

# Timeline

Look to the road on your left to continue this timeline (to scale). The far side of the road marks when the glaciers receded and the near side marks when the land was settled by humans.

Timeline Scale: 1 inch = 7 years

## 12,000 years ago-1800's

The land on which Anderson Farm Park now sits has been continuously inhabited for at least 12,000 years. As the glaciers receded, people moved north hunting big game animals and fishing. The big game animals of the time would have included mammoths, mastodons, giant beavers and musk oxen.

## 15,000 years ago

Glaciers receded leaving wet plains and large lakes behind. Oregon is located in the vicinity of the Johnstown moraine, the terminal moraine from the last major glaciation.



## 1829-1837

Ho-Chunk tribal members were forced west to Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska through a series of treaties. Despite the repeated efforts of settlers and the U.S. government to expel them during the 19th century, Ho-Chunk people persisted, endured, and continue to live here in Teejop (the Four Lakes region).



Image Credit: Wisconsin First Nations

## 1845

Nathaniel Ames, a veteran of Valley Forge and forebear of the Anderson family, moved to Wisconsin at the age of 84 and settled on the land that eventually became the Anderson homestead.



Ames-Sholts-Anderson family portrait courtesy of the Anderson family

## 1931

The Beloit and Madison Railroad (later part of the Chicago and Northwestern) extended the line through the village, giving Oregon (then known as Rome Corners) an advantage over the outlying settlements. Oregon was an important nucleus of trade, a shipping point for livestock to the Chicago market.



Image Credit: Hugh Llewelyn

## 1957

Lyman and Pat Anderson, with help from local boy scouts, planted a 14-acre memorial forest - the beginnings of the future park.



Image courtesy of the Anderson family.

## 2013

Dane County purchased land and Anderson Farm Park was established. Anderson Park Friends, Inc. was also established to help care for the park.



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