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TOURISTS SEE BIG-GAME ANIMALS AT SULLYS HILL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Many tourists who go through North Dakota on their jaunts across country this summer will stop at the historic Sullys Hill National Game Preserve near Fort Totten to see the exhibition herds of buffaloes, elk, and white-tailed deer maintained by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

The game preserve is a picturesque forested tract bordering on Devils Lake, North Dakota, 1 mile northeast of the Fort Totten Indian School.

Although administered primarily to maintain exhibition herds of big-game animals where they can be viewed by the public, the Sullys Hill area also provides a refuge for migratory and resident birds and other wildlife. A few Canada geese breed in semicaptivity on this preserve.

This national wildlife refuge was established by act of Congress approved on June 30, 1914, since which date it has been under the administration of the Bureau of Biological Survey, which has been consolidated with the Bureau of Fisheries to form the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Last year more than 20,000 persons visited the preserve and utilized the picnic grounds surrounding Sweetwater Lake. Here, shelters, a rest house, and playgrounds with equipment are available.

Rich in historic interest and even in prehistoric association, the region about Sullys Hill was the objective of many military and trading expeditions from the early 1800's until the 1860's. Alfred Sully, for whom the hill was named, successfully conducted a campaign against hostile Indians in the region.

The big-game area is readily accessible to tourists by the Burtness Scenic Highway and by rail to Devils Lake, 15 miles from the preserve, or to Fort Totten Station.

Visitors are welcomed on the area throughout the year. Details of the preserve are described in a mimeographed leaflet, BS-157, entitled "Sullys Hill National Game Preserve," which is available to the public upon request.

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