

University League 2018 Summer Tour

“Mysteries of the Mounds”

June 27, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Come with us by bus to Fort Atkinson to explore the fascinating culture of the Native Americans of the Late Woodland Period. We will first travel to the Hoard Historical Museum for a docent-led tour of an immersive exhibit called “Mysteries of the Mounds,” which explains southern Wisconsin mound cultures. We are also invited to view other exhibits, including one on President Lincoln’s involvement in the 1832 Black Hawk War (his only military experience before becoming Commander-in-Chief), and a “Bird Room,” featuring 500 birds.

After the Museum, the bus will take us to Jefferson County Indian Mounds and Trail Park, where we can walk a trail through the woods that includes eleven effigy mounds. (Those who prefer to relax in the park are welcome to do so.) We will also drive by the Panther Intaglio—a “reverse” effigy mound that is dug out of the earth rather than built up. This is the only complete surviving intaglio in North America. For both the museum tour and the mounds visit, we are fortunate to have as our docent, Merrilee Lee, who is Director of the Hoard Museum.

We’ll be hungry after our exercise and edification, so our next stop will be Brock’s River Walk Tavern and Grill in Fort Atkinson. (See the registration form for meal choices.) A lovely view of the Rock River will enhance our lunch break.

Schedule: Plan to arrive at the parking lot of Covenant Presbyterian Church (corner of Mineral Point Road and Segoe Road) at 8:30 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 9:00 and head to the Hoard Museum. We are due to arrive back in Madison by 3:00 p.m.