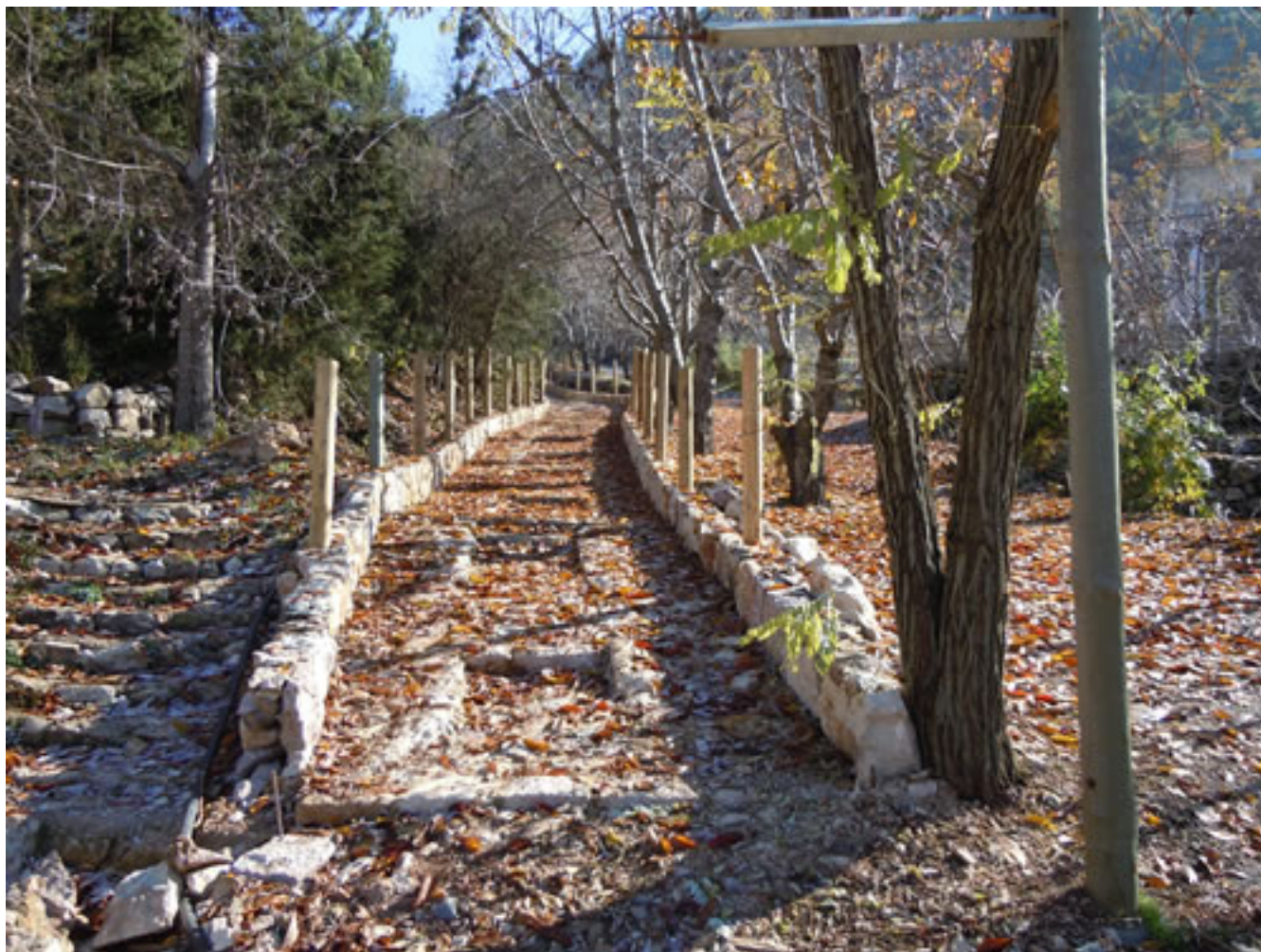




Field Trip



On Wednesday April 3rd, the Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon organized an all-day field trip to Lebanon's first nature reserve, Horch Ehden. The beautiful reserve is located 100 kilometres north of Beirut, on the upper north-western slopes of Mount Lebanon, ranging in altitude from 1200 to 2000 m; it covers more than 450 ha and is considered a very important part of the country for its unique biodiversity. Extending over 3 bio-geographic zones, the forest hosts different species of mammals, birds, and plants of which some are nationally rare and threatened. Over 1,058 plant species have so far been recorded in the reserve, accounting for nearly 40% of all native plant species in Lebanon.

The transportation will be via buses. The trip from Brummana to Ehden Nature Reserve will take about two hours. The trip is bound to satisfy its visitors with outstanding cedar forests highlighting Lebanon's cultural heritage and stunning natural ecosystems. Massively rich in biodiversity, the Nature Reserve of Horch Ehden consists of 1,030 plant species, 156 bird species, 39 tree species, 26 mammal species, 23 reptile species, and various wild mushrooms. The wildlife, plants, and fungi can be seen among the 13 kilometres of trails and its four main loops.

For your comfort, please bring comfortable walking shoes or sneakers to explore the 13 km of walking trails. A bagged lunch will be provided and the reserve also features a rest area. The shuttle will leave Brummana at 07h30 and arrive at Horch Ehden at 10h00. Visitors will have until 14h00 to explore before returning to Brummana.

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