

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **North Dakota trails receive National Trail Designation**

Three North Dakota trails were among 24 in 16 states designated as new National Recreation Trails by Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, coinciding with National Trails Day and marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Trails System.

North Dakota's Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge segment of the Historic Fort Totten Trail, Scout's Trail and Sullys Hilly Nature Trail were the Secretary of the Interior's selection for the National Recreation Trails, bringing the number of such trail designations in the state to 16.

The Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge segment of the Fort Totten Trail is located 26 miles north of Jamestown. It's a 9-mile back country trail providing enhanced wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities and allows for a variety of uses including hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.

Scout's Trail, located within Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, is a 4.6-mile multi-use trail that offers environmental education and interpretive opportunities on Native American culture. Scenic vistas and native prairie are an additional attraction to mountain bikers, hikers and anyone who enjoys the outdoors.

Sullys Hill Nature Trail, on Devils Lake's south shore, is a 1.5-mile loop trail located in one of only four units managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service managed to preserve bison. This scenic trail provides visitors the opportunity to observe a diverse sampling of native wildlife and a unique chance to walk through numerous ecosystems not usually found together in North Dakota.

For a complete listing of North Dakota National Recreation Trails, please visit <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/trails/national.htm>.