bawabat Al Sharq Mall** Level 1 Tel: +971 2 586 8240 GPS: 24° 19' 05" North; 54° 36' 48" East A (very) small selection of climbing gear. The first shop selling climbing gear in Abu Dhabi, conveniently located on the road to Al Ain (WonderWall...).

#### Go Sport Abu Dhabi Mall. Level 2

A teeny climbing department.

Noukhada Adventure Company: http://noukhada.ae/ +971 50 721 8928

Not a climbing shop, but they stock and sell a few copies of the guidebook.

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Probably the best climbing/outdoor shop in the arabian peninsula, with a small climbing wall.

**Decathlon**: Mirdif City Centre +971 4 283 9392 GPS: 25° 12′ 59″ N, 55° 24′ 27″ E

A small selection of climbing gear, good prices but stock very variable.

**Barracuda:** http://www.barracudadubai.com/ +971 4 3466558

By Sheikh Zayed Road GPS: 25° 10' 35" North, 55° 14' 43" East.

A fishing shop that sells climbing gear, interesting selection.

**Go Sport Mall of the Emirates** No information ???

## Climbing Courses:

Two companies and a free lance instructor, based in Dubai, can also give outdoor climbing courses:

- 1) **Arabia Outdoors :** http://arabiaoutdoors.com/home-3/ +0971 (0)55 9556209 *Simon Cahill's company, one of the very few qualified climbing instructor in the* UAE.
- 2) **Dominic Ford**: <u>www.theverticaltourist.co.uk</u> +97150 950 5262 *Another qualified climbing instructor in the* UAE.
- 3) **Absolute Adventure**: http://www.adventure.ae/ +971 43 459 900 *With their guest house in Dibba, they're located on the other side of the border.*