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

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OZAUKEE COUNTY PARK SYSTEM

511 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE
GRAFTON, WI
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, Red-billed 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. Ghulam 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