



« Water Path » Work Camp

Organizer: Association d'Echanges Culturels Hébron-France (AECHF)

Website : www.hebron-france.org

Participants: 13 international volunteers + 10 locals (languages : English, Arabic or French)

This work camp is open to all persons aged of more than 18 years. For contact: aechf.voluntary@gmail.com

Participation fees: 100 Euros

Place: Dura South of Hebron, Hebron-West Bank-Palestine

Action: International Work Camp

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Hebron-France Association for Cultural Exchanges (AECHF) is a non-governmental association based in Hebron in the West Bank. By its different actions on the ground, AECHF wants to participate in the development of rural areas and the valorization of historical sites of Hebron district. To realize these objectives, AECHF wishes to realize a project of several hiking routes around Hebron. The first phase is to prepare an international work camp to make a path called « **Water Path** ».

The « **Water Path** » connects the city of Dura with the village of Taffuh which is situated at the west of Hebron city. The name « **Water Path** » comes from the presence of ancient water canalizations which connected Hebron and Beit Jebrine. It passes in the proximity of two important water sources of Dura and Taffuh as well as two major historical sites from the Byzantine period, which are Ain Al Ma'moudiah (*baptismal chapel*) and Khirbet ed-Deir (*small castle*).



Photo of the small castle of Khirbet ed-Deir

Work Camp Description

- **Nature of work and its objectives:**

The work camp will be lead by an informed camp leader. The work consists of **cleaning and marking** the hiking path; and **surveying archaeological features**. The objectives of the work camp are:

- To promote voluntary work on the local and international levels.
- To raise value and awareness around local heritage.
- To enable an international and inter-cultural exchange.
- To be a tool of informal education method where participants share their experience.
- To prepare a walking route ready to be used and to develop rural tourism.



- **Place of the Work Camp**

The work camp will take place in Dura, **south of the city of Hebron**. The route will have to be cleaned and marked along the entire hiking path, from the center of Dura city until Taffuh, in an awesome cultural and natural heritage.



City of Dura

- **Food and accommodation**

The volunteers will be hosted in Palestinian families from Dura. Food for lunch will be prepared and delivered in the working area. The hosting families will prepare breakfast and dinner.

- **Our Partners**

This work camp is organized and led by **AECHF**. The idea of the path is an initiative of an association in Dura called Sawa'ed **Forum**. Local volunteers who will participate in this work camp are members of this association. **Dura Municipality's** logistic support is by providing tools and materials needed. **Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities** is also a main partner in this project

- **Program of the Work Camp**

Working hours will be **5 to 6 hours a day**. Common activities will be organized in the afternoon and the evening to discover the region and its heritage and culture and meeting with inhabitants: Tour visit in Dura city, tour at the Old Town of Hebron, interactive and inter-cultural games, visit to excavations of the archaeological site of Mamre in Hebron, Heritage festival at the site of Mamre the 23th of April, musical eves, night in the desert of Jerusalem.