

DESERT VIBES:

Far from the urban sprawl



People enjoy the outdoors.



The faraway lights of the city are seen from Mutlaa Ridge.

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Mutlaa Ridge and the surrounding areas of Jal Al-Zour and Khuwaisat have become popular spots for weekend outings in Kuwait. After winter camping was banned by authorities and the ever-changing restrictions on travel outside Kuwait due to the pandemic, daylong trips to the desert have become extremely popular.

Barbequing - although banned - can be found everywhere, while telescopic LED rod lights have made it possible to remain till late at night in the otherwise pitch black desert. Off-roaders too have got into the action, with beefed-up SUVs competing to reach the highest point on the ragged slopes of the ridge before retreating. If you prefer something less muscly, quad bikes can be rented by the hour.



Picnickers on Mutlaa Ridge.