

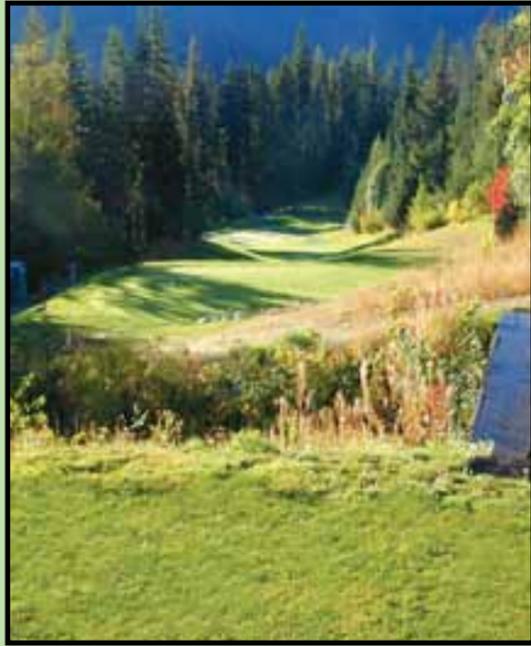


The Tour: Spokane and Idaho offer terrific golf

The variety and number of great courses in the greater Spokane and Idaho Panhandle areas have become popular destinations for golfers. See inside for more on the courses of the area.

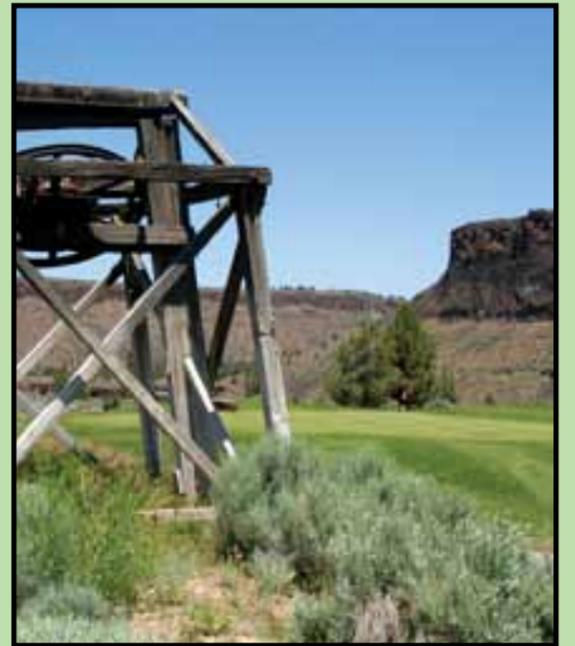
Colfax Golf Course: Good choice on way to Spokane

Colfax Golf Course opened for play in 1927 and is a good challenge if you are looking to play on your way to or from Spokane. See inside for more on Colfax Golf Course.

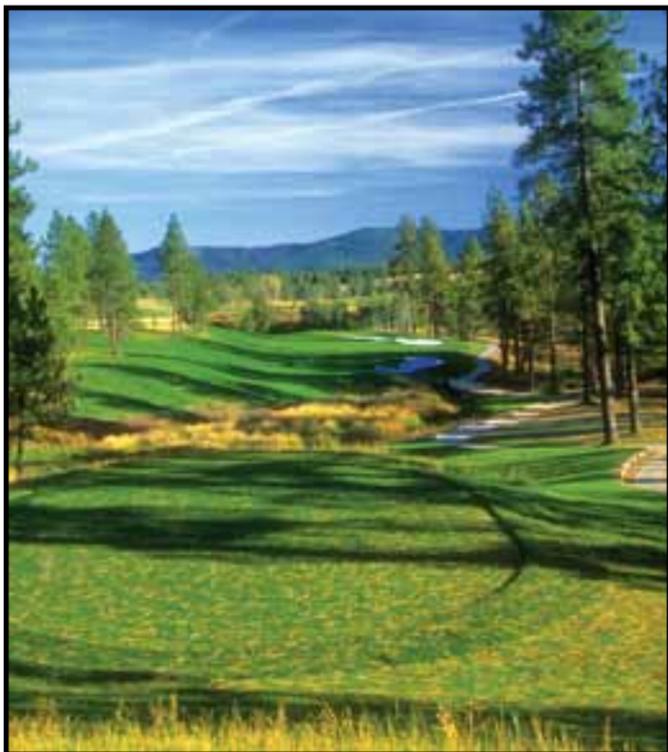


Northwest golf resorts: Several award-winning golf resorts to choose from

The Pacific Northwest is loaded with terrific golf resorts, with places like Kahler Glen (left) in Leavenworth and Crooked River Ranch (right) in Central Oregon. There are plenty of Pacific Northwest golf resorts to satisfy your craving for top-flight golf. Northwest golf resorts can be found in Washington, Oregon and Idaho and this month Inside Golf takes a look at what you have to choose from. See inside for more.



Destination: Spokane and Idaho



Eastern Washington and the Idaho Panhandle have so many great golf courses to choose from, both public and private. Courses like Circling Raven in Worley, Idaho (far left), Indian Canyon in Spokane (near left) and Palouse Ridge (bottom) are a few examples of the high quality of golf to be found. Spokane's close proximity to Northern Idaho gives golfers access to several of the state's best courses and a few in western Montana as well. The drives are often as picturesque as the courses you'll play.

For more please see inside this special section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



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The Tour

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Three to see

• Just north of Spokane are three more courses to try, including Dominion Meadows in Colville, Chewelah and Deer Park (pictured below). For more see Page 4.



Colfax Golf Course a good starter; Kalispel Indian Tribe gets into golf

When Spokane Golf and Country Club ran into financial trouble three years ago, the Kalispel Indian Tribe, which also owns the Northern Quest Casino in Spokane, stepped up to buy the course. The tribe paid \$3 million for the club and one of the first things it did was to change the name to Kalispel Golf and Country Club. The old Spokane Country Club ran into financial trouble when it lost a discrimination suit against four women. It forced the club onto the auction block.

And the Kalispel Indian Tribe was more than happy to come up with the winning bid.

The new club kept many of the members from the old regime and opened the course to the public with a few selected tee times. The tribe also added a restaurant into the clubhouse called the 1890 Club, taking the name from when the club actually started.

General Manager Bob Castle knows the club will be successful with the tribe making changes on and off the golf course.

The course is surrounded by tall pines and sits along the Little Spokane River and Castle hopes that many people who have left will come back and take advantage of the terrific course.

• So, you are on the way to a golf trip in Eastern Washington and looking for the perfect way to get the trip going. Look no further than Colfax Golf Club, about one mile north of the city and nestled along the Palouse River. The course has been a part of the town since 1927 and is user-friendly that caters to people who want a low-key environment



The Kalispel Indian Tribe bought the old Spokane Country Club and got into golf business.

for an enjoyable round of golf.

This popular course enjoys a season longer than other courses in the area due to a quirk in the topography that delays the onset of winter.

The course is a challenging nine-hole layout with a combination of tight fairways, sloped greens, and numerous trees to keep you focused on your game. The course plays just over 6,000 yards and has a Northwest feel with some tall trees lining the fairways. There are several holes that get your

attention, including the second hole, a short par-4 that wraps around to the left with a couple of tall trees at the corner to put a premium on your drive and your second shot. It's those types of shots that get your attention and you are able to use just about every club in your bag on your round.

There's plenty to like at Colfax Golf Club. It's the perfect stop on the way east. Call 509.397.2122 for more. You can also check out the club's website for more information at www.colfaxgolf.com.



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Spokane area

One of the top Northwest golf regions

Golfers from around the Northwest have long known about the high quality of golf in and around Spokane. Not only are the courses superb but the prices are also below any of the other metropolitan areas in the northwest region of the country.

With the addition of Northern Idaho courses like Circling Raven, StoneRidge and Priest Lake, the Spokane area's golf landscape is gaining national attention.

The City of Spokane owns four municipal courses in Indian Canyon, The Creek at Qualchan, Downriver and Esmeralda. They are all popular and their green fees are very reasonable. These courses are good on your wallet and provide a stellar round of golf every time you tee it up.

Spokane County, the other municipal course owner, has Hangman Valley, MeadowWood and Liberty Lake, all of which are excellent courses that can be played for under \$35. Liberty Lake underwent a year and a half re-model and looks new with a re-designed front nine and new tees, greens bunkers and a new irrigation system.

Here's a quick look at the Spokane courses and what you face when you tee it up in the Inland Empire:

• **Indian Canyon:** At 6,255 yards might appear, on paper at least, to be a short course, but with tight fairways, major elevation changes and bunker-guarded greens, it's anything but easy. Indian Canyon continues to be one of the top courses in the Northwest. The course also hosts the annual Rosauers Invitational.

• **The Creek at Qualchan:** This course gets your attention right out of the gate with it's elevation changes, tight dog-legs and greens that can be protected by water. Numerous bunkers are sculpted into the sides of steep hills.

• **Esmeralda:** A popular course for the locals, it plays to 6,250 yards. Over 65,000 rounds are played each year at the course they call "Essie."

• **Downriver:** One of the most popular in-town courses. Downriver's fairways are dwarfed by century-old pine trees that makes playing amongst them seem almost surreal.

• **Hangman Valley:** Course got its name from the infamous 1858 Battle of Steptoe when U.S. Soldiers captured Native Americans and hanged 13 chiefs. The course opened in 1969 and features some great par-5 holes. Like so many of the other courses in the area, elevation changes and tall trees play a significant part in this challenging course.

• **MeadowWood:** Designed by the legendary golf architect Robert Muir Graves, who made his mark in golf course design by producing difficult, but fair, courses. This is one of the top challenges in the area and was awarded four stars by *Golf Digest* magazine. It sits across the street from Liberty Lake Golf Course.

• **Liberty Lake:** The course received a face-lift a few years ago but recently underwent a major rebuild. The course was closed for more than a year and a major redesign produced a different look for the course, including new ponds, bunkers, tees and more. A new set of tees was added to virtually every



Liberty Lake Golf Course in Spokane is one of the popular courses in the Spokane area.



The Creek at Qualchan is owned by the city of Spokane and is scenic and challenging.

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Chewelah Golf Course

Golf courses north of Spokane are worth the trip

If you have played all the courses you want in the Spokane area, take a look to the north and you will see a trio to try.

Chewelah Golf Course, Deer Park Golf Course and Dominion Meadows in Colville are all located north of Spokane and all are good courses to try. Here's a look at all of the courses:

- **Chewelah**, sits just 45 minutes from North Spokane. Chewelah is a golfer's dream- 27 scenic holes with tree-lined fairways.

The original 9-hole course opened for play in 1976. A second nine was added in 1984 making it an 18-hole golf course. A third nine was built and opened in 2001, making Chewelah G&CC the only 27-hole course in the Inland Northwest. The 18-hole course is 6,029 yards long with a par of 72. Don't be fooled by the yardage, this is a tight driving ball strikers course with typical dry-climate firm fairways where the ball rolls a long way.

Golfers from west of the Cascades will have to make adjustments, maybe teeing off with less than a driver at times.

Elevation changes on some holes offer spectacular vistas and can add a bit of drama trying to land your ball in the fairway- most notably the stunning 9th hole that is downhill dogleg left par 4.

For golfers who like to fly small planes there is a 3,800-foot airstrip with a newly surfaced runway close to the golf course. How cool is that? Golfers traveling with an RV are also accommodated at the RV Park adjacent to the golf course. The park has 16- 50 amp sites and 11- 30 amp sites, with shade trees, picnic tables, laundry and showers and free Wifi. Discount golf is available to RV campers as well.

The Rusty Putter Bar and Grill is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The patio overlooks the 9th green on the 9-hole course and

is a perfect place to hang out after your round. For information and to view the specials and promotions visit www.chewelahgolf.com.

- **Deer Park** opened in 1996 and is located less than a half-hour north of Spokane, and it has a first-class RV park next to the golf course. The course plays to nearly 6,700 yards, and with the relatively flat terrain, golfers enjoy the option to walk. The RV resort has been upgraded and many people like the chance to park their RV and enjoy the golf course and restaurant.

- **Dominion Meadows** used to be called the Colville Elks Golf Course and became an 18-hole layout in July of 2002.

The old nine plays through trees while the new nine offers a more links-style setting. The course plays to 6,743 yards with plenty of forced carries over wetlands and ponds. The course is owned and operated by the Elks Club.

Spokane: Inland Empire offers a wide variety

hole and new trees were brought in. Fescue was planted on the front side. A new irrigation system was also added and will keep the course in terrific shape year round.

- **Wandermere**: The course opened the first 9 holes in 1931 and boasts one of the largest memberships in the region. While the overall design is dated some holes have been updated.

- **SunDance**: Located away from the downtown Spokane area, SunDance is a perfect place for beginners. It measures 5,900 yards and presents a flat terrain.

- **Fairways at West Terrace**: Located in Cheney, winds are usually the biggest challenge at this course, which measures 6,390 yards. A goal post is located in the middle of the driving range, providing an interesting target when practicing your shots at the driving range.

- **Trail Head at Liberty Lake**: Executive-length golf course near MeadowWood and Liberty Lake golf course. A relatively flat course, it measures just over 2,500 yards with multiple tees.

- **Painted Hills**: Bought by the McElhinny family in 2006, the Painted Hills Golf Course was built in 1989 originally as a nine-hole championship golf course. Since then Chester Creek Par 3 has been added to the property.

- **Pineacres**: One of the most popular places for golfers in the Spokane area to practice. The course is short, at 970 yards and is a par 27 but still gives you the chance for some solid practice.

- **Manito Country Club**: Manito is one of the oldest courses in the Pacific Northwest, having opened for play in 1917. The course has hosted some of the biggest



Hangman Valley Golf Course is one of the most popular golf courses in Spokane area.

events in the Northwest including the 1945 PGA Championship.

- **Kalispel Golf and Country Club**: Opened in 1911, as the Spokane Golf and County Club, and is the third oldest in the Northwest after Tacoma Country and Golf

Club and Waverly Country Club. The course hosted the first-ever U.S.Women's Open in 1946. The course underwent a bankruptcy and the Kalispel Indian Tribe stepped in to buy the club, changing the name and opened it up to some public tee times.

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Idaho's Panhandle

Idaho's Panhandle has plenty to offer when it comes to public, private and resort golf

Idaho's Panhandle is becoming home to more than just great scenery and outdoor experiences – the area is also the home to some of the state's best golf courses. Here's a look at what you will find to play around the Idaho Panhandle:

• **Avondale:** The course opened in 1968 with nine holes. It is semiprivate and still open for public play. The course underwent a \$2 million remodel project a few years ago and was actually closed for nearly a year to make all the improvements. The results are impressive.

• **Circling Raven:** The newest course in the area opened in 2003 in Worley, Idaho – about a half-hour south of Coeur d'Alene or east of Spokane. The course is owned by the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe and was part of a \$30 million expansion project recently by the tribe that includes new hotel rooms and more. The course plays to 7,189 yards from the tips and is spread out over 400 acres. Adjacent to the course is the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel.

• **Coeur d'Alene Golf Club:** Long before the resort came along, the Coeur d'Alene Golf Club was a fixture on the landscape. The course opened in 1957 and is popular with the locals. Not a bad place for the visitors, too.

• **Coeur d'Alene Resort:** World-famous resort opened for play in 1991 and has been ranked among the top resorts in the world. Course is known for many things, but two things continually stand out: The condition of the course and the Floating Green. The condition of the course is considered among the best in the country, and the Floating Green is always an attraction. The par-3 green can be floated anywhere from 100 to 185 yards from land and golfers ride a boat to the green. A major re-modeling project added length to the course a few years ago. While the Floating Green gets most of the attention, there are several other outstanding holes at this resort course.

• **The Idaho Club:** The resort, located in Sandpoint, underwent some dramatic changes and became a Jack Nicklaus Signature course. Three new holes were introduced and new holes replaced existing holes on the first, 17th and 18th hole. In addition, the 10th hole became a dogleg par-4 with water near the green. There is lodging available on site and plenty of other outdoor activities, which makes sense since Lake Pend Oreille is nearby with a variety of opportunities for boating, fishing and more. The original rustic clubhouse burned down in December of 2008 and a new one is being built.

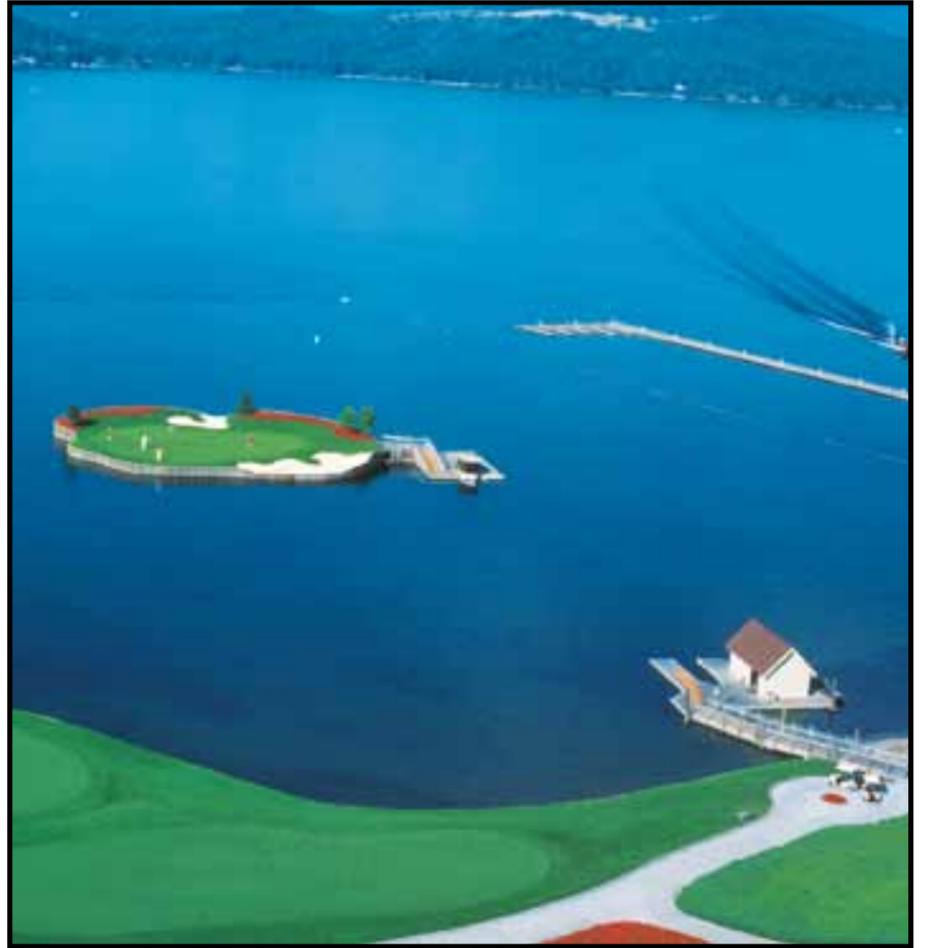
• **Highlands:** Course opened in 1991 and features some terrific scenic views. The 16th hole is a standout and is memorable. The hole is a 322-yard par-4 and is considered the signature hole of the course. The fairway is lined with trees and rises to a ridge. At the top of the ridge you can see all kinds of trouble on the way to the green, things like bunkers, water, mounds and trees. The course removed the country club part of its name to avoid confusion a few years ago.

• **StoneRidge:** When the owners of StoneRidge Golf Course, located about a half-hour from Coeur d'Alene in the town of Blanchard, decided to make some changes to the golf course. Not satisfied with a quick fix, they shut down the golf course for more than a year to come up with the kind of changes they envisioned. Nine re-opened in 2002 and the second nine shortly after. There are new tee boxes, new greens, new sand traps, new ponds, new cart paths . . . just about everything is new. The \$3 million project gave the course the kind of face-lift the owners, Bridge Partners, hoped for. And the golfers in the NW have liked what they have seen.

• **Priest Lake:** Located about 90 minutes from Spokane on the upper Idaho Panhandle and near Priest Lake with the Selkirk Mtn. Range as a backdrop, it is a nature walk with tall tree-lined fairways and numerous ponds that challenge your game. Keep an eye out for wildlife. At 6,100 yards from the tips it plays longer than the yardage shows. The front nine was built in the '60s and remodeled in 2004, the back nine winds through the forest and was added in 2002.

• **Twin Lakes:** Course is located in a residential community in Rathdrum, Idaho, about an hour's drive from Spokane. It plays to 6,277 yards with is a completely different look on the front and back nines. The club is semiprivate as homeowners own the course. It is open to the public and green fees are \$30 weekdays and weekends.

• **University of Idaho Course:** Withstanding the test of time, the University of Idaho Golf Course was originally designed by Francis L. James and constructed in 1933. Nestled among the rolling hills of the Palouse, panoramic wheat land vistas change with the seasons from emerald green to amber gold against a mountain backdrop. This unique course is challenging, offering a variety of shots from uneven lies to elevated and recessed greens. The front nine provides scoring opportunities featuring three par 5's in an open grassland venue. The back nine tightens up into a narrow parkland theme, including two difficult par 3's.



The Coeur d'Alene Resort is the home of the famous Floating Green on the 14th hole.

Prairie Falls Golf Course makes a big change turning par-5 into a par-3 hole

When Billy Bomar went looking to get back in the golf business, he liked what he saw when he looked at Prairie Falls Golf Course in Post Falls, Idaho. He liked it so much, he bought it along with partner and Coeur d'Alene native Jerry Neeser. Since purchasing the course Billy has been able to win the 2015 Oregon Senior Open Championship and Inland Northwest PGA Championship.

And one big change has happened this year - a par-5 hole has been turned into a picturesque par-3 with plenty of water (see photo below). Surrounded by mountains with running streams and waterfalls, Prairie Falls is the kind of course that blends the two most popular styles of golf courses—Parkland

style and Links style—into one exciting 18-hole course. The golf course sits on 119 acres of ground, of which 23 acres is native grass.

Prairie Falls is becoming one of the most popular courses in the area and Bomar wants to keep it that way. The course is Audubon certified in environmental planning, wildlife management, and water conservation. Some of the wildlife seen on the course has ranged from the occasional Moose, Elk, Eagles, Osprey, Red Hawk, Turtles, and a spotted dog.

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Palouse Ridge in Pullman, Wash.

Palouse Ridge: WSU campus golf course is now 10 years old

It's hard to believe that Palouse Ridge, Washington State University's golfing gem, is turning 10 years old this month. Set within the rolling hills on Washington State University's Pullman campus, the John Harbottle III creation and home to the university's Cougar golf teams has come of age.

When the university envisioned a new course they wanted to build a championship-caliber course that would be worthy of hosting the best collegiate tournaments, something that they could be proud of and bring attention to the university, the small town and with national influence. The course would replace an old 9-hole layout dating back to 1925, which had dual sets of tees on each hole. On reflection, John Harbottle III's creation has fulfilled all of those goals.

When the course opened in 2008 it was ranked the No. 2 Best New Public Course in the country by *Golf Digest* and the 7,308-yard layout has been ranked the No. 2 college golf course by *LINKS* magazine and is ranked No. 5 course in the state by *GolfWeek* magazine. It is certainly on every bucket list of every serious golfer in the Northwest. It has hosted a long list of men's and women's PAC-12 Championships, NCAA regionals and numerous PINGA tournaments. The course is set to host its second and third NCAA regionals in 2019 and 2020. Palouse Ridge has proved it can stand up to the some of the best amateur players in the game.

Early in his career, John Harbottle traveled to the British Isles to study the great courses of Scotland and Ireland. He was inspired by the natural links courses and the way they were formed without the appearance of disturbing Mother Nature. He wanted to create a natural looking course with a links touch and his knowledge of links-style golf and construction enabled him to transform 315 acres of rolling Palouse Hills into an environmentally sensitive masterpiece. Sadly John Harbottle passed away in 2012 while he was working on a course in California.

Wanting to preserve his memory, the University has named the 15th hole the Harbottle Hole, a signature hole that is a drivable par 4 and John Harbottle's favorite hole. The short hole can play decidedly different when the wind blows and at only 350 yards it becomes reachable by long hitters when down wind.

Since the course is tucked away in a somewhat remote location, stay and play options are available on their website: www.palouseridge.com.

SPOKANE AREA

- 1. Chewelah Golf Club**
18 holes, 6,486 yards
Chewelah, Public
- 2. Deer Park Golf Club**
18 holes, 6,690 yards
Deer Park, Public
- 3. Dominion Meadows**
18 holes, 6,743 yards
Colville, Public
- 4. Creek at Qualchan**
18 holes, 6,596 yards
Spokane, Public
- 5. Downriver G C**
18 holes, 6,130 yards
Spokane, Public
- 6. Esmeralda G C**
18 holes, 6,249 yards
Spokane, Public
- 7. Hangman Valley GC**
18 holes, 6,901 yards
Spokane, Public
- 8. Indian Canyon GC**
18 holes, 6,255 yards
Spokane, Public
- 9. Liberty Lake GC**
18 holes, 6,398 yards
Liberty Lake, Public
- 10. Manito Country Club**
18 holes, 6,378 yards
Spokane, Private
- 11. MeadowWood GC**
18 holes, 6,874 yards
Spokane, Public
- 12. Painted Hills Golf Club**
9 holes, 3,239 yards
Spokane, Public

13. Kalispel Golf and CC

18 holes, 6,679 yards
Spokane, Semi-Private

14. SunDance GC

18 holes, 5,960 yards
Spokane, Public

15. Trail Head at Liberty Lake

9 holes, 2,072 yards
Liberty Lake, Public

16. Wandermere GC

18 holes, 6,108 yards
Spokane, Public

17. Fairways at West Terrace

18 holes, 6,398 yards
Cheney, Public

18. Palouse Ridge

18 holes, 7,300 yards
Pullman, Public

19. Clarkson Gold & CC

18 holes, 6,559 yards
Clarkston, Private

20. Quail Ridge

18 holes, 6,072 yards
Clarkston, Public

IDAHO PANHANDLE

21. The Idaho Club

18 holes, 6,655 yards
Sandpoint, Resort

22. StoneRidge Golf Club

18 holes, 6,522 yards
Blanchard, Public

23. Twin Lakes Golf Club

18 holes, 6,277 yards
Rathdrum, Public

24. Prairie Falls GC

18 holes, 6,229 yards
Post Falls, Public

25. The Highlands Golf Club

18 holes, 6,369 yards
Post Falls, Public

26. Avondale Golf Club

18 holes, 6,573 yards
Hayden Lake, Public

27. Coeur d'Alene Golf Club

18 holes, 6,295 yards
Coeur d'Alene, Public

28. Coeur d'Alene Resort

18 holes, 6,804 yards
Coeur d'Alene, Resort

29. Club at Black Rock

18 holes, 7,130 yards
Coeur d'Alene, Private

30. Gozzer Ranch

18 holes, 7,143 yards
Harrison, Private

31. Kellogg Country Club

9 holes, 3,042 yards
Pinehurst, Public

32. Galena Ridge

18 holes, 7,000 yards
Kellogg, Public

33. Circling Raven

18 holes, 7,189 yards
Worley, Resort

34. Priest Lake

18 holes, 6,177 yards
Priest Lake, Public

35. The Links

18 holes, 7,425 yards
Post Falls, Public

36. Brydon Canyon GC

18 holes, 6,359 yards
Lewiston, Public

37. Lewiston Golf & CC

18 holes, 6,591 yards
Lewiston, Private

Oregon Resorts

Editor's note: Inside Golf Newspaper has taken a look at all the golf resorts in Oregon and came up with a list of interesting things to look for when you make your visit.

Crooked River Ranch

Crooked River Ranch is the largest homeowner's association in Oregon with a population of over 5,000, sits just north of Bend. The course might not seem long (5,700 yards) but it will keep your attention and you need to keep it straight.

The par-4 fifth hole is a perfect example. It is a hole which says just 260 yards on the scorecard, but the Crooked River sits to the left and out of bounds marks the right.

Crooked River is a popular stop for people with RV's because of the full service amenities, which include tennis, swimming and hiking.

Pacific Northwest professional Chuck Milne shot a 59 in a tournament there in the summer of 2004.

Bandon Dunes Resort

When Bandon Dunes opened for play in 1999, the course with the scenic views of the Pacific Ocean in Bandon, Ore. was quickly voted among the best in the country.

When Pacific Dunes opened in 2001 next to Bandon Dunes, the new course received even higher praise and loftier awards. A third course, Bandon Trails, opened in 2005 and a fourth course called Old Macdonald opened in 2010.

Bandon Dunes home to four of the top golf courses in the country, and a fifth course called Bandon Preserve, a 13-hole par-3 course, opened in 2012.

All courses top the lists of every golf publication's best course list. There might not be much to see in and around the Bandon area, but there is the golf and it's enough. And golf in its purest form, with no golf carts allowed, a prevailing wind blowing off the Pacific Ocean and native fescue grasses growing along the fairways.

The Punchbowl Putting Course a 100,000 square-foot putting course opened in 2014.

Salishan Resort

Salishan Golf Links offers an 18-hole, 6,470-yard, par-71 layout on the Oregon Coast in Gleneden Beach. With its great ocean-side location, Salishan is a place that people keep coming back to for weekend getaways – with or without the golf clubs. The course underwent a major re-model by Jacobsen Hardy Golf Course Design and a new spa was added so guests could relax and revitalize their mind, body.

Brasada Ranch

Oregon saw a new golf resort open in the central part of the state in Brasada Ranch in Redmond. All 18 holes of the Peter Jacobsen-Jim Hardy course were open for play in 2007. The resort is a family paradise with lodging, restaurants, bike trails, tennis courts, swimming pools and more. Housing lots are selling quickly, too.

Resort at the Mountain

The Resort at the Mountain is just a drive and wedge away from Mount Hood. In fact, during the spring and summer months, golfing and skiing are both possibilities in the same day. But for just golf, the Resort at the Mountain has it all. With new renovations to the lodge, accommodations and golf course, the Resort at the Mountain is a first-class operation. The facility offers three distinctly different sets of nines called, Thistle, Foxglove and Pine Cone. Besides golf, guest can play tennis, croquet and lawn bowling, sand volleyball, badminton, basketball, hiking



The Resort at Eagle Point is a Robert Trent Jones Jr. design in Southern Oregon.

Eagle Point Golf Course turning into a golf resort with addition of lodging

There is a new golf resort in Southern Oregon that might be in its infant stages, but shows all the signs of becoming a classy resort.

What started as Eagle Point Golf Course in Central Point, Ore. in 1996 has turned into the Resort at Eagle Point, a place that businessman Bob Hyer purchased in 2013 and has begun the move into the resort world of golf.

The course, designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., has been considered one of the top tracks in the Pacific Northwest since opening 22 years ago, now has three chalets to go with the golf. And more could be on the way. Hyer said plans could eventually call for a lodge, swimming pool and spa.

The chalets opened in July of 2017 giving the resort

12 total rooms. And this summer, the rooms have been virtually full giving Hyer optimism for more. A lodge with as many as 24 rooms could be next on the drawing board. An events center could also be part of the plans.

When Hyer bought Eagle Point, the course had 157 members. There are now 330. Play is up - and for good reason. The Resort at Eagle Point is a place where the conditions are terrific year round, thanks to the \$1.2 million worth of sand Jones put onto the course when he built it.

The course is in a good position for becoming a resort. With Crater Lake National Park only an hour away, people from around the world frequent Southern Oregon - and Hyer hopes they keep coming to the Resort at Eagle Point. It is now more than just a golf course, the place is a destination.

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or bicycling. New ownership has taken over at the Resort at the Mountain with Stanford Oregon Hotels LLC taking over two years ago. One immediate concern was the rebuilding of a building which housed 16 guest rooms which burned down in a few of years ago.

A new web site has also been set up at www.mthood-resort.com.

Black Butte Ranch Resort

One of Central Oregon's best hideaways is Black Butte Ranch, located northwest of Bend. Located on nearly 2,000 acres, Black Butte is the perfect place for golfers and their families.

Sitting on 1800 acres, Black Butte comes complete with 18 miles of bicycle trails, swimming pools, tennis courts, horseback riding . . . and, of course, golf.

With two golf courses, Black Butte offers something for everyone. The Glaze Meadow Course is carved out of the trees while the Big Meadow course is routed through a meadow and provides great views of nearby mountains.

The resort has also come up with an eight-year plan for some scheduled changes. One of the first major projects at Black Butte was the addition of 74 bunkers at the Big Meadow course. Glaze Meadow shut down the course for a year while architect John Fought updated the course in 2007 and it now stretched over 7,000 yards. One other major change is the addition of a recreation center at Glaze with a new pool, tennis courts and spa.

Tetherow Golf Club

Tetherow is quickly establishing itself as a getaway destination. First, there was the award-winning David McKay Kidd-designed golf course and then last year, a terrific hotel opened its door. Now, this year a swimming pool complex will be a new addition to the property.

And add the fact the course also offers Golf Boards, a new and innovative way to get around the golf course that act like surfboards.

Wildhorse Resort and Casino

Many golfers talk about the "game within the game," the mental challenges that make each round so enjoyable. But at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino in Pendleton, they also talk about the games after the game. Because at Wildhorse, you can play 18 holes of golf followed by a round of casino games.

Situated in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, Wildhorse's 7,112-yard course is a blend of Scottish Links and traditional American golf. The 18th hole is perhaps one of the top finishing holes in the Northwest, with a lake running along the right side and white sand bunkers guarding the approach. For RV travelers, Wildhorse has a large RV park just across the highway with all of the amenities you would expect to find in an upscale park. And it's within walking distance to the casino.

Sunriver Resort

Sunriver is able to offer its guests a veritable hat trick of golf – three golf courses and all are treats. In addition to the lodging, which includes anything from condo-type rooms to rental houses, Sunriver is a golfer's paradise with the public Woodlands and Meadows courses and the private Crosswater course. Crosswater, however, is open to resort guests. A new nine-holer has also opened up near Crosswater called Caldera Springs. Families from up and down the West Coast have targeted Sunriver as a popular destination stop, with its pools, tennis course, bike trails, horseback riding, river rafting and more. Sunriver Resort is also home to the annual Pacific Amateur Golf Classic, held every September on all of the resort's courses.



Black Butte Ranch Resort in Central Oregon is home to two championship golf courses.

Eagle Crest Resort

There is no shortage of golf at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, located just north of Bend in Central Oregon. The resort opened in the 1980s with its resort course and hotel. Since then, there have been some serious upgrades. The hotel is first class, an athletic center has been added and two golf courses have also been put into the mix. The Resort Course is a solid public course while the newer Ridge course is a bit more challenging at nearly 7,000 yards. Eagle Crest has also added a par-63 Challenge Course as well as an 18-hole putting course. Several stay and play specials are on their website: eagle-crest.com.

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort opened in the early 1970s and since then has become a popular place for families, with its indoor and outdoor accommodations, Indian themes and great golf course. The resort celebrated its 50th year anniversary in 2014. It's hard to beat a place where the sun shines nearly every day and the rain is seldom seen. For travelers, Kah-Nee-Ta offers a first-class hotel, and for those more adventurous, outdoor tee-pees are another way to stay. And the golf is a sun-splashed adventure.

Running Y Ranch Resort

The Running Y Ranch in Klamath Falls is one of the major contenders on the resort scene and has all the ingredients to keep people coming back—climate, scenery, activities, terrific accommodations and amenities for guests, and of course the Arnold Palmer-designed championship golf course. The course, the only Palmer designed course in Oregon, has hosted some of the biggest NW events since opening.

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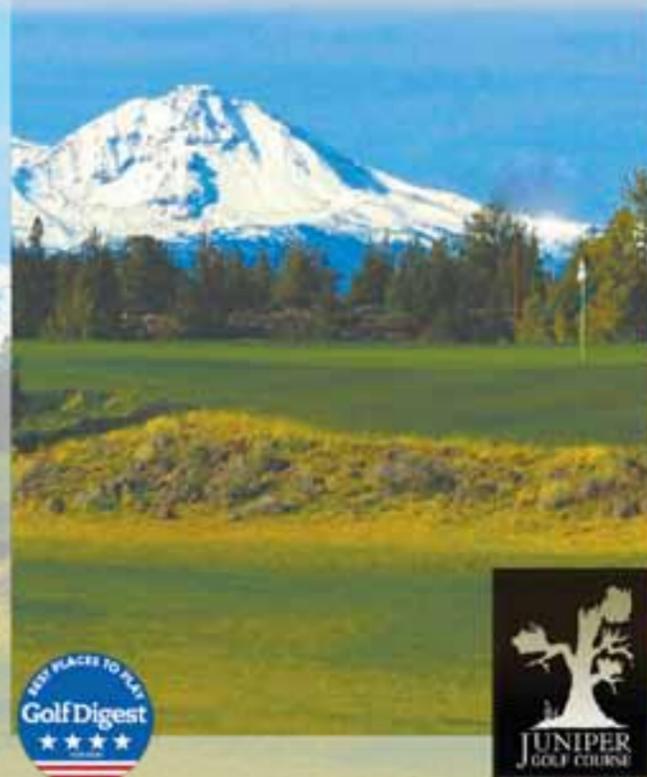
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The golf course has received rave reviews by the golf community and is in wonderful condition again this year. It has become a "must play" course on any visit to Central Oregon. Juniper has shown that it is a quality course that will challenge even the best of players.



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Washington Resorts

Editor's note: Here's a look at the golf resorts that the state of Washington offers for golfers to tee it up:

Semiahmoo Resort

Semiahmoo Resort, which is located in Washington's northwest corner in Blaine, offers guests the chance to play, not only the Resort course, but also the Loomis Trail course. Both courses are open to resort guests.

After the resort closed the hotel in 2012, Wright Hotels, a Seattle-based management company, came in to buy the property and pumped millions into renovations. Semiahmoo Resort with its 212-room destination hotel features a pool, full-service spa, fitness center, multiple and diverse restaurants.

Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club is an Arnold Palmer designed layout. It's a great layout and playable for all levels of golfers.

Loomis Trail Golf Club has a different setting, offering some links-style holes and some typical Northwest-style tree-lined holes and water hazards. The acclaimed Jeff Coston Academy is also located Semiahmoo Resort. With two courses and a world-class hotel, there is plenty to like at Semiahmoo.

Little Creek Casino Resort

The Squaxin Island Indian tribe got involved in the resort business with its Little Creek Casino. Then came a hotel, then a concert hall, and finally the award-winning Salish Cliffs Golf Course, designed by Gene Bates in 2012. The course gives the Little Creek Casino Resort a great addition.

For those who like a first-class hotel, you are covered. Good food? Covered again. Need to see a show? The resort has big name entertainment, concerts and boxing.

With the opening of the Salish Cliffs Golf Course, the resort boasts one of the top golf courses in the Pacific Northwest. It was ranked among the top new courses in the country in 2012. The layout winds through trees and has several water and sand hazards to keep your attention throughout the round. The driving range is a great place to work on your game or prepare for your round of golf.

The Little Creek Casino Resort also has an RV park with 44 berths and access to an exercise room, heated indoor swimming pool and hot tub. There are seven restaurants and the Seven Inlets Spa.

Carson Hot Springs

Carson Hot Springs has been around for years – since 1897– but not the Elk Ridge Golf Course. Carson Hot Springs was discovered in 1876 and many people have come to enjoy the healing waters in this location, next to the Columbia River on the Oregon-Washington border. The 1901 St. Martin Hotel still stands and is used as the front office and the original men's and women's bathhouses are still being used today. Updates have followed such as new saunas in the bathhouses, new rooms and a restaurant on the recently re-opened Elk Ridge course.

Elk Ridge Golf Course is not long at 6,461 yards, but one of the defenses is the prevailing wind that can make club selection off the tee essential. Overall, the fairways are generous but don't be fooled, the big fast undulating greens will protect par and challenge your putting skills. Though the fairways are generally wide, missing them brings in a whole new set of challenges. The front nine is a links-style and easy to walk but the back nine has a few exciting holes with some elevation changes that can be tough to walk for some people so a cart might be a consideration.

Apple Tree Golf Resort

Apple Tree is turning into a full fledged resort and has terrific golf to offer. But there is one thing you will remember after your round is finished - the apple-shaped 17th green. The par-3 hole features an elevated tee box with the tee



Sage Hills Golf and RV Resort is a favorite for RV golfers traveling in Eastern Washington.

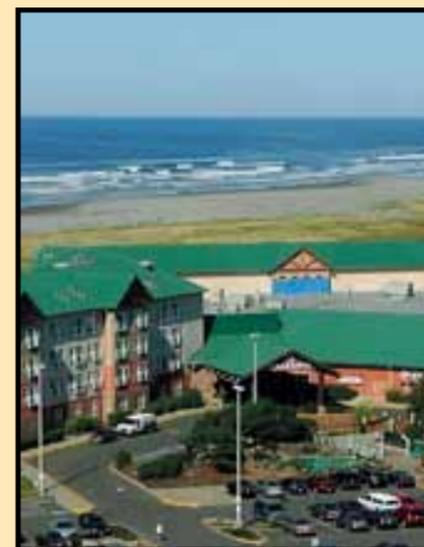
Quinault Beach Resort: An ocean getaway

There might not be a golf course on the property, but the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino in Ocean Shores is still a terrific place for a weekend or week-day visit to the Washington Coast.

The resort sits near the ocean beach and features some rooms with views of the Pacific Ocean and the chance to go to sleep with the sounds of ocean waves coming through the windows.

The resort has a little of something for everyone, with a variety of slot machines and table games, several restaurants that gives you a selection of different foods, a spa that offers plenty of different services and live entertainment nightly.

The resort sits just down the road from downtown Ocean Shores and its numerous tourist activities ranging from golf (Ocean Shores Golf Course) to kite flying to the chance to drive your car on the beach. See www.quinaultbeachresort.com for more.





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shot being hit to an island green that is shaped like, what else, an apple. The stem is a sand trap and the green itself measures more than 10,000 square feet. But there's also much more than just the island green.

Apple Tree is also home to plenty of housing opportunities along and around the golf course as well for golfers to enjoy.

Suncadia Resort

One of the newest resorts came on the radar in the state of Washington – Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum, in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

The first course to open was called Prospector and the second, the private Tumblecreek, opened a year later. The third addition is called Rope Rider. All are considered among the top golf courses in the Pacific Northwest.

The resort is part of a large housing community with all of the amenities you'd expect to find a top-notch resort. Also open are a hotel, shopping area and more.

With the resort located so close to the Cascade mountains, there are plenty of outdoor options. Snoqualmie Pass skiing area is right up the road and Seattle is about 90 minutes drive away. Being located on the lee side of the mountains provides a dryer climate than the western side and a bit cooler than the lower central part of the state.

Skamania Resort

Since opening in 1993, Skamania Lodge has been the perfect type of weekend getaway for golfers around the Pacific Northwest. Tucked on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River, the Skamania Lodge features a hotel with nearly 200 rooms, a place for businesses to bring in outside conferences and outdoor activities for the non-golfers in the group. The course itself may not be long, measuring 5,800 yards, but it presents plenty of challenges with some tight fairways and stunning views of the Columbia River. There are also plenty of other things to do nearby, including visiting Multnomah Falls and a walk to the top.

Sage Hills Golf & RV Resort

Sage Hills Golf and RV Resort is one of those laid-back places you love to come back to. The course is fun and challenging and the facilities are well maintained. For RVers there are 42 level sites with full hook-ups with grass between sites. There is also a swimming pool, laundry, a full-service restaurant and lounge that can accommodate up to 100 people. The course is 18 holes with a par of 71 and a terrific layout with some water hazards, lots of bunkers and a par 5 dogleg 18th hole that plays up hill and is a bear. Sage Hills is located 17 miles south of Moses Lake along highway 17.

Port Ludlow Resort

Port Ludlow has been a golfers favorite for years. And for good reason, the tranquil setting amongst the trees makes playing the 18-hole course literally a walk in the park. The resort sits on the northern tip of Hood Canal with views of the Cascade Range and the Olympic Mountains. Most people who travel to Port Ludlow Resort usually make a day out of it, playing 18 holes and then settling in for the night at the 37-room boutique waterfront inn. There's also plenty to do, including kayaking, bike riding, hiking and checking out the nearby town of Port Townsend.

Clearwater Resort

The Suquamish Indian Tribe first got into the resort business with the opening of its Clearwater Resort near



Apple Tree Resort has added lodging at its Braeburn Lodge Condominiums next to the 5th hole.

Kingston. And more recently, the tribe bought the White Horse Golf Club to give it yet another amenity for the resort. The White Horse Golf Club has undergone some subtle tweaks since the casino bought it and it added a spectacular clubhouse that overlooks the 18th green. The hotel features 85 waterfront rooms, a spa and plenty of meeting spaces to lure businesses in from out of town. The course is a treat, measuring 7,093 yards from the back tees and featuring views of the Puget Sound and Olympic Mountains. The casino has four restaurants

Kahler Glen Golf & Ski Resort

Kahler Glen Golf and Ski Resort, in Leavenworth, features a challenging golf course and plenty of chances to see Central Washington's forested beauty. If you are a golfer, then the Leavenworth resort (located at Lake Wenatchee) has 18 terrific holes to challenge you. If you are a skier, then there are miles of cross-country trails and nearby Stevens Pass for some downhill action.

If you happen to be a skier and a golfer, then you are a double winner. The resort was created in the late 1980s by a couple of logging families, trying to get the best use out of their logging lands in Central Washington. Peaceful, serene and scenic is a good description of your golfing experience here. The course might not be long (measuring 5,893 yards from the tips) but you better hit it straight.

Spokane RV Resort

Just north of Spokane, sits the town of Deer Park and the terrific Spokane RV Resort. The Deer Park golf course is first rate and the RV Park is topnotch too, with free wireless, showers, pool, free 9-hole miniature golf, an area specifically designed for big rigs and a recreational pavilion with exercise equipment, large screen TV and a dance floor. Woodall's has given the resort five-star rating.

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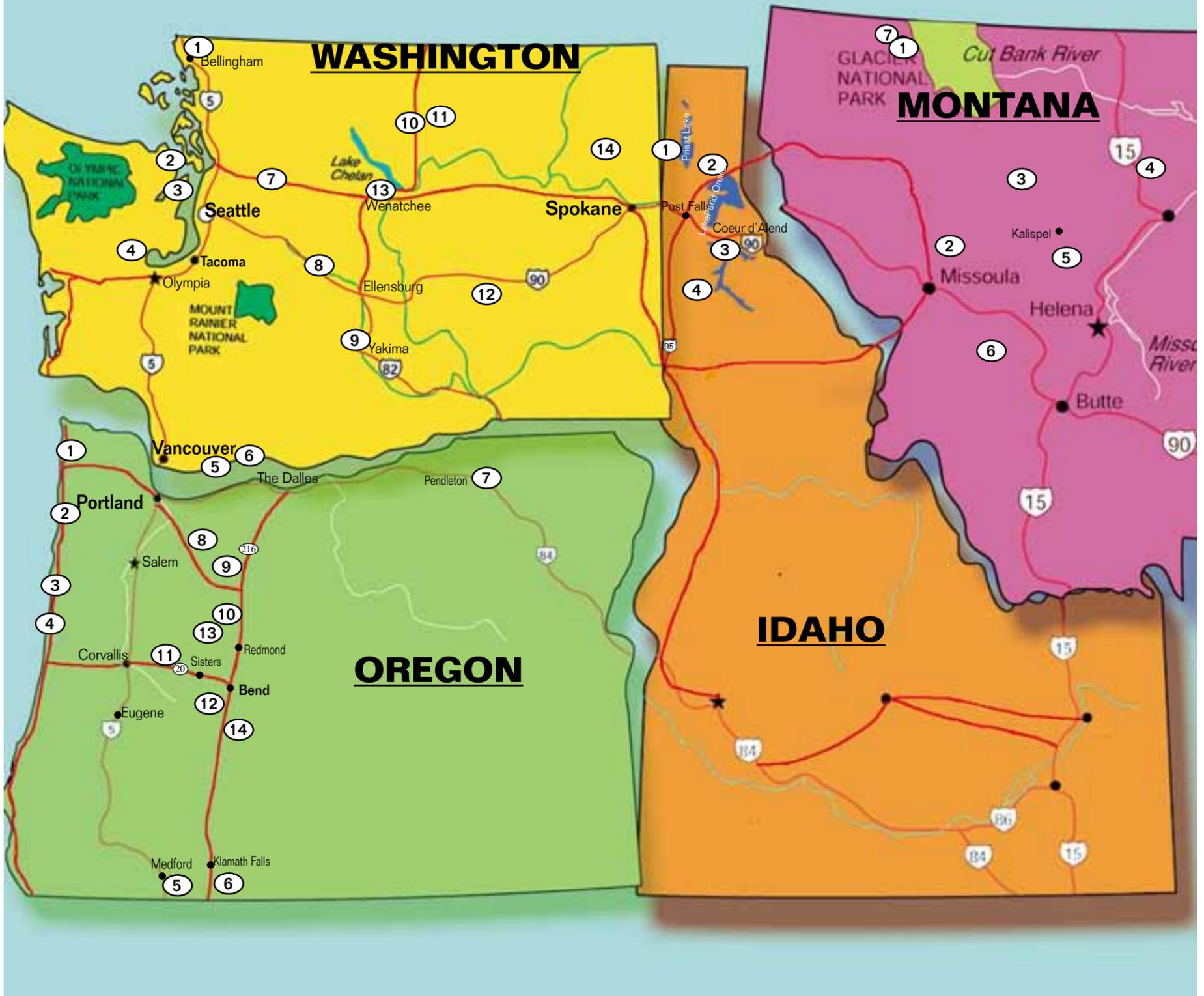
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