

## Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi Off-Road Map Disclaimer

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## **Appendix 1**

### **DCT AD – Off-road Map - Grading**

Route Grades:

#### **Super easy**

We have developed one route which takes you deep into the dunes yet offers very easy driving.

- The dunes to the west of Madinat Zayed are beautiful, very mellow, and arguably, the easiest desert to drive in in all of the UAE.
- The dunes become bigger after the water towers, but you should be able to pick up a faint sand track which would take you to the plantation.
- That being said, you can still get stuck, or fly over a dune too fast in the easiest terrain, so please always take care when in the desert
- It may be possible, with extreme care, to tackle this route with an all-wheel drive (4WD, AWD) vehicle as well as 4x4s

#### **Easy**

Easy routes should be able to be completed without advanced maneuvers – e.g. side sloping and side cresting.

- We recommend you have a 4x4, not an AWD/4WD car to tackle these routes
- It should be possible to drive up and down over dune crossings for the whole route

#### **Intermediate**

Dunes are generally larger than those in the easy category and there may be small, technical dunes.

- We recommend you have a 4x4, not an AWD/4WD car to tackle these routes
- We recommend that you have a bash-plate, i.e. engine and transmission box protection
- In technical sections you will need to steer gently and apply power carefully, so you do not damage your bumper.
- You should be able to drive most of the route without advanced maneuvers but they may be necessary in places.
- IMPORTANT NOTE You can make intermediate routes into advanced ones by taking a more challenging line.

#### **Advanced**

These routes comprise huge dunes, technical in places, mainly very remote.

- We recommended that your vehicle, if long wheelbase, is lifted by 1.5"-2"
- We recommend that you have a bash-plate, i.e. engine and transmission box protection