DUBAI GARDEN GLOW

EYE-CATCHING ATTRACTION PARKS IN DUBAI

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Millions of people come to Dubai from all over the world. The UAE in general is a nice safe place to visit. Plus airlines from every continent provide nice service to here (so Dubai is very easy to get to).

I have been to Dubai about ten times, and of course have been to many malls. Inside malls are all kinds of attractions. But I much prefer attractions which have more space; attractions which have more natural beauty. My favorite is the Dubai Garden Glow, in Zabeel Park, one of the largest parks in Dubai.

Today is the second year of this successful attraction. There is already a FLAAR Report on the first year, so now we are doing the second year.
There are several entrance portals. One is to the ANIMAL KINGDOM segment.
The top part of the entrance portal (leopard, ape, macaw-like bird) appears like a “solid” style, so not the lighted style. To have internal lighting the image must be hollow. All the dinosaurs also have non-translucent skins (they may be hollow but the outside skin is not light translucent). However at night the leopard, ape, and macaw-like bird do illuminate from within. But the mushrooms, trees, and flowers.
Year One had several groups of happy families of ants carrying their food on their back. Since I really like to study ants of all sizes and shapes, it was nice to see these ants back again (for Year Two in different arrangements).
I assume these ants are from Africa or Asia because the leaf-carrying ants of Guatemala live underground. There are no ants in Guatemala which build mounds.
The Dubai Garden Glow “brand”, in English and in Arabic, is nicely rendered along the main fence, to the left of the main entrance.
Butterflies and bees are well known pollinators.
Parents and children would enjoy this so much more if there were information to explain where each plant originated.
AFRICAN ANIMALS
In most parts of the world there is increasing feelings that birds should be free to fly around outside…. So it is nice that the cage door is left open.
DAYLIGHT COMPARED WITH NIGHT
TULIPS
TUNNELS

Full sunshine; no interior lighting

Still day, but lights turned on.

The walkway with night lighting.
WALKWAYS
LONG WALL OF GIANT FLOWERS
MORE BUTTERFLIES
Deep blue, tad purple, bit of green
Now the swamp trees are purple.

Now the swamp trees are green.
And now the swamp trees have turned red.

Jellyfish during the day; interior lighting not yet turned on.
Afternoon, lights beginning to be turned on.
During the day without interior lighting.
Inside logo display.

During the day, but late afternoon, so lights have been turned on.

Early evening, so lights are even more noticeable.

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Main entrance during the day.

Main entrance illuminated at night.
Close-up of flower portion of main entrance; daytime.

Art by Day, Magic by Night (Lantern Fest, MOBOT)
Here are the “swamp trees” during the day. None have their lights on.

The background structure, if I remember correctly, was used as a stage the first year (as a background for dances). There are no more dances.
Although children will not notice defects, some adults will. But I wanted to show the quality of the surface of the pillar at the main entrance.

I must admit that although I prefer to look at individual plants or animals, the coral seascape was awesomely impressive. I really like sea turtles, and though I would admire them as an individual decoration, the “entire coral reef” was a great idea.
This report is on the plants and animals which are evolved from Chinese lantern festival attractions in both China and elsewhere around the world. I really like the internal soft lighting of this kind of 3D plants and animals. There were also windmills and buildings in a comparable style and structure at Dubai Garden Glow, but since FLAAR has an entire research division on plants and animals of Neotropical Americas, it is the flora and fauna aspects of the Garden Glow attractions that were my focus.
The people we spoke with at the Dubai Garden Glow were excited, especially the kids.

We spoke with several families who were at the attraction. It was clear that dinosaurs are very very popular. I estimate that the organizers or other entities have done questionnaires of visitors to learn what they like (and what they would like different). We do not yet have these results.

So clearly to promote dinosaurs is helpful. But paleontology is somewhat different than archaeology. There are remains of dinosaurs in Guatemala and of course throughout the USA.

I can give several suggestions for which kinds of dinosaurs kids (and their parents) will like to see (especially if new ones need to be added each year).
Erick Flores did the video. Nicholas Hellmuth did most of the still photos. Here is Erick at work.

Here is Erick with a dinosaur.
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This is a free download to help visitors to Dubai decide which attractions to focus on when they are in the UAE.

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