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What a View!

Hunters standing on this hill could see for miles and watch for game over a large area. They could also watch for the people traveling to and from villages on the shores of Lake Mendota. A major trail passed through the valley south of Pope Farm Conservancy. For thousands of years, people and goods moved between the Mississippi River and the Four Lakes along this trail. Burial mounds were built along the trail. One, shaped like a bear, was located just southeast of the park. After 1832, traders brought lead and furs to the Rowan-St. Cyr trading post at the mouth of Pheasant Branch Creek. A Ho-Chunk village, one of several in the Yahara valley, was established next to the post.