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My family and I have just visited a wadi in Al-Khoud. I had been told by a friend who has spent time in Oman that we had to see these beautiful natural wonders or marvels in this wonderful country. So, we expected to see something fabulous.

You can imagine upon entering the wadi how we were shocked. The entire place was scattered with rubbish; blue plastic bags and big black garbage bags filled with plastic bottles, plates, cups and Pepsi cans.

We drove further up the wadi and discovered more rubbish then we decided to park and walk. We found a pond of water surrounded by rocks and wild grass where we sat by and took photographs. We discovered some plastic bags floating in the water. My wife and I did a quick clean-up here as we wanted some photos of the place, then we returned back to the vehicle and off we went. We were really disappointed because this beautiful and natural area was not respected.

There should be a law to prosecute or punish people for destroying a natural environment. It is not an acceptable behaviour to leave one's rubbish after eating or picnicking.

Oman is such a naturally beautiful country and having visited it five times over the past couple of years, we have never seen such a disgraceful mess. Why destroy it by dumping rubbish?

My message to all citizens and tourists: Please, take your rubbish from the site and throw it away. Do the right thing!

For each item, choose the correct option.

1. The writer visited a wadi in Al-Khoud _____.

long ago

recently

last year

2. The writer and his family felt _____ when they arrived at the wadi.

surprised

pleased

relaxed

3. They went to the pond of water _____.

on foot

with their car

by swimming