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### On the way east? Check out Colfax Golf Course

Colfax Golf Course opened for play in 1927 and is a good challenge if you are looking to play just outside of Spokane. See inside for more on Colfax Golf Course.

### Spokane and Idaho: Plenty of terrific golf to be found

The variety and the number of great courses in the greater Spokane area and Idaho make both popular destinations for golfers. See inside for more on the courses of the area.



## Northwest resorts: Some of the best in the country are here

The Pacific Northwest is loaded with some terrific golf resorts. With places like Wildhorse in Pendleton, Ore. (left) and Gamble Sands in Brewster, Wash, there are plenty of Pacific Northwest golf resorts to satisfy your craving for some top-flight golf. Oregon and Washington are loaded with some great resorts and this month Inside Golf takes a look at what the area has to offer. See inside for more.



# Destination: Spokane and Idaho



When it comes to golf, the Eastern Washington area and Idaho Panhandle have plenty to offer, from the award-winning resorts to the terrific public courses. With courses like Palouse Ridge in Pullman, Wash. (far left) and Circling Raven in Worley, Idaho (near left) there is plenty to like. One advantage of Spokane is its close proximity to Northern Idaho. Playing golf in Western Montana is even an option (see story below). For more please see inside this special section of *Inside Golf Newspaper*.

## The Old Works: Montana course is a great option

If you find yourself driving on Interstate-90 to Spokane and Idaho, you might want to extend the trip a few hours or so to visit Missoula, Mt. You will be glad you did, as you make the turn into the Jack Nicklaus-designed The Old Works Golf Club in the town of Anaconda.

The Old Works is rated among the top 100 courses in the country and for good reason. Not only is the layout a great challenge but the history surrounding the course is rich. The land was once filled with ore and smelting plants dotted the landscape back from the late 1800s through the 1900s. The location sat idle until 1983 when it became a super fund cleanup site. In 1989, citizens formed a group to promote the construction of a world-class golf course on the site. The community, ARCO, state and federal agencies along with Nicklaus, broke ground on the course in 1994 and an award-winning course was born.

The Old Works, which is under new management from CourseCo, features bunkers filled with leftover slag from the copper smelting process, giving the course a unique look. The course plays 7,705 yards from the tips but features four sets of tees.



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Colfax Golf Course in Colfax, Wash.

## Kalispel Tribe gets into golf; Colfax course is a gem

When Spokane Golf and Country Club ran into financial trouble a few 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 also added a new twist along the way adding selected few public 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.

The tribe also owns the Northern Quest Casino in Spokane.

• 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, a course which has been a part of the town since 1927 and a course which is user-friendly and challenging all at the same time. They have a course that is popular and enjoys a season longer than other courses in the area because of the banana belt effect during the fall and winter months. The course plays to a nine-hole layout but with a couple of sets of tees on each box, gives the feel for an 18-hole course. The course plays just over 6,000 yards and has a Northwest feel with some tall trees lining the fairways. 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 info at [www.colfaxgolf.com](http://www.colfaxgolf.com).

## Circling Raven will play host to the Symetra Tour – but will wait until '21

Circling Raven Golf Club – the No. 1-rated public course in Idaho and amenity of Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel –has announced that the Circling Raven Championship, a Symetra Tour "Road to the LPGA" event, will be canceled this season. The inaugural event was scheduled for Aug. 24-30, 2020, the first in a three-year partnership with the Tour. It was to have featured a full field of competitors battling for \$200,000 in prize money.

"This is the right thing to do, and we look forward to working with the LPGA in hosting the Symetra Tour's Circling Raven Championship in 2021," said Laura Stensgar, CEO, Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel.

"We anxiously await the inaugural Circling Raven Championship in 2021," said Mike Nichols, Chief Business Officer, Symetra Tour. "As we reworked this year's schedule, the goal has been to provide as many safe playing opportunities for our Symetra Tour professionals as possible, with an eye towards the future as well. While Circling Raven Golf Club and Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort have decided to postpone their event until 2021, we know their team is anxious to build a long and fruitful partnership."

More details about next year's tournament will be announced when they have been determined. For more information about Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel and Circling Raven, call 1.800.523.2464 or visit [www.cdacasino.com](http://www.cdacasino.com).



Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley, Idaho postponed its inaugural Symetra Tour event until 2021.



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# Spokane Tour

## City, County courses are always popular

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 courses like Circling Raven, StoneRidge and Priest Lake, the reputation is growing in national awareness in the Spokane area.

The City of Spokane owns four popular courses in Indian Canyon, The Creek at Qualchan, Downriver and Esmeralda. They are all popular and all are affordable. These are places that are good on your wallet and fun every time you tee it up.

Spokane County, the other municipal course owner, has Hangman Valley, MeadowWood and Liberty Lake, all are excellent courses that can be played for around \$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 underwent a major rebuild in 2008 and 2009 and reopened in 2010. 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 hole and new trees were brought in. Fescue was



Hangman Valley Golf Course is a hilly golfing challenge in Spokane, and owned by Spokane County.



Indian Canyon Golf Course in Spokane might be on the shorter side but with hills and trees, it's tough.

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Chewelah Golf Course

# Don't forget to head north of Spokane for more golf

While the Spokane area has some of the best courses you will find in Northeastern Washington, there are some very good courses just a short drive north.

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

- When it comes to golf outings, Chewelah is in a class of its own. There are 27 outstanding holes with a distinct Northwest flavor and carpet-like fairways that wind through a forest of lodgepole pines, leading to plush bent-grass greens. Navigating the fairways can be a challenge as the dry climate makes for some extra long ball runout. The course is protected by some water hazards, sand bunkers and a few dramatic elevation changes, and of course, the pine trees.

The course is well manicured and is always in pristine condition. With five sets of tees, golfers of all skill levels can enjoy the course. The clubhouse has a popular restaurant called Rusty Putter Bar & Grille that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a patio that overlooks the 1st fairway and 9th green. You can find anything you need for golf at Jason Pitt's Pro Shop.

For RVer's there is a 37-site park with full hookups as well as some dry campsites. If that is not enough, there is also a newly surfaced light air strip close by with a free shuttle to the clubhouse. Being only about 45 minutes north of Spokane, it's easy to see why Chewelah is such a popular destination. Even with so many amenities, it's still the golf that visitor's keep coming back for. Visitor reviews always comment on the friendly service they receive at the course. Check out their website for specials for golf and stay and play offers: [www.chewelahgolf.com](http://www.chewelahgolf.com).

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and promotions visit [www.chewelahgolf.com](http://www.chewelahgolf.com).

- Deer Park opened in 1996 and is located less than a half-hour north of Spokane with a first-class RV park right 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 enjoy the chance to park their RV and enjoy the golf course and restaurant. See [www.deerparkgolf.com](http://www.deerparkgolf.com).
- 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 and offers plenty of forced carries over wetlands and ponds. The course is owned and operated by the Elks Club. See [www.colvillegolf.com](http://www.colvillegolf.com) for more information.

# Spokane Golf Tour: Plenty of variety to find

planted on the front side. A new irrigation system was also added and keeps 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.
- **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 events in the Northwest and hosted the 1945 PGA Championship.
- **Kalispel Golf and Country Club:** Opened in 1911, the course is the third oldest in the Pacific Northwest after Tacoma Country



Liberty Lake Golf Course in Spokane is one of the Spokane County-owned golf courses in the area.

and Golf Club and Waverly Country Club. The course hosted the first-ever United States Women's Open in 1946. The course underwent a bankruptcy sale when it was known as the Spokane Golf and Country Club. The Kalispel Indian Tribe stepped into to buy the

club, changed the name and offers some public tee times. Other changes have happened on and off the course as an ongoing effort to upgrade the facility. The Kalispel Indian Tribe also owns the Northern Quest Casino in Spokane which also has a hotel and more.

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# Idaho's Panhandle

The area is no stranger when it comes to a variety of award-winning resort, public courses

- Here is a look at the courses in 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 when people talk about the Coeur d'Alene Resort: 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, opened their new 9,200 square-foot modern-style clubhouse this year after their previous clubhouse burned to the ground 12 years ago. The course is a Jack Nicklaus design with a reputation for being scenic and challenging. The club is private but allows public play from 10:30am to 7pm. Weekday prices are \$75 and \$95 for weekends. Overnight rentals are usually available. Seattle native and former PGA Tour player Jeff Goff is the Director of Instruction.
  - **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.
  - **Priest Lake:** Located about 90 minutes from Spokane on the upper Idaho Panhandle and near Priest Lake with the Selkirk Mountain 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 a completely different look on the front and back nines. The club is semiprivate, as homeowners own the course.
  - **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.
  - **Prairie Falls:** The course blends the two most popular styles of golf courses, Parkland style and Links style, into one 18-hole course. The golf course sits on 119 acres of ground, of which 23 acres is native grass. Prairie Falls has an Audubon certified course in environmental planning, wildlife management, and water conservation. Some of the wildlife seen on the course have ranged from the occasional Moose, Elk, Eagles, Osprey, Turtles, and a spotted dog. The golf course is open, on average, 300 days a year.

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Palouse Ridge in Pullman, Wash.

# Palouse Ridge: Golf course on campus of WSU is a treat to play

When the Palouse Ridge 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 PNGA tournaments. 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.

To complete your visit at Palouse Ridge, Banyans on the Ridge, a British Colonial-themed steak house, features a handsome display kitchen and indoor/outdoor seating. A good selection of Washington state wines and Pacific Northwest micro-brew beers are available.

The restaurant is located within the 7,000 square-foot clubhouse, set on a hill overlooking the 18th green with a stunning view overlooking the course and the rolling wheat fields. The restaurant is open for lunch, dinner & Sunday brunch. Banyans can accommodate up to 250 people.

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

SPOKANE AREA			
1.	<b>Chewelah Golf Club</b>	18 holes, 6,486 yards Chewelah, Public	
2.	<b>Deer Park Golf Club</b>	18 holes, 6,690 yards Deer Park, Public	
3.	<b>Dominion Meadows</b>	18 holes, 6,743 yards Colville, Public	
4.	<b>Creek at Qualchan</b>	18 holes, 6,596 yards Spokane, Public	
5.	<b>Downriver Golf Course</b>	18 holes, 6,130 yards Spokane, Public	
6.	<b>Esmeralda Golf Course</b>	18 holes, 6,249 yards Spokane, Public	
7.	<b>Hangman Valley</b>	18 holes, 6,901 yards Spokane, Public	
8.	<b>Indian Canyon</b>	18 holes, 6,255 yards Spokane, Public	
9.	<b>Liberty Lake Golf Course</b>	18 holes, 6,398 yards Liberty Lake, Public	
10.	<b>Manito Country Club</b>	18 holes, 6,378 yards Spokane, Private	
11.	<b>MeadowWood Golf Course</b>	18 holes, 6,874 yards Spokane, Public	
12.	<b>Painted Hills Golf Club</b>	9 holes, 3,239 yards Spokane, Public	
13.	<b>Kalispel Golf and CC</b>	18 holes, 6,679 yards Spokane, Semi-Private	
14.	<b>Trail Head at Liberty Lake</b>	9 holes, 2,072 yards Liberty Lake, Public	
15.	<b>Wandermere Golf Course</b>	18 holes, 6,108 yards Spokane, Public	
16.	<b>Fairways at West Terrace</b>	18 holes, 6,398 yards Cheney, Public	
17.	<b>Palouse Ridge</b>	18 holes, 7,300 yards Pullman, Public	
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18.	<b>The Idaho Club</b>	18 holes, 6,655 yards Sandpoint, Resort	
19.	<b>StoneRidge Golf Club</b>	18 holes, 6,522 yards Blanchard, Public	
20.	<b>Twin Lakes Golf Club</b>	18 holes, 6,277 yards Rathdrum, Public	
21.	<b>Prairie Falls Golf Course</b>	18 holes, 6,229 yards Post Falls, Public	
22.	<b>The Highlands Golf Club</b>	18 holes, 6,369 yards Post Falls, Public	
23.	<b>Avondale Golf Club</b>	18 holes, 6,573 yards Hayden Lake, Public	
24.	<b>Coeur d'Alene Golf Club</b>	18 holes, 6,295 yards Coeur d'Alene, Public	
25.	<b>Coeur d'Alene Resort</b>	18 holes, 6,804 yards Coeur d'Alene, Resort	
26.	<b>Club at Black Rock</b>	18 holes, 7,130 yards Coeur d'Alene, Private	
27.	<b>Gozzer Ranch</b>	18 holes, 7,143 yards Harrison, Private	
28.	<b>Kellogg Country Club</b>	9 holes, 3,042 yards Pinehurst, Public	
29.	<b>Galena Ridge</b>	18 holes, 7,000 yards Kellogg, Public	
30.	<b>Circling Raven</b>	18 holes, 7,189 yards Worley, Resort	
31.	<b>Priest Lake</b>	18 holes, 6,177 yards Priest Lake, Public	
32.	<b>Whitetail Club &amp; Resort</b>	18 holes, 7,140 yards McCall, Public	
33.	<b>Osprey Meadows</b>	18 holes, 7,319 yards Donnelly, Resort	
34.	<b>The Links Golf Club</b>	18 holes, 7,425 yards Post Falls, Public	

# 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 that 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. Another course called the Sheep Ranch opened this year.

Welcome to Bandon Dunes, home of four of the top golf courses in the country, In fact, 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.

And if all that isn't enough, the Punchbowl Putting Course a 100,000 square-foot putting course opened in 2014 at Bandon Dunes Resort.

## 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.

## Mount Hood Oregon Resort

The Mount Hood Oregon Resort 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 Mount Hood Oregon Resort has it all. With new renovations to the lodge, accommodations and golf course, the Mount Hood Oregon



Three Rivers Resort offers a pair of casinos in Florence and Coos Bay and Ocean Dunes Golf in Florence.



Black Butte Ranch in Central Oregon has a pair of courses to choose from when making a visit.



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Resort 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 or bicycling. The resort is located at the base of Mount Hood where there are plenty of outdoor activities to take part in. Plus there are several places to hike, fish and other outdoor activities that can be on the menu for a trip to the Mount Hood Oregon resort.

A new web site has also been set up at [www.mthood-resort.com](http://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 McLay Kidd-designed golf course and then, a hotel and vacation rentals were added. Tetherow's heated outdoor pool is accompanied by hot tubs, cabanas, fire pits, a cafe and plenty of space for relaxing and unwinding. 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.

## Sunriver Resort

Sunriver is able to offer its guests a veritable hat trick of golf – three golf courses and all are unique and challenging. In addition to the lodging, which includes anything from condo-type rooms to vacation rental houses, Sunriver is a golfer's paradise with the public Woodlands and Meadows courses and the private Crosswater course. The Crosswater course, however, is open to resort guests. A nine-hole course called Caldera Springs is located near Crosswater in a gated community that also has vacation rentals available. 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 home to the annual Pacific Amateur Golf Classic, held every September on all of the resort's courses.



Wildhorse Resort and Casino in Pendleton offers a hotel, RV parking and championship golf course.

## Eagle Crest Resort

Golf is the central focus 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](http://eagle-crest.com).

## 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.

## Three Rivers Casino Resort

The Three Rivers Casino stretches over two towns on the Oregon Coast - Florence and Coos Bay. With casinos in both cities, The Three Rivers Casino Resort offers plenty of places to stay and play. The Florence location offers three on-site restaurants and is also the home of the resort's golf course, Ocean Dunes Golf Links. Ocean Dunes is a treat as you play through the trees and the sand dunes of the Oregon Coast along the way. The Coos Bay location opened in 2015 and offers a 15,000 square foot casino floor with over 250 games. A full service restaurant and bar are also available.

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# Washington Resorts

Editor's note: Washington state's golf resorts are spread out over the entire state but are some of the best.

## Semiahmoo Resort

Semiahmoo Resort, which is located in Washington's northwest corner in Blaine, offers guests the chance to play a terrific championship golf course near the Canadian border. 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 features a 212-room destination hotel and the world-class Arnold Palmer designed Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club which is available to member play and guest access. It's a great layout and playable for all levels of golfers. Semiahmoo members have access to Palmer Advantage and Private Club Network courses which gives access to 180 private clubs nationwide. Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club is available for member play and resort guest access Over the past year, the club has invested \$3.8 million to improve club facilities including new golf carts, new clubhouse roof and golf course drainage equipment. Other amenities include the Eagles Nest (indoor golf simulator lounge), two indoor tennis courts, four pickleball courts, pool and more. The acclaimed Jeff Coston Academy is also located Semiahmoo. Take advantage of the Get Back on The Green Package and experience Semiahmoo for yourself.

## Little Creek Casino Resort

The Squaxin Island Indian tribe got involved in the resort business with its Little Creek Casino, a hotel. and a concert hall. And, of course, their award-winning Salish Cliffs Golf Course, designed by Gene Bates in 2012. For those who like a first-class hotel, you are covered. Good food? Covered again. Need to see a show? Salish Cliffs Golf Course is one of the top courses in the Pacific Northwest and ranked among the top new courses in the country in 2012. 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.

## 7Cedars Resort

The Jamestown S'kallam Indian Tribe decided to expand its resort when it purchased the Dungeness Golf Club. To go in line with its casino-resort theme, the golf course was renamed The Cedars at Dungeness. The casino is in the process of building a hotel that will open in the summer of 2020. The golf course is one of the driest in the Pacific Northwest, being located in the Olympic Rain Shadow and the casino is loaded with games, entertainment and dining. There is also plenty of sight-seeing to do in the area, located on the Olympic Peninsula.

## 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. Most people who travel to Port Ludlow Resort usually make a weekend stay out of it, playing 18 holes and then settling in for the night at the 37-room boutique waterfront inn of finding lodging in nearby Port Townsend. Of course, some people come by boat as the resort has a large marina and the course will provide transportation from the marina and back.

## 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 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.

## Loomis Trail, Silver Reef make a resort pair

When the Lummi Nation decided to get into the golf business, it did in a big way by buying the Loomis Trail Golf Club in Blaine, Wash. It now gives the tribe a complete resort with its golf course and Silver Reef Casino Resort in Ferndale.

Designed by Graham Cooke, Loomis Trail Golf Club is the #5 public golf course in Washington, as rated by GolfWeek. It's also the only course in Washington State to make the nation's Top 100. Constructed with the Northwest in mind, Loomis Trail is at the top of the list for year-round play. An extensive canal and lake system brings water into play on all 18 holes, giving Loomis Trail one of the highest slope ratings in Washington.

The resort has a variety of packages to get golfers and their guests to the area from its Stay and Play Packages to the Birdie Package to the Eagle Stay and Golf, which includes two nights lodging, \$100 resort or pro shop credit, breakfast for two, shuttle to the golf course, range balls and more.

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## 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, called Prospector, opened first. The second was the private Tumblecreek and the third, The third 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.

## 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 surrounded by sage brush and farms and is one of those laid-back places you love to come back to. The course is well groomed and challenging. There are 42 level RV sites with full hook-ups. 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 is located 17 miles south of Moses Lake along highway 17.

## Gamble Sands

This is what the beginning a golf resort looks like. It started with the award-winning David McLay Kidd-designed golf course in Brewster, Wash. and continued with the villas at Gamble Sands, a restaurant and putting course. Next up is the Quick Sands Course, giving the place more of a resort feel with two courses, There is also the Inn at Gamble Sands with its terrific rooms and views. There is plenty to like about Gamble Sands, with its views above the Columbia River and the new villas and more.

## Clearwater Resort

The Suquamish Indian Tribe first got into the resort business with the opening of its Clearwater Resort near 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 Resort is a one-of-a-kind resort only a short drive from Puget Sound metro. It is a resort that prides itself on offering something for everyone – winter and summer. The Leavenworth resort (located at Lake Wenatchee) has 18 terrific holes of challenging golf. Peaceful, serene and scenic is a good description of this golf resort. The course might not be long (measuring 5,893 yards from the tips) but the fairways are tree-lined and there



Kahler Glen Golf and Ski Resort in a mountain treat located in Leavenworth for both golf and skiing.

are some extreme elevation changes and sharp doglegs. (You must check out the flyover on their website). There is a unique Aqua driving range, complete with floating greens .For skiers there are miles of cross-country trails and nearby Stevens Pass for some downhill action. Other recreation options are tennis & pickle ball, hiking, fishing, wine tasting, zip-lining, horseback riding and more. If you just want a quiet weekend to just relax and do nothing, this picturesque setting is perfect.

The intimate Wildflour Restaurant is rated as one the best in the area and all the lodging options have kitchen amenities for a memorable vacation getaway. And it's only a short drive to the 'Bavarian Village' of Leavenworth.

## Swinomish Golf Links

Course in Anacortes is owned by the Swinomish Indian Tribe. Course was called Similk Beach Golf Links before changing its name. Resort is called Swinomish Casino Resort. Eight holes are nestled between Fidalgo Bay and Similk Bay with Mount Baker as a backdrop. Swinomish Golf Links is an 18 hole Par 72 course located on beautiful Fidalgo Island, just 2 hours north of Seattle, Washington.

## Sun Lakes Resort

Sun Lakes Resort is located north of Moses Lake and was created by Vic Meyers, the former Lieutenant Governor of Washington, who had a vision of turning a chain-link string of lakes into "The Palm Springs of the Northwest." The 9-hole golf course is named after the Lieutenant Governor. The Sun Lakes Resort, located on Park Lake, is one of the state's most popular family resorts with cabins and over 100 RV and camping spaces. Some of the activities available are: row boats, fishing, swimming in the pool or lake, Water War, hiking, enjoying the Streetside Cafe, shopping at the convenience and gift store. Bicycle riding also allows guest to ride a closed paved road along the west side of Park lake or guests can ride to the lake at the bottom of The Dry Falls. Lake Lenore caves is also close by.

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