

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 5th
Свадьба

Doukhobor Wedding Renewals

Official opening 11:00 A.M.

Re-enactment of a Doukhobor wedding.
International Guest Speaker **Norm Rebin**,
speaking on our Doukhobor pioneer, P.G.
Makaroff who played a role in Doukhobor
marriages being recognized by the
government.



**Doukhobor
Marriage
Renewals**

Renew your vows
Call for details!

Tours to follow.
Everyone Welcome.

August 16th

Dedushka Day

11:00 A.M. Tours to follow.

Honoring our Grandfathers

**PILLARS OF
THE EARTH**
Those strong,
honorable hard
workers
who made our
foundations,
who gave us their
legacies.



Bring your Dedushka and
let him join our discussions
or come and tell your best
Dedushka story.
Everyone Welcome.

PROVINCIAL RECOGNITION



The land became a Provincial Heritage Property
in the spring of 2005.

Oospenia Spring was named
in commemoration of the Doukhobors
by the Geographic Names Board.



Highway 12, South of Blaine Lake, SK

2008

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Dugout House INC.
&
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Heritage Property
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Blaine Lake, SK



Come home to history!



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*Experience the grit of our Doukhobor pioneers
when 'Survivor' was not a game...*

VISITOR INFORMATION

A dynamic, compelling tale from the heart of prairie Doukhobor culture, this historic site was chosen for scholarly study, as a unique combination of built heritage and natural history.



- Period Costume Guides
- Wool carding
- Re-enactment of washing clothes at the Oospenia Spring
- Displays
- Doukhobor history and stories told
- Doukhobor songs heard during your visit
- Doukhobor bread, slice or loaf (can pre-order)
- Refreshments
- Gift Shop, Doukhobor memorabilia

Hours

July 5 - August 16
Saturdays Only
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tour Times

11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person

SCHOOL TOURS

(June Field Trips for Kids)

Period Costume Guides telling stories.
Walkabout, Activity Booklet, Peace Kite Making.



To book your date contact:
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ARCHAEOLOGY

Doukhobor Dugout House and the Oospenia Village was the subject of an Archaeology study by the University of Saskatchewan, Department of Archaeology, under the guidance of graduate student Meagan Brooks, along with Doukhobor community volunteers - a group investigating and preserving history. Out of this, came Meagan's Master's thesis. This history is something to be proud of!



Photos courtesy of Meagan Brooks

FOUNDER BRENDA CHEVELDAYOFF

Doukhobor descendant, Brenda Cheveldayoff, has been preserving the site in memory of her late father, a history buff, Sam James Popoff. Brenda's roots go deep. Her great-grandfather, an 11-year old orphan, was part of the 300 person settlement of Doukhobors in this area. The struggle of these vegetarian pacifist settlers to survive the harsh prairie reality is a story that must be told.

Tours and outreach education for Doukhobor Dugout House are the sole responsibility of the non-profit organization Doukhobor Dugout House Inc. The group has an independent Board of Directors, consisting of volunteers who are responsible for decisions about outreach activities and education at the site.

The property owners, Brenda and Dan Cheveldayoff, provide access to the organization so it can achieve its goals. The organization and volunteers use the site during the summer months. Yard maintenance and tours are the responsibility of the organization. The land owners are involved in discussions, and decisions are made as a group.

The land owners have borne the cost of purchasing and preserving the site, without any financial assistance from the organization. The money received by the non-profit organization through admissions is used primarily to operate the tours.



*Be sure to take home some
Doukhobor bread!*

*Walking Involved
There's lots to see at our Display
building if you can't walk*

Open Saturdays Only