

Oak Grove Protected in the Kuybyshev Oblast

A section of forest in the Aleksandrovsk region of the Kuybyshev Oblast, where oak groves form a kind of oasis in the steppes, has been taken under state protection. Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy loved to spend time in this small oak grove which covers approximately four hectares. The novelist had bought some land not far from here and used to visit often over the course of five years. The Sovkhoz Rural Council and the local "kuch 11'icha" collective farm have become responsible for the oak grove.

The Kuybyshev Oblast Council of Peoples Deputies has designated natural monuments in various areas. The administration of the Sovkhoz farm in the "kuch 11'icha" for example, will look after the unique sulphur spring located nearby. Students from the No. 1 High School in Syzran are carefully looking after the primitive black poplar, which is so wide it takes three men to embrace it with arms outstretched, and which the forest warden, Alexey Tolstoy used to admire when he was a student at the local school. Tolstoy's school was located at the end of the road for many years.

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