



Khomutovsky Steppe –
the natural reserve of Ukraine

General information

- Situated in south-east of Donetsk region near from the coast of the Azov sea.
- Area – 1028 acre.
- The first people, who mastered this territory were Scythians, Peachenegs and Sarmats.
- The status of the reserve was got in 1926. Before that time, it was a “wild field”, where inhabited Don Cossacks.

Plants

There are more than 560 kind of plants. 50 of them are very scarce and 15 of them are in the Red Book.





Iris pumila

(карликовый)



**ра gesneriana
(Тулпан Геснера)**



Narlophyllum suaveolens
(Цельнолистник душистый)

Feather grass



Khomutovsky Steppe is a “country of Feather grass”. We can meet there 12 kinds of this plant. Besides, one type of *Feather grass unusual* grow only in Khomutovsky Steppe.





Wild peonies - another special thing of Khomutovsky Steppe



Animals

Fauna in Khomutovsky Steppe are although very different. Here lives wolf, fox, gross-snake, polecat, weasel, steppe marmot, hamster, gopher. 80 kinds of birds and 15 kinds of fish in Load Yelanchyk river.

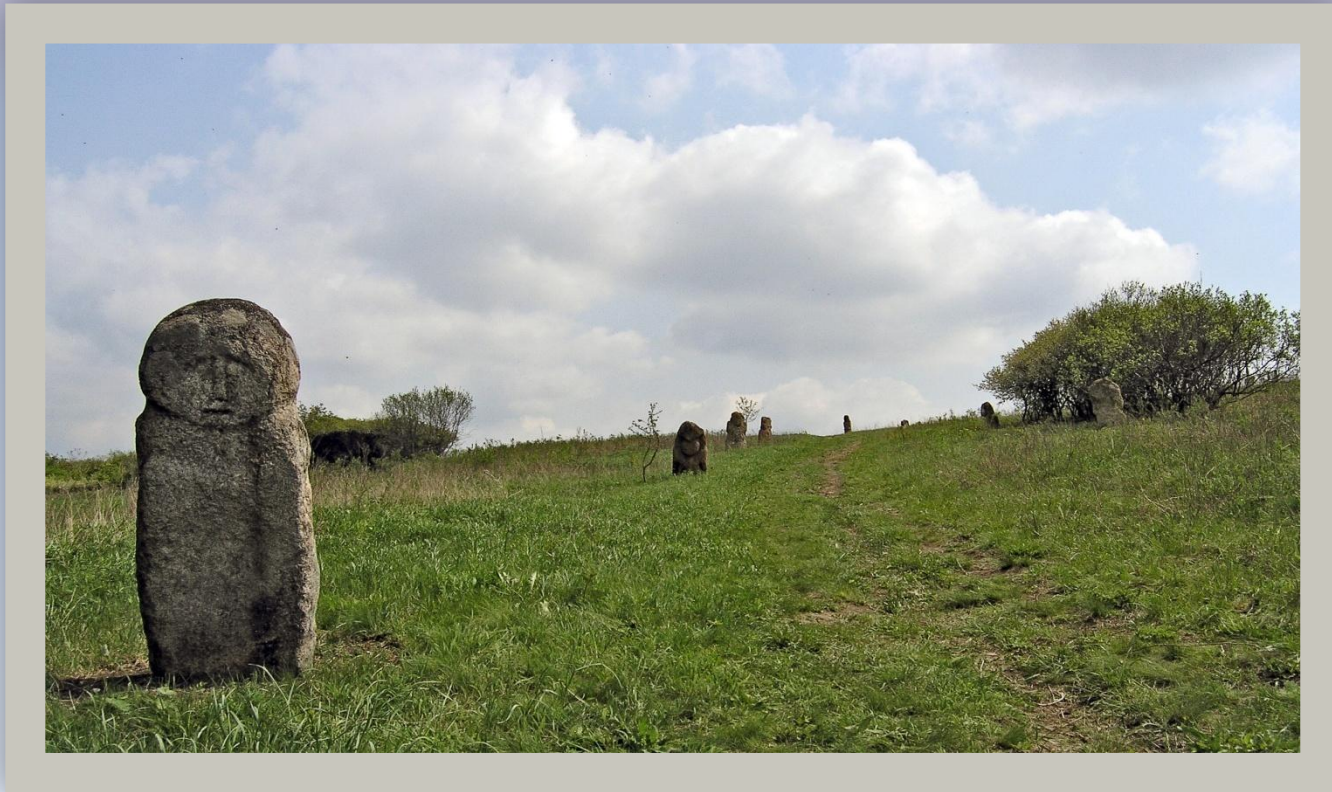


Today in Steppe starts to multiply horses.



The peculiar feature and proud of Steppe is a Stone Baba

These stone statues were created by the tribes, who lived in this place many century ago. And today we can see this heritage in Khomutovsky Steppe.





Fact

In 1979 Sergei Bondarchuk immortalized “wild field” in the film “Steppe”, which was written by Anton Chekhov.



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