

# DIRECTIONS

## From the North:

Head south on Interstate 43 toward Grafton. Take exit 93 for WI-32 / County Highway V toward Port Washington / Grafton. Turn left (northeast) at County Highway V / WI-32. Turn right (east) at Ulao Parkway. Turn left (east) at High Bluff Dr. and follow it into the park.

## From the South:

Head north on Interstate 43 toward Grafton. Take exit 92 for WI-60 / County Highway Q toward Grafton. Turn right (east) at Ulao Rd. / County Highway Q and follow to CTH C. Turn left (north) at CTH C. Turn right (east) at High Bluff Dr. and follow it into the park.

## From the West:

Head east on WI-60 toward Lake Michigan. Follow WI-60 / County Highway Q to CTH C. Turn left (north) at CTH C. Turn right (east) at High Bluff Dr. and follow it into the park.



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# LION'S DEN GORGE NATURE PRESERVE



511 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE  
GRAFTON, WI

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Ozaukee County...*



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PARK SYSTEM

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## WHY VISIT?

Diverse grassland, wet meadow, woodland, wetland, and bluff habitats, along with a spectacular Lake Michigan view and public access to the Lake Michigan shoreline, make this 73-acre county property ideal for passive recreational use and birding.

During peak spring migration, over 20 species of warblers can be found within a short walk from the parking lot. The boardwalks offer views of species such as Rails, Least Bittern, Green Heron, Piedbilled Grebe, Ring-necked and Wood Duck. The 100-foot bluff-top and approximately one mile of shoreline provide a great vantage point for viewing loons, herons, and other waterfowl, as well as spring and fall raptor migration.

Lion's Den Gorge offers visitors the opportunity to experience the true natural beauty of the area. The park is a prototype for the planning and implementation of "nature preserves" within the County Park System that respects local ecology. In order to maintain the diverse native

vegetation representing a more northern affinity forest, deer hunting is allowed by permit in the fall.

## THE HISTORY:

The 73-acre Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve was added to the Ozaukee County Park System in 2002. The land was acquired from Dr. Ghulum Dhar by the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust (OWLT) and Ozaukee County, as well as numerous partners. The OWLT holds a conservation easement on the property, which guides the passive recreational development of the park.

Between 2003 and 2008, the master plan for the park was implemented. The development included park road, parking lot, an informational kiosk, trail system, trail ravine bridge, a stairway to the lake, bluff vistas, several elevated boardwalks over wetlands, picnic tables, and an overlook deck onto the USFWS wetland.



## ACTIVITIES & AMENITIES:

Birding/Wildlife Viewing

Fishing

44-acre USFWS Waterfowl  
Production Area

Lake Michigan Access and Water Trail

Leashed Dogs

Nature Education

Nature Trails

Photography

Picnicking

Portable Toilets

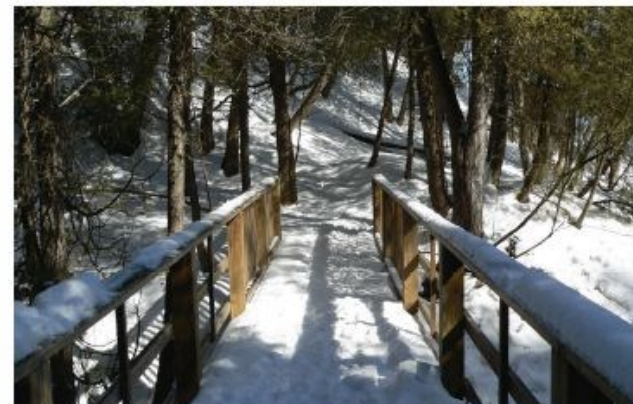
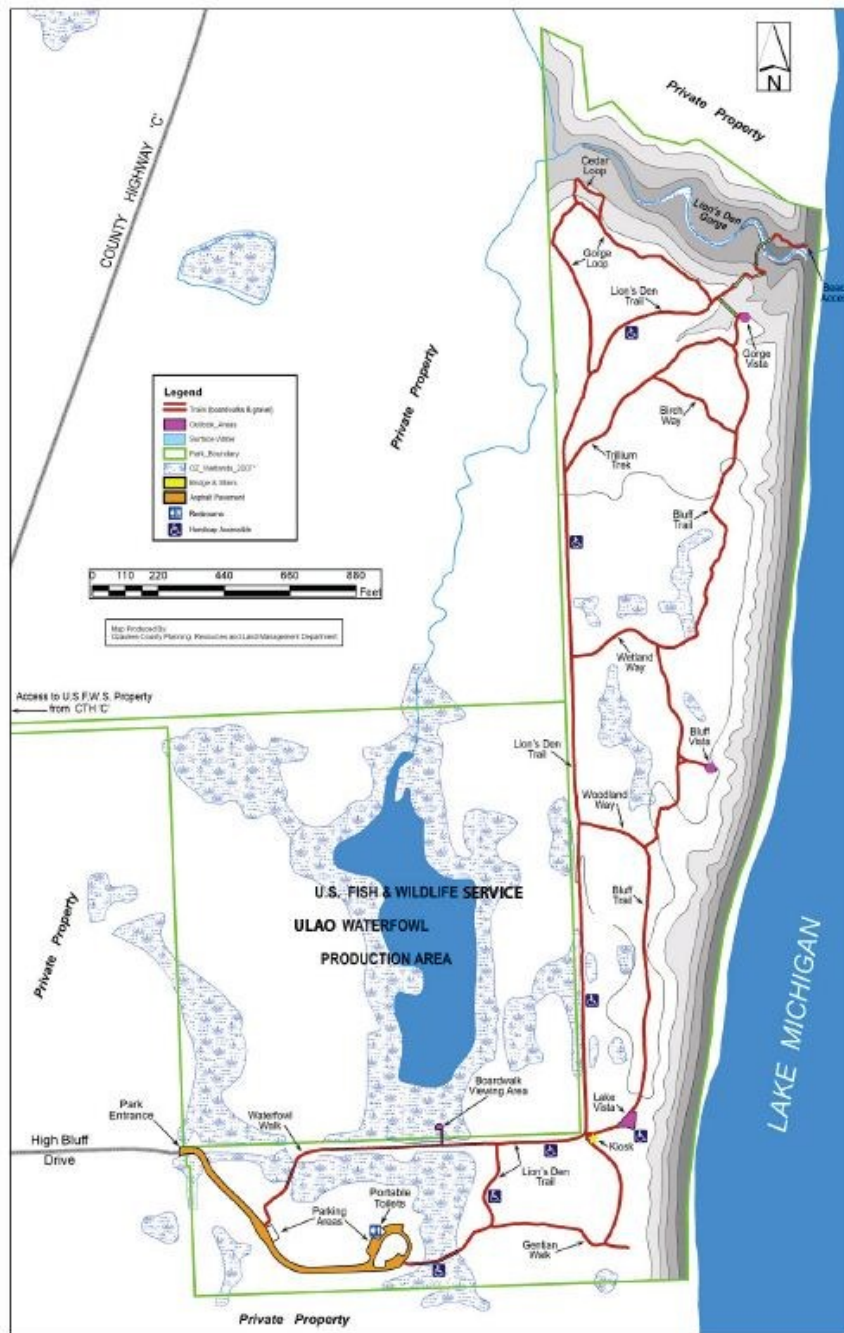
X-Country Skiing

**PARK SIZE:** 72.57 acres

**YEAR ACQUIRED:** 2002

**COST OF ACQUISITION:** \$1.28 M

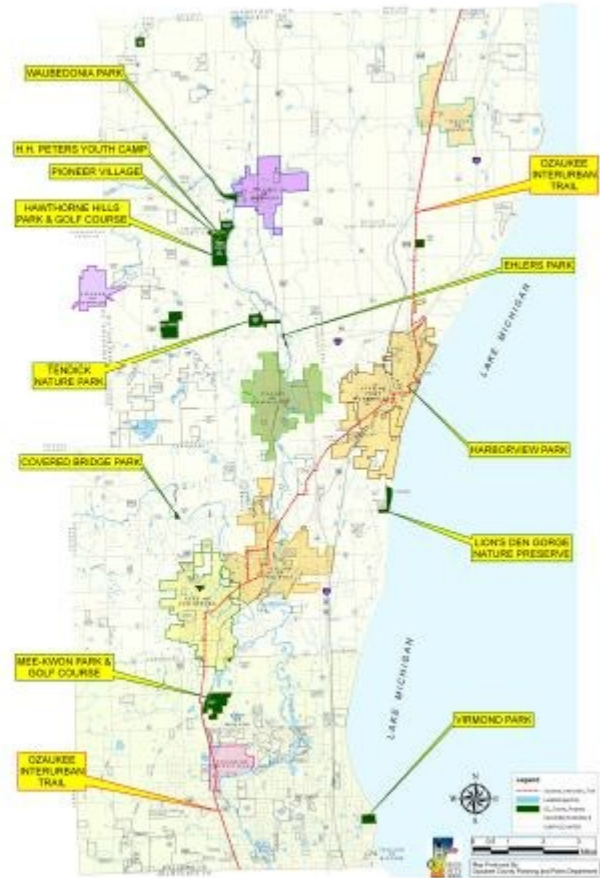




LION'S DEN GORGE NATURE PRESERVE MAP

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	Madison Park & Golf Course 341-5868	Wood Park 343-1310	Claytonville Center 375-6851	Leeward Ridge Park 493-8825	Leeward Ridge Park 493-8825	East Oak Ridge Nature Center 493-8825	Swedish Nature Park 238-8257	Northwest Hills Park & Golf Course 493-8825	Superior Park 338-8157	Madison Park 493-2151	Madison Park 493-2825
Phone (502)											
Baseball	●	●									●
Canoe / Kayak Access				●	●			●			●
Camping											●
Disc Golf								●			
Drinking Water	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	●
Fishing		●		●	●			●			●
Golf Course		●								●	●
Historic Feature(s)				●				●		●	●
Ice Skating / Rink(s)		●	●								
Lake Michigan Access							●				
Leashed Dogs	●	●		●	●			●		●	●
Lodger Rooms		●		●							●
Lodging											●
Nature Trails / Area	●	●		●	●			●		●	●
Picnic / Grills	●	●		●	●			●		●	●
Pro Shop				●							●
Restaurant		●									●
Restrooms / Toilets	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	●
Sand Volleyball	●							●			
Shelter	●										●
Skating		●								●	
Snowmobile Trail Access				●	●						●
Snow	●										●
Swims	●										●
Wildlife Viewing	●	●		●	●			●		●	●
X-Country Skiing	●	●					●	●		●	●



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