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.

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.

courtesy of the Anderson family

Ames-Sholts-Anderson family portrait

Image courtesy of the Anderson family.



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



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1957

1829 1836 1843 1850 1857 1864 1871 1878 1885 1892 1899 1906 1913 1920 1927 1934 1941 1948 1955 1962 1969 1976 1983 1990 1997 2004 2011

1829-1837

1845

Ho-Chunk tribal members were forced west to lowa, 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).

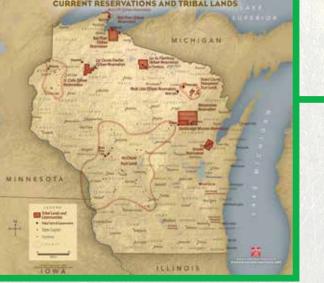


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1931



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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.



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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