

Fall golf is awesome on both sides of the mountains

The Pacific Northwest is loaded with places where fall golf is as good as its gets - from places like Canyon Lakes in the Tri Cities (right) and Moses Pointe in Moses Lake (far right). See inside for more.

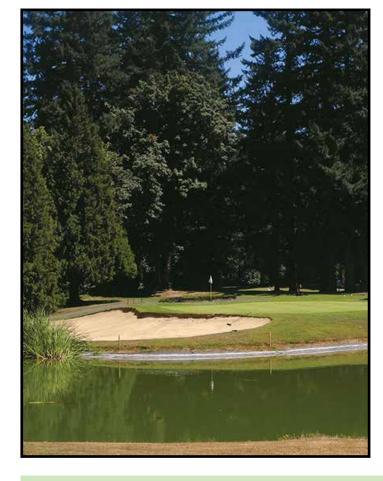




Fall golf in the Pacific Northwest

The mild fall weather makes the Pacific Northwest a great place for late season golf. The weather is cooperative, the course conditions are usually terrific coming off summer and it's easy to get a tee time. At places like Port Ludlow Resort (right), Glendoveer Golf & Tennis in Portland (below) and Kahler Glen in Leavenworth, Wash. (lower right). Fall golf is a great option wherever you look. While the flowers may be at the end of their bloom, the dazzling fall tree colors make for a visually stunning round. This month Inside Golf takes a look at some of the Pacific Northwest locales - and beyond - that offer some great fall golf. Please see inside for more on fall golf.









When fall hits in NW Washington area, golf is king

When fall hits the Pacific Northwest, there are so many great courses to choose from. The Northwest Washington portion of the state is loaded with great courses, like Loomis Trail (left) and North Bellingham (right) two terrific choices when heading up toward the U.S.-Canadian border. The mild fall weather makes this region a perfect choice for fall golf. For more on fall golf in the Pacific Northwest see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



Fall golf at Portland's Glendoveer offers the chance to play twice

The city of Portland has some terrific fall golf, but none more so than at Glendoveer Golf & Tennis in east Portland, home of two championship golf courses.

There is plenty to like about Glendoveer with its two courses and challenging layout.

The 18-hole East at Glendoveer opened in 1923. Designed by John Junor, East at Glendoveer Golf Course measures 6,295 yards from the longest tees and has a slope rating of 123 and a 68.5 USGA rating. The course features three sets of tees for different skill levels.

The 18-hole West at Glendoveer opened in 1928. Designed by Frank Stenzel, West at Glendoveer Golf Course measures 5,922 yards from the longest tees and has a slope rating of 115 and a 67.2 USGA rating. The course features three sets of tees for different skill levels.

But there is much more than golf at Glendoveer - and the fall months are a perfect time to see what the facility has in store for golfers, walkers and anyone else who enjoys the outdoors.

There is a two-mile nature trail which rings the outside of the golf course, making a perfect walk any time of the day.

There are four indoor tennis courts on site. There is plenty to like. Now, there is even more.

Von Ebert Brewing has opened a location in the old Ringside Restaurant next to the clubhouse at Glendoveer. Von Ebert's new location at Glendoveer will feature a variety of beers

Anytime is a terrific time for activities at Glendoveer, but in the fall with the different colors and various things to do, this might just be the perfect time to see what Glendoveer has to offer on and off the golf course.

In previous years, a big Halloween event has taken place at Glendoveer which provided a safe, dry place for local kids to trick or treat in the "Haunted Forest" also known as the cart barn.

And in the past, Glendoveer Golf Course has hosted the Nike NXN event which is Nike's high school national cross country championships.

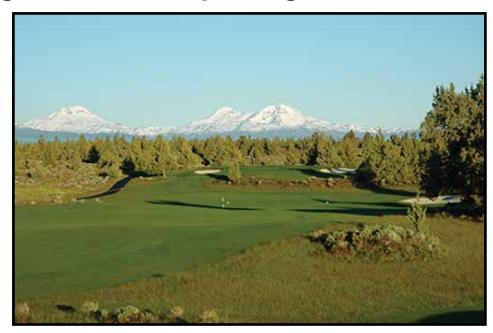
With fall in the air, Central Oregon is a place where golf is always a good idea

For fall golf, there might not be a better place then Central Oregon. With the vast array of colors, some snowcapped peaks and typically great golf conditions, Central Oregon is a hotbed of fall golf for locals and out of area golfers as well. Here's a look at a couple of options when traveling in the area:

Juniper Golf Course

There's no doubt that Central Oregon continues to be a fantastic option for golfers in the region looking for a fast golf getaway. When you hear golfers talk about their plans for golf in Central Oregon, the resorts in the area are typically front of mind. But with so many golf courses to choose from during your golf get away, those who really know golf in Central Oregon often talk about the only resort quality golf course that is municipally owned, seconds from the airport in Redmond, Ore. If your knowledge of the Central Oregon golf market runs deep, there's a good chance you've never heard of Juniper Golf Course.

In fact, the history of this golf course is extremely unusual. It's rare that a golf course completely moves from one location to another, but that's exactly what Juniper Golf Course did, relocating on a new piece of property a short drive away from its original location. Once a private 9-hole golf club, the City of Redmond acquired a larger property and then enlisted the design services of John Harbottle, and reopened in 2005 with 18 championship holes carved through the beautiful high desert landscape. The end result is a very popular and challenging layout with consistently superior course conditions and an experience that is unusually nice for



Juniper Golf Course in Redmond, Ore. is a terrific fall option for golfers in the Central Oregon area.

a municipal golf course. When you consider the green fees at this municipal gem are well under \$100 a round in season, you'll be hard pressed to find greater golfing value anywhere in the region.

Black Butte Ranch Resort

Black Butte Ranch is one of those special places that not only has plenty of family activities, but also offers two golf courses to choose from.

With the Big Meadow and Glaze Meadow golf courses, Black Butte is a golfer's paradise. Each course provides a different, yet challenging golf experience and both are worth the trip to Central Oregon. Big Meadow underwent a

bunker renovation a few years ago. With the new and remodeled bunkers, the course is even more challenging. The Big Meadow course has undergone changes as well and now features new tee boxes on every hole. The Glaze Meadow course also underwent a re-model and was shut down for a year in order to complete the changes, by Northwest architect John Fought. The course looks different right out of the gate. The new No,1 hole is a gentle dogleg par-4 and the old twisting par-5 is gone. Behind the first green, trees have been removed in order to improve the look of the hole. New bunkers and tees make you feel like you are seeing a new course.



Fall golf at its best in Central, Eastern Washington

It's always a treat to drive to Eastern Washington in fall, the foliage colors on the passes are spectacular this time of year. As for destinations, here are a few suggestions on where you can't go wrong.

Wine Valley Golf Club

Walla Walla is no stranger to new vintages. The once-sleepy hamlet in the southeastern corner of the state has become one of the premier wine destinations in the United States. But if you were looking to pair fine public-access golf with wine touring and tasting, the pickings were slim. The uncorking of Wine Valley Golf Club a few years ago changed all that – for the area and for the Pacific Northwest. Ranked as one of the top courses in Washington by *Golfweek*, Wine Valley has been added to the must-play list for golf enthusiasts. It is also 84th on the list of top Modern Courses.

Wine Valley Golf Club, designed by Oregon native Dan Hixson, blends immense scale, inspiring scenery and strategic challenges into a championship golf experience. The course has hosted the Northwest Open and the PNGA Men's Amateur.

Apple Tree

Apple Tree in Yakima is one of the Northwest's premier golf experiences and given a 4-Star rating by *Golf Digest*.

The signature par-3 17th hole with its apple-shaped island green is one of the state's most recognizable holes. The hole is a masterpiece of golf architecture that measures over 10,000-square-feet with nine different tee boxes to choose from.

The course winds through 100-year old apple orchards with some stunning water hazards and challenging elevation changes.

The view from the 18th tee belongs on a postcard with the vast network of ponds and the clubhouse in the background for an amazing view.

Lake Chelan Golf Course

Ever since it was built in 1970, Lake Chelan Golf Course has always been a popular spot for golfers visiting the area. Located on the lake's north side, Lake Chelan is a solid par-72 golf course that sits on a bluff with unparalleled views of the lake that will stay in your memory.

The course has three sets of tees and plays to 6,445 yards from the blue tees with a slope of 124. The reviews by visitors to Lake Chelan all talk about the fantastic views and the great condition of the course. If you are planning a trip to the Wenatchee/Chelan area you will want to put Lake Chelan Golf Course on your itinerary.

Kahler Glen Golf & Ski Resort

Kahler Glen Golf Resort lives up to its name. 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.

Kahler Glen is a place that prides itself on offering something for everyone – in both the winter and summer. If you happen to be a skier and a golfer, then you are a double winner. 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. Most holes are surrounded by tall trees, giving you the perfect feel for Pacific Northwest golf.

Before your round try the unique Aqua driving range, complete with floating greens. The restaurant is rated as one the best in the area and the lodging is second to none for a memorable vacation getaway. And it's a short drive to the Bavarian Village of Leavenorth. Check out their web site for more.





Lake Chelan Golf Course (top) and Apple Tree in Yakima are two terrific fall golf options.



Central, Eastern Washington offer some terrific golf in fall

Canyon Lakes is famous for large, fast, undulating greens with the 12th hole touted as the largest green in the Pacific Northwest at 12,000 square feet. The ninth hole was also awarded as one of the Northwest's Dream 18 holes. With five sets of tees measuring from 5,500 to 7,027 yards, Canyon Lakes will test the mettle of all types of golfers.

Highlander Golf Club

At 800 feet above the Columbia River is a breathtaking piece of property that boasts a masterpiece designed by John Steidel and built by Jim Haley (Haley created and shaped Bandon Dunes). This one is called Highlander and it lives up to the name with magnificent panoramic views.

The most talked about hole is the par-3 ninth, a 185-yard bear that requires a tee shot across a canyon. The green slopes dramatically making a two-putt no easy feat. And after you make the turn you can enjoy the gorgeous back nine that has sweeping views of the river. In the spring of 2013, the back nine was the focus of many upgrades including the development of Highlander Estates with some scenic home sites.

In 2013 a 32-home site development was added with stunning territorial views and fairway fronted building lots creating a community with a decided recreational lifestyle focus. Two brand new holes were built (17 & 18) and major changes to four others (10.14.15. & 16).

Columbia Point Golf Course

Located in Richland, Columbia Point Golf Course is an upscale and daily fee facility adjacent to the Columbia River. The course is owned by the City of Richland and measures 6,571 yards from the back tees. It celebrated its 20th year in 2017.

Nothing too complicated greets the average golfer but the course does have water hazards and numerous bunkers that will need to be avoided.

The most recognizable features are the mounds separating several of the rolling fairways and large undulating greens. Try to avoid those mounds. If your short game is MIA, you might want to put in some practice time on the range before you hit the course. Columbia Point has a nice cafe, with a covered patio with panoramic views of the front nine.

The Links at Moses Pointe

Located just four miles north of interstate 90 in Moses Lake, Wash., has been a favorite destination for golfers since opening in 1999.

Having played host to the 2005 and 2008 Washington State Amateur Championship as well as the 2011 Pacific Northwest Public Links, Moses Pointe will test the games best players.

In addition to great golf, you'll find one of the regions favorite restaurants – Mulligans at the Pointe! Amazing burgers and specialty sandwiches await, along with a terrific selection of beverages and a featured entree every weekend.

With great golf, 300 plus days of sunshine, and a growing residential golf community, Moses Pointe is sure to become your next home away from home, or who knows, maybe your next home? For a hole by hole visual tour of the course and more information about what awaits you at the Links at Moses Pointe, visit www. mosespointe.com.

Ocean Dunes and Wildhorse are two good options for fall golf in Oregon

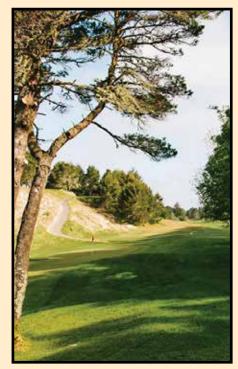
Terrific fall golf in the state of Oregon can be found all over the state - from the coast to high desert in the eastern part of the state. Here is a look at Three Rivers Casino and Ocean Dunes on the coast and Wildhorse Resort in Pendleton.

• 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. 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.

• At the base of the Blue Mountains in the town of Pendleton, Oregon you'll find two spectacular golf courses. The Wildhorse Resort Golf Course and the Golf Course at Birch Creek feature 18 holes of championship golf, beautiful lakes, long fairways and deep bunkers, all making the perfect mix for challenging play.

Designed by legendary golf architect, John Steidel, the Wildhorse Resort Golf Course can play long or short with four sets of tees ranging from 5,718 yards at the front to 7,128 yards from the championship tees. The course also plays host to the Oregon Senior Open every year. There is also a driving range, practice green, and a newly expanded full service Pro Shop and swing simulator. Pick up on the turn and enjoy delicious breakfast, lunch, or dinner from the new Clubhouse Bar and Grill.

Nestled near the site of a historic encampment of the Cayuse Indians lies a 248-



Ocean Dunes Golf Course in Florence.

acre golf oasis. Formally known as Pendleton Country Club, the Golf Course at Birch Creek is now owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and operated by Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Located just seven miles south of town, the par 72 golf course settles gently into rolling wheat fields and is divided by the meandering Birch Creek where golfers can see native fish or roaming deer as you make your drive.

The perfect getaway is waiting for you in Wildhorse Resort and Casino's 10-story Tower Hotel, which features spacious rooms and suites with stunning views.



Fall golf in the Northwest is always a bonus with the mild weather, great conditions

While the fair-weather golfers put their cubs into the closet for the year, those of us that truly love the game know that the fall season can be the best time to play. The trees are displaying their magnificent colors, the greens are dark green and receptive, the fairways are a bit softer so that balls that are hit less than perfect, don't bounce into trouble nearly as often as they did during the firm summer fairways. October still finds the courses firm enough so you don't have to worry about balls plugging in the fairways just yet.

Probably the best part of fall golf is the lack of congestion, the slow playing that is associated with large crowds navigating the course is gone. Fall time brings out the true golf lover, the ones who may not be the best ball strikers but they know how to get around the course at a fair pace. If you choose your course carefully, you can often have the course nearly to your self. Golf was meant to be played at a speed that is comfortable and not hurried. During the summer months when the courses are full, you often have to wait on the tee for the slow group ahead.

As the days are getting shorter it is important to plan for earlier rounds. The weather is going to be cooler so choosing your clothing is an important consideration – pick multiple thin layers that don't restrict your swing but can be adjusted to the situation–a vest is always a good choice. Generally speaking, the close-in courses will get the majority of play in fall and winter months, which leaves the perimeter courses with more open tee times. We certainly don't want to discourage anyone from playing the city courses though. Their tee sheets should also be a bit more open as well. Most courses are still dry this time of year so the

options are wide open when choosing a course to play

This is the time of year when jumping in the car and driving out of the city can be rewarding, to places like The Home Course in DuPont, Camaloch on Camano Island, or Loomis Trails in Also on the Olympic Peninsula is a terrific stop - Port Ludlow Golf Club. Always ranked among the top courses in the Pacific Northwest, Port Ludlow features a Northwest treat through trees that northwest presents golf at its best. Selective tree removal has opened up the tee shots on #10 and #13 and around #6 and #9 greens providing more sunlight for healthier greens.

In Oregon, the Portland area is another great option as is Central Oregon, at places like Juniper Golf Course, the fall golf options are terrific with the changing of the colors, course conditions and the dryer weather.

There are a bunch of great golf courses to choose from whether going north, south, west or east. And, don't forget just over the mountains, Eastern Washington still has some great golfing weather where you can extend the dry season a bit longer–places like Sage Hills near Moses Lake or Wine Valley in Walla Walla.

Another benefit to fall golf are the off-season green fees. For some the high-time rates can be challenging, especially to the average player who can only afford a few rounds a month. The reduced rates not only allow more people to play more often, it also benefits the courses.

Chances are, you can find a lot of deals on clubs as the season winds down. Rather than wait until the spring when the prices go up, why not get a set now and get break it in this fall?



Fall golf at places like Loomis Trails in Blaine, Wash. (top) and Port Ludlow (bottom) are great choices.



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