

Ride to Claybank Brick Factory for Heritage Day - June 29, 2014

Overview

- camp in Dunnet Regional Park the evening of Saturday, June 28.
- possible activities for Saturday afternoon include the Heritage House Museum in Avonlea, golfing at Long Creek golf course, and swimming at the pool at Dunnet.
- leave Dunnet at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning to ride 6 km to Avonlea.
- If coming from Regina Sunday morning, meet us at Cindy's Cafe at the intersection of highways 339 and 334.
- leave Avonlea at 10:00 a.m. for the 16 km ride to Claybank.
- leave from Claybank around 2:00 p.m.

The roads

All of the roads are paved, except for the final 1 km from the highway to Claybank. There are no shoulders and traffic may be heavy. So wear something visible.

Any bike will be good for the ride unless it has skinny tires.

Cost

- Camp fees - none - the club will pay the camping fees
- Dunnet park entrance fee - \$10 per vehicle
- Claybank entrance fee \$10 per person.

The Weather

On Tuesday, June 24, 2014 the forecast for Sunday is 60% chance of rain. So bring your rain gear. A few showers won't stop us. But if there is a down pour, we can always take our cars.

To get to Avonlea from Regina

Head south on Highway 6 for about 43 km. Turn west on Highway 334 at Corrine. Drive 34 km to Avonlea.

Avonlea

Avonlea is a very pretty little town with lots of services:

- a museum, Heritage House, that looks quite extensive with several out buildings
- a grocery store
- a Co-op store with a gas bar, convenience store and liquor outlet
- a Weekend Antique store (likely open on weekends)
- Cindy's Cafe with good home cooked food. She's offering a buffet breakfast on Sunday morning beginning at 9:0 a.m.

Dunnet Regional Park

Camping on Saturday night is at Dunnet Regional Park:

- take the highway at the corner where Cindy's Cafe is and drive about 6 km south.
- turn off at the sign, and the park is just past the reservoir.

- we are in campsites B6, B7, B8, and B9. They are in a lovely open grassy area so that we can camp together.
- the map of the park shows where the campsites are.
- there are washrooms with flush toilet close by.
- showers are a ride away by car or bike. Forgot to check whether coins are needed.
- there is also a swimming pool and convenience store.

To get to Claybank Historic Site

- We will leave the campground at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.
- People coming from Regina on Sunday morning can meet us at the Cindy's Cafe at the intersection of highways 334 and 339. They can leave their cars in Avonlea and avoid the \$10 park entrance fee.
- We'll leave Avonlea at 10:00 a.m. riding west on highway 339.
- It's about 15 km along the highway to the turn off to Claybank.
- The road from the highway to Claybank is just under 1 km of gravel which is rideable without a mountain bike unless you have skinny tires.
- We should arrive at Claybank around 11:00 a.m., unless we face a strong head wind.

At Claybank

It's the 100th anniversary of the brick factory and there will be lots of people and lots to see and do, including:

- a narrated self-guided tour. The attached map shows the site and hiking trails.
- historic machinery will be operating, grinding clay and pressing bricks.
- wagon rides to the Massold Clay Canyons and the Village of Claybank
- Lil'Jigger railway rides
- blacksmith, bricklaying and rope making demonstrations
- musical entertainment by Steve Palmer and Bob Evans
- food concessions (hot dogs and hamburgers) and homemade bakery items
- beverage gardens.
- See www.claybankbrick.ca for more info.

We will spend about 2 or 3 hours at Claybank and head back to Avonlea and Dunnet around 2:00 p.m.

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