

TRAIL TO LOVER'S LEAP OVERLOOK



Lovers Leap in the Fall as viewed from the Top of Starved Rock

The legend which has come down to us says that a young Indian brave was deeply in love with a maiden from another tribe. Because of tribal rivalry and taboos against inter-tribal matrimony, the two lovers were forbidden to marry by their chiefs. Rather than live out their lives apart, the distraught lovers chose to die in each others' arm. Thus, they met one evening at the top of the large rock formation just east of Starved Rock and, embracing each other, hurled themselves down to the swirling waters and death below.

Ever since that time, this spot has been called Lover's Leap.

LENGTH FROM THE VISITOR CENTER: 0.7 miles

DIFFICULTY: Moderate/Difficult (quite a few steps)

PARKING: Park at the Lower Park parking lot or the Lodge

WATERFALL: No

TOP VIEW: Yes

INTERIOR CANYON VIEW: No

WILDLIFE: Birdwatching (Great for eagle viewing in the winter and pelican viewing in the spring!) squirrel, rabbit, white tail deer.

VIEWS: Starved Rock Overlook, Starved Rock Dam, Plum Island, Leopold Island No.1, and the Illinois River

CONNECTING TRAILS: Pontiac Canyon, Eagle Cliff Overlook, Beehive Overlook, Sandstone Point Overlook, Tonty Canyon, LaSalle Canyon.

VIEWS FROM THE TRAIL

