

# Маленькие загадки моей малой родины.

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## Моя родина – Верхнедонской район

### MY NATIVE LAND - VERKHNE DONSKOY DISTRICT

Unit I: Rivers

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Unit I: Rivers



#### *The Don*

“Don” is an ossetin word, means – “A River”

#### *The Pescovatka*

This river is situated on the territory, which is covered with the vast masses of sand, so the name of the river means – “A sand river”

#### *The Tihaya*

This river is the right tributary of the river Don, its name means – “A quiet, calm river”

#### *The Kazanka*

There are two variants of the origin of the name of this river:

1. This river got its name thanks to the village Kazanskaya, which is situated on this river
2. This river got its name from the word – “KAZAN”, which means – “A kind of dish”

## Unit II: Lakes



### *Rubezhenskoe*

This lake is situated between Rostov and Voronezh regions, that's why this lake is called "Rubezhenskoe", which means – "A BORDER"

### *Chiganaky*

There are two variants of the becoming of the name of this lake:

1. This lake got its name because of Chiganaky village, which was situated on this lake.
2. The second variant - it is from the tursky word "Chiganaky", which means "A Lake"

### *Kochetovskoe*

This lake has a form of a cock's comb. "Kochetovskoe" means – "a cock's comb"

## Unit III: Places

### *Orehovaya balka*

It is a ravine where there are many nut – trees. "Oreh" – translates – "a nut"

### *Konovalovskaya balka*

It is a ravine which is situated near Konovalovsky village.

### *Stogovskaya balka*

It is a ravine which is situated near Stogovskoy village.



### *Kamenny wood*

It is a wood with a deep ravine, where you can see many big stones. “Kamenny Les” – means – “a stone wood”

### *Gracheva Gora*

It is a hill, which is situated near village Shumilinskaya. In 1919 there was an uprising of the cosacs on the Don. This uprising was not successful and many people were killed on this hill. The notes of the history of the village Shumilinskaya say about many corpses and rooks on this hill. “Gracheva Gora” – means – “A Rooks’ Hill”

### *Bolshoy Stog and Maly Stog*

Bolshoy Stog is the highest hill in Verkhnedonskoy District. The name “Stog” means – “A HAYSTACK”, because these hills are alike haystacks.

### *Yashkina Gora*

It is a hill, which is situated near village Meshkovskaya. During the Great Patriotic War there were great fights there. A Russian soldier, Yacov by name, fought on this hill. He was a hero, but he was killed. The native people didn’t remember his surname, but they called the hill by his name. “Yashkina Gora” means – “The hill of Yacov”

Unit IV: Settlements



## *Kazanskaya*



There are some variants of the becoming of the name of this village:

1. The name was taken from the river Kazanka, which is not far from this village.
2. The name is from the word “Kazan”, which means a kind of dish.
3. The name is from the word “Kazan”, which means a big settlement.

## *Meshkovskaya*

This village got its name from the surname of a native inhabitant – Meshkov, who was a rich merchant.

## *Bazkovsky*

From the early times the inhabitants of this village had a lot of animals, they built many sheds for them. Cosacs colled them “bazi”.

## *Shumilinskaya*

There are some variants of the becoming of the name of this village:

1. The history of this village says that it was named by the surname of a native rich man – Shumilin.
2. This village is situated near the borders of Voronezhskaya and Volgograd regions. In the past Don cosacs liked to organized fairs. Those fairs were very noisy. “Noisy” in Russian translates as “shumny”, so the name of the village means – “NOISY”

## *Tubyansky*

There are two variants of the becoming of the name of this village:

1. In the past there were many oak-trees there. “Oak” in Russian – “Dub”, and the village was called – “Dubyanskoy”. But later the letter –D- was changed on the letter – T.
2. In this village grew and grow many willows, their native name is – “TUBA”