The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature is an independent national organization devoted to the conservation of Jordan’s natural resources. RSCN was established in 1966 with His Majesty the late King Hussein as Honorary President. RSCN has the mission of protecting and managing the natural resources of Jordan, for it is the responsibility of every citizen to support this noble goal. It is one of the few national organizations in the Middle East with real public-sector accountability.

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Wild Jordan’s revenues contribute to the sustainability of RSCN’s protected areas and support the socio-economic development of local communities.

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Azraq Wetland Reserve

Oasis in the Desert

From Amman, the trip is 119km. Start at 7th Circle. Take the Desert Highway/Airport Road south. 20.8 km from 7th Circle, take the ramp onto Amman Development Corridor and continue for 14 km. Take the exit toward Al-Azraq Hwy/Route 40/Route 40M. Continue straight onto Route 30/Route 35M/Route 40M (signs for Azraq Castle/Qasr Al Hallabat/Hammam As Sarah/Umm Al Jimal) 75 KM. Turn right onto Al-Badiyah Hwy/Route 30/Route 35M/Route 5 (signs for Sa’udia/Al Umari). Continue and follow the signs for Azraq Wetland Reserve/Azraq Lodge.

Azraq’s Nature Inspired Crafts

Visit our site to see our fantastic workshops, all of which are located in Azraq Lodge:

Azraq Ostrich Egg Design Workshop

Uniquely designed, hand-painted and carved ostrich eggs, beautifully crafted by the women of Azraq, using a special dotting technique on infertile ostrich eggs.

Azraq Silkscreen Printing Workshop

Silk screen printing is a natural method used to print intricate designs on a wide variety of materials, from t-shirts to ceramics, using a special process called screen printing.

Azraq Tailor Workshop

For the hip, conscious adventurers of today we have just the right combination of products. Whether a camera bag or a water bottle holder, Azraq bags are both handmade and durable, and have our famous RSCN nature icons silk screen printed on them.

Azraq Educational Toys Workshop

Who said learning can’t be fun? We have a wide selection of toys which both adults and children can enjoy while simultaneously learning.

Azraq Recycling Workshop

We offer a wide range of recycled corporate material for you so that you can show how much you care about the world we live in.

Azraq Packaging Workshop

We make our handmade products stand out by using our own hand crafted creative packaging. With no restrictions on shape or size, we will create the best package to fit your gift.

The Nature Shop

Browse through the Nature Shop and find truly original gifts and souvenirs. This shop displays nature inspired crafts produced by local communities at the reserves.
boardwalks and bird hides have been constructed to restore a significant portion of the wetland. In 1978, the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) established the Azraq Wetland Reserve to conserve this unique oasis. In 1994, with international support, RSCN began a rescue effort to protect the oasis' ecological value. Unfortunately, over the past decades, the wetlands have faced significant challenges due to overuse of water from the Azraq Basin, which has resulted in water levels steadily dropping. By 1993, the oasis' ecological value was at risk, as the wetlands had been severely impacted. To address this threat, the boardwalks and bird hides were constructed to allow visitors to experience the wetland without further harming it. Today, the area is home to the Bedouin, Arab Druze, and Chechens. During the Great Arab Revolt, T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) during the Arab Revolt. The wpływ of Lawrence and the earlier inhabitants of the Azraq Basin provides a rich history for visitors to explore.

**Azraq Wetland Reserve**

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**Nearby Sites**

- **Shaumari Wildlife Reserve**
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- **Azraq Castle**
  - Azraq Castle was an important headquarters during the Umayyad and Abbasid periods (661-750 AD).
  - These three desert castles are in excellent condition.
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**Activities**

- **Azraq Bus Tour**
  - Open-year-round, the Azraq Lodge is a great starting point for exploring the Azraq Basin in Jordan. Azraq Bus Tour starts at 8:30 a.m. and takes you to a local Druze home for tea and a light meal. This is an easy way to explore the desert castles around the Azraq Wetland Reserve. From the Azraq Lodge, our shuttle bus will take you to a desert castle, where you can learn about the history and culture of Azraq. This tour gives visitors a glimpse into the history and culture of Azraq. The tour concludes at the Azraq Lodge, where you can enjoy a light meal.

- **Usakhim Bus Tour**
  - Starting at the Azraq Lodge, the trail passes through the Wetlands, then to a bird hide made of local Mud and straw, where you can observe the wetland birds and their habitat. Following the bird hide, the trail leads you to a viewing platform overlooking the springs that once released water into the distant mud and sand flats of the Azraq Basin. Eating at the Azraq Lodge is a unique experience for visitors by giving them a wonderful chance of seeing the Druze dabkeh (dancing) show and other cultural performances.

- **Azraq Mudflat Biking Trail**
  - This easy walking trail gives you an excellent introduction to the Azraq Wetland Reserve. The boardwalk leads you through dry and wet areas of the wetland, where you can observe a vast array of plant and animal species. This is a great way to explore the wetland and see some of the most rare species of animals in the Middle East. Eating at the Azraq Lodge is a unique experience for visitors by giving them a wonderful chance of seeing the Druze dabkeh (dancing) show and other cultural performances.

- **Other Activities**
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  - This activity is available year-round and based on availability.

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