



Where you can play golf
in Southwest Washington

SW Washington is an area with a variety of golf courses, including Tumwater Valley Golf Course (right). For more about the courses of SW Washington see inside this section.



If you are looking for something
new, try the courses in SW Wash.

You don't have to venture far off the main highways to find some great golf courses to play in Southwest Washington. All are easy to find (see map on Page 8) and all are worth the drive.

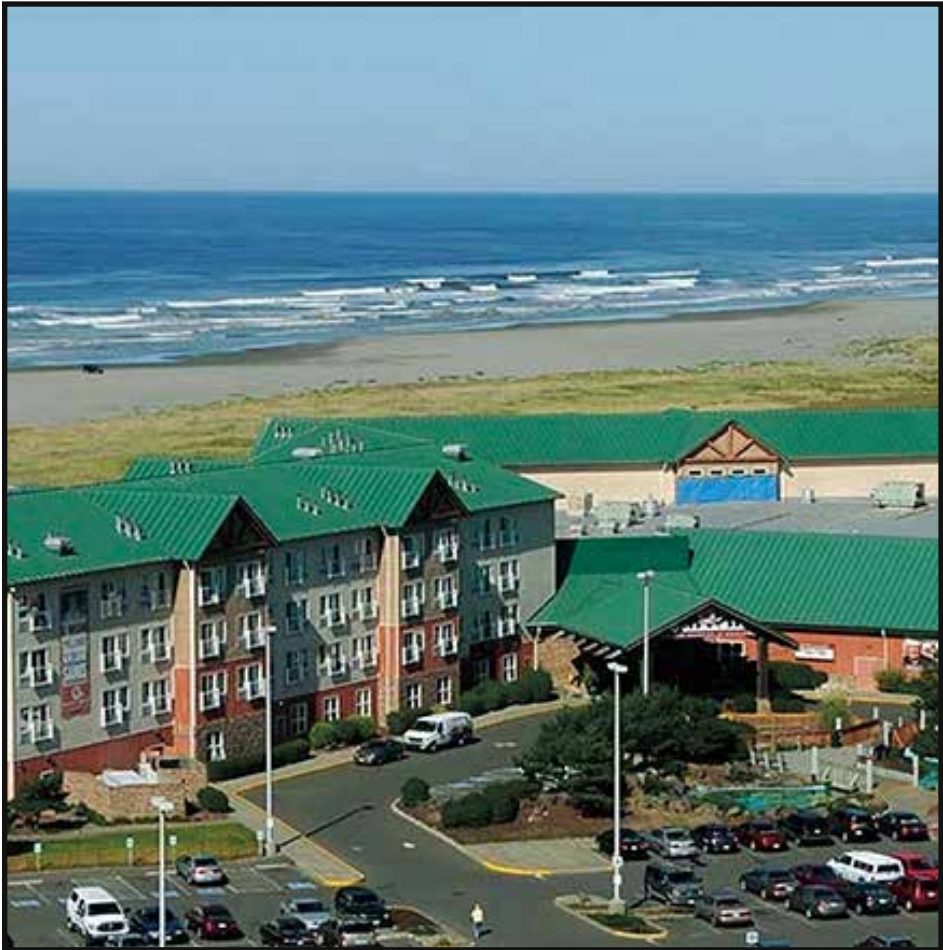
RV's and golf: Plenty of places
to stay and play in the NW

There is plenty to like about the Pacific Northwest and the open road for recreational vehicles. From Washington to Oregon to Idaho there are plenty of golf courses that come with their own RV parks including Wildhorse Resort in Pendleton, Ore. (pictured right). When the COVID-19 pandemic hit last year, people started buying recreational vehicles. And now with more on the road, people are finding out that traveling the open road in an RV is the way to go. And for golfers, traveling with RV's is especially a treat with so many golf courses offering full hookups and more. For more on RV's and golf, please see the inside of this special section.



Taking a tour of
SW Washington

Golf in Southwest Washington offers a vast variety of courses to play, from places like Eagles Pride at Fort Lewis (left) to The Home Course in DuPont (lower right). There are resort options as well like staying at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino in Ocean Shores (lower left). With some of the Pacific Northwest's top public courses located in Southwest Washington, it's definitely worth taking a golf trip up and down the I-5 corridor. Finding good golf is never a problem in the area since so many are located just minutes off I-5. Join Inside Golf this month as we take you on a tour of Southwest Washington and give you a closer look at the courses and what they have to offer.



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The Tour

• Take a look at Southwest Washington with a visit to the courses and driving ranges in the area. See inside for more on where to play in the area.

RV's and the NW

• There is no shortage of places to park your RV for a stay and tee it up in the Pacific Northwest. See our RV section for more.

Location of courses

• Inside Golf Newspaper tells you where to look for golf in the Southwest Washington area with our locator map at places like Camas Meadows (below). See inside for more.



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Home Course, local hotels offer ways to stay and play



There are certain places that come to mind when you think of stay and play deals. Throw The Home Course into that mix now. The Home Course, owned and operated by both Washington Golf and the PNGA in DuPont, Wash. has partnered with several hotels.

The Hampton Inn, Home 2 Suites, Best Western, Liberty Inn, Fairfield Inn and FairBridge Inn and Suites are working with the course on a stay and play package deal from May 1 through July 31, where you book a room through the thehomecourse.com/stay and you will get two free rounds and cart.

The Home Course opened in 2007 and has been the home for some top championships including the U.S. Amateur and US. Women's Public Links.

The course recently added the Golf House Grill and a new pro shop – the trailer is gone. The Home Course was ranked as the No. 2 public golf course in Washington in 2008 by *GolfWeek Magazine*.

For more information call 866.964.0520 or see www.thehomecourse.com.

Golf variety to be found up and down I-5

If you find yourself planning a trip up or down Interstate-5 through Southwest Washington, you might also want to plan on putting your golf clubs in the car.

From Olympia on south to Vancouver, there are plenty of choices when it comes to playing golf right off I-5. Most of the courses sit within minutes of the freeway and if you looking for golf, they are all worth the trip.

Starting from the north, PNGA's Home Course sits just minutes off the freeway in the town of DuPont. One exit and a couple of turns puts you in the parking lot of one of the most popular courses in the Northwest. The Home Course was a host for the 2010 U.S. Amateur and is frequently used for PNGA championships.

Eagle's Pride Golf Course at Fort Lewis, which is visible from the freeway, features 27 holes and continues to be a popular course with military as well as non-military golfers.

The Lacey-Olympia area has a couple of courses less than five minutes off the freeway in the Golf Club at Hawk's Prairie. You can't go wrong with the Links Course or the Woodlands Course. Both are extremely challenging and the conditioning is good.

A couple of miles to the south lies Tumwa-

ter Valley, a course you can see just south of the old Olympia Brewery. A couple of quick turns off the freeway gets you there. This popular course has hosted some of the top amateur events in the Pacific Northwest and you can virtually see the course as you head north or south on I-5.

“We're lucky because we're in such a great location,” said Russ Olsen of Tumwater Valley Golf Course. “Sitting right off the freeway, people don't have to go searching for us up and down side roads. Once you get off the freeway, there we are.”

In Chehalis, Riverside Golf Course is so close to the freeway, you could probably reach it with a driver. It's difficult to see from the freeway but is less than three minutes from the off-ramp. There is golf and the chance for golfers with RV's to stay a few nights.

In the Kelso/Longview area, it takes a little work to get to Three Rivers and Mint

Valley, but both are good public tracks and a short drive off Interstate-5. Three Rivers was a course that was built after the flooding from the eruption of Mount St. Helens. The river dredging provided the base for the golf course. A little further south in Woodland, Lewis River is about a 10-minute drive off the freeway, but with it's park-like setting, and top quality golf, it's worth the extra time to get to the course and tee it up. Their banquet setup next to the Lewis River is spectacular.

The course that gets the most exposure from being near Interstate-5 is Tri Mountain in Ridgefield, just north of Vancouver. From the course can see the namesake mountains – Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood – hence the name, Tri Mountain. As you drive along the I-5 freeway, you can see almost the entire Tri Mountain course. One unique feature is the water driving range –not much roll on the balls but it's fun to see them splash.

Skamania Lodge gives golf course a new look with re-model that includes putting course and disk golf

Skamania Lodge, along the Columbia River on the Washington side, is still in the golf business but it's a business that looks completely different.

The old 18-hole Skamania Lodge course has been removed and in its place will be a variety of new golf adventures for folks who are staying at the lodge and traveling golfers.

This July, the resort is expecting to open a new 9-hole executive length golf course, a new 18-hole putting course and two disk golf courses on the grounds where the old 18-hole course stood.

The resort said that play was down and they were looking for ways to keep golf a viable option for resort guests and visitors. They came up with plans that has a little of something for everyone with the 9-hole course, putting course and disk courses.

In addition, the resort is building two new tree house rooms for guests to go with the two that were opened up in 2016 and 2017.

Call the resort for more information.



Skamania Lodge is still in the golf business, but it's old 18-hole course has a new look.

Take the tour of SW Washington

There is no shortage of courses to choose from when traveling in this part of the state

Southwest Washington is an area that stretches from the state capitol in Olympia to just east of Vancouver to the Washington Coast. Sightseeing, fishing, hiking, camping . . . are all a part of the area's vast landscape. Golf options range from 9 and 18-hole public golf courses, to some of the best country clubs you will find in the Pacific Northwest.

Take a look at what the area has:

Eagle's Pride-Whispering Firs

Eagle's Pride Golf Course at Fort Lewis has 27 holes that sit on 431 acres of secluded property. The course is surrounded by woodlands, without houses bordering the fairways and that allows for a peaceful experience on the course. Complementing the course, golfers have a year-round practice facility that features 10 covered hitting areas with lights and heat.

The range has grass landing area which offers real ball performance feedback. It is open to the public and was voted among the top 10 military courses in the U.S.

The course has a sister course called Whispering Firs which is on McChord Air Force Base. The course is 18 holes and 6,646 yards from the back tee with a rating of 71.8 and slope of 122. Play is allowed for active and retired military and their family. Guests are also allowed, but keep in mind, the base is a closed facility and you must go through the guard gate to enter. Be sure to check

their website to see what you will need to enter onto the base.

The Home Course

The Home Course has made headlines, not only for being one of the top courses in the Pacific Northwest but for also playing host to the qualifying rounds at the United States Amateur in 2010. The course held two qualifying rounds before the golfers headed to Chambers Bay for the match play part of the tournament. In 2014, the course hosted the final USGA Women's Public Links.

The Home Course is a treat with superb conditions, some great views of the Puget Sound along the way and some challenging holes. If you want a real golf challenge, step back to the back tees called the Dynamite Tees and see what golf is like from 7,300-yards plus as you make your way around the 18 holes.

Lewis River Golf Course

Lewis River Golf Course has endured a lot in its 50+ years of existence.

In 1980 the summer season was lost when Mt. St. Helens blew and the course was in the red zone (a 25-mile zone around the mountain that prohibited all recreational activities), a 200-year flood in 1996 wiped out a large portion of the back nine, a fire destroyed the clubhouse in 2000.

What has stayed constant through the years is



Whispering Firs (top) and Eagle's Pride are two military courses at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

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Salish Cliffs an award winner; Lewis River is like a park walk

the Stading family's ownership of the facility since the course first opened in 1967. They have kept their pledge for continuous improvements and to provide the best overall recreation experience in SW Washington.

Lewis River's team is constantly striving to have a product that appeals to both golfers and the broader general public. Located on nearly a mile of Lewis River frontage, the course features tree-lined fairways and some of the finest greens in the Northwest. Accuracy is required in order to score well here.

The clubhouse is a rustic masterpiece that was built in 2001 and is unmatched for weddings, event gatherings, and golf tournaments. It has always been popular place for events through the years.

The North Fork Grille and outside patio overlook the Lewis River providing an incredibly scenic and relaxing setting that is truly unique and awe-inspiring. Lewis River's pro-shop staff takes great pride in providing superior customer service.

Oaksridge Golf Course

Oaksridge Golf Course sits just off Highway 12 in Elma and is visible from the freeway. The 18-hole track measures 5,643 yards and is a local favorite after opening in 1934. The course is relatively level so it makes a perfect walking course. Just be advised, the prevailing winds can lengthen it considerably. There are new owners as the Chehalis Indian Tribe bought the course from Rich Walker.

Salish Cliffs Golf Club

Salish Cliffs opened for play in 2011 as part of the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe's Little Creek Casino and was an award winner instantly. The Gene Bates-designed layout features rolling terrain, plenty of water and sand and they were named one of the top new courses to open for play in 2011 by *Golfweek* being ranked eighth. The course also is ranked fourth in the state of Washington

by *Golfweek* on the Best You Can Play list. Salish Cliffs is also the first golf course to be awarded a "salmon safe" designation.

A practice range with multiple targets only adds to the fun before or after a round of golf that can make your day and round complete at Salish Cliffs.

Salish Cliffs offers and upscale full hookup RV parking area next to the casino. There are 44 spaces with full hookups. There are also stay & play options for hotel guests.

Tumwater Valley Golf Course

Tumwater Valley Golf Course has several unique features that keep golfers coming back – like the second and 17th holes, both par-3 holes. The second and 17th are unique in that they both have two greens. One green plays much shorter than the other, giving both the low and high handicappers different choices from the tee box.

There are also two different sets of tees to choose from. Tumwater's length is another challenge. The course stretches to nearly 7,200 yards from the tips, and when the wind blows, it plays longer. A new management team has been put in place, led by Russ Olsen and operations manager Dave Nickerson. Play is up after the changes and conditions are much improved leading the way to an increase in rounds at the course.

Golf Club at Hawk's Prairie

The Golf Club at Hawk's Prairie offers two distinctly different courses - the Woodlands Course and the Links course. As you might expect, the Woodlands presents tree-lined fairways and the Links, while more open, has its share of tree-lined fairways too. And if you want play a doubleheader, they have special deals.


As part of the Oki Golf umbrella, there are many ways to save and play the Hawks Prairie courses. A variety of membership plans and options can be



Salish Cliffs Golf Club is part of the Little Creek Resort in Shelton and offers spots for RV's.



Lewis River Golf Course in Woodland has been run by the Stading family since 1967.



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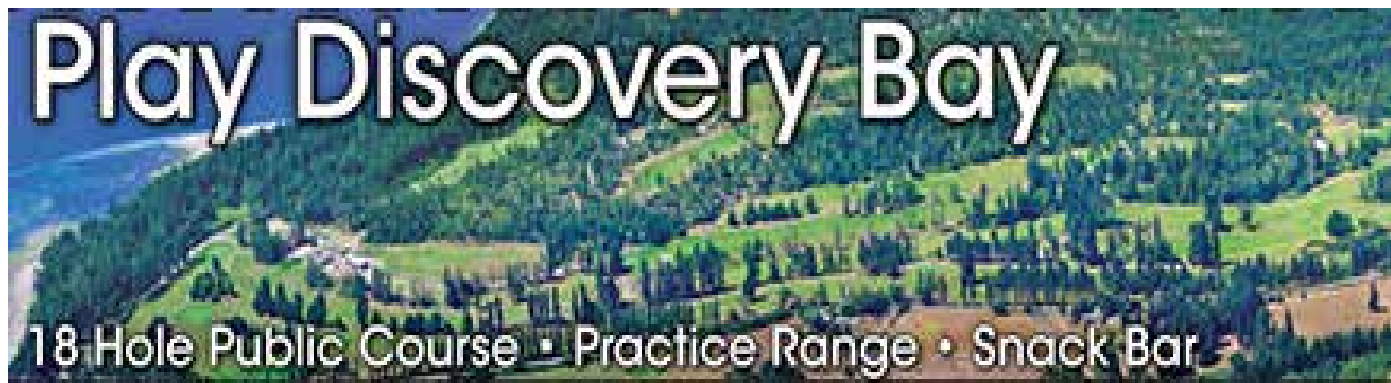
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The Oki Golf Players Card has been the mainstay of Oki Golf. The cards are good for any of the six public courses owned by Oki Golf. Golfers can choose from six different options, ranging from \$49 to \$369.

The course has a program for every type of golfer and the Club Pass has nearly 1,000 players.

As of January 1, 2019, the Oki Group no longer manages Echo Falls.

Camas Meadows Golf Club

Located just minutes from Portland, Oregon's PDX airport, Camas Meadows is placed adjacent to Lacamas Lake in Camas, Washington.

While the natural habitat initially captures your attention the constant investment in the course has been the goal for several years. The course ranges in yardage from over 6,600 yards to 3,103 yards.

Through the Washington Youth Golf Academy at Camas Meadows, the course reaches over 14,000 youths across three school districts at no cost to the schools. In addition, the course has been recognized by the PNW PGA for its adult development programs.

Tri Mountain Golf Course

The course that gets the most exposure from being near Interstate-5 is Tri Mountain in Ridgefield, just north of Vancouver. You can see virtually the entire course as well as Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood – hence the name, Tri Mountain. The course turned 20 years old in 2014.

And don't forget to hit balls into the watery driving range where you actually don't get penalized for hitting balls into a lake.

The course is a links-style layout where you can see everything that is in front of you. The Bill Robinson-designed course offers plenty of sand

and water to keep you focused. The course prides itself in being in pristine condition year round. The banquet room can handle up to 200 people for tournaments and special occasions.

Quinault Beach Resort and Casino

The Quinault Beach Resort and Casino is the kind of place to spoil yourself if you make that trip to Ocean Shores to spend some time at the beach. The Quinault Indian Tribe owns the resort and it has come up with a place that has a little of something for everyone.

The rooms come in a variety of shapes from queen to king to parlor to grande. And many have views of the Pacific Ocean. There are many choices when it comes to dining at the Quinault Beach Resort from Emily's Oceanfront Restaurant to the buffets to the Fireside Coffee House to the Ocean Lounge, complete with live music. There is a spa that offers a variety of treatments and the place also is home for weddings and meetings. If you are traveling with an RV, the Quinault Beach Resort has your spot next to the Pacific Ocean and there is also a fitness center and indoor pool. And don't forget about the gaming with slots and table games to choose from.

Riverside Golf Course

Riverside Golf Course in Chehalis has long been a popular stop for travelers on Interstate-5. Improvements have made the course even better, including faster greens, improved conditioning, new RV parking and a new restaurant called the Riverside Bistro with a rooftop bar. If it's been a while since you played here, the nines were reversed a while back, allowing the 18th hole to finish at the clubhouse.

The course has been voted as the top-ranked course in South Sound by readers of the local Chehalis newspaper. New ownership took over the course in 2009 and changes have been made



Camas Meadows offers two different nines and some terrific mountain views as well.



Oaksridge Golf Course in Elma just freshened up all of its bunkers with white sand.

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Airport Golf has Top Tracer; Tahoma Valley is always dry

to the course and clubhouse, including new sand in the bunkers and an expanded pond from the first to the ninth holes at the golf course.

Lake Cushman Golf Course

Lake Cushman Golf Course sits on the edge of the Olympic National Park, high above the Hood Canal community of Hoodspport. In a park-like setting, this well maintained 9 hole course is a must play when traveling along Highway 101. Walk or ride, your choice, complete with driving range, practice green and pro-shop. A popular choice for local tournaments and an easy drive from Shelton, Belfair & Olympia. It's a great place to get away from the city and traffic congestion.

Ocean Shores Golf Course

Ocean Shores for years has been a must-stop for tourists traveling to the coast. Some of the best lodging and accommodations on Washington's Coast can be found in this resort town. There is unique shopping and recreational attractions – like go-karts, mopeds, horseback riding and the opportunity to drive your car on the beach. The golf course is user friendly and remains one of the strong attractions for the peninsula town. The front and back nine are quite different; one is a links-style while the other plays through trees.

Airport Golf Center

When Jeff Olive bought the Airport Golf in Tumwater in 1999, he set about improving all facets of the facility to fixing the driving range nets and adding new mats and balls, even upgrading the pro shop including landscaping the entrance.

The 9-hole golf course is gone, but the driving range offer TopTracer technology. Golf is still at the center of the business but it also includes state-of-the-art batting cages.

Other amenities include onsite club repair, and a Tap Room with local flavors of beer along with various selections of bar food.

Highland Golf Course

Highland Golf Course in Cosmopolis is the oldest golf course in Grays Harbor County.

What started out as a nine-hole golf course in 1931 became 18 holes with the addition of the new front nine, built in the early 1990s.

The 18-hole course features 6,112 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70 with some tall trees and other challenges throughout the 18 holes of play.

Three Rivers, Mint Valley

In the Kelso area, it takes a little work to get to Three Rivers and Mint Valley, but both are 18 holes and good public tracks just a short drive off Interstate-5. Three Rivers was built on a base of material deposited in the Cowlitz River by the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens and removed by dredging. This porous combination of ash, dust, sand and silt drains well in wet weather.

Mint Valley has a covered range and a 6-hole par 3 pitch and putt course for anyone from beginners to families to try. Mint Valley also has a teaching

studio in which instructors work with golfers from beginners to lower handicap golfers. It is also one of the homes of the Valley Golf Academy.

Tahoma Valley Golf Course

Tahoma Valley Golf Club (formerly Nisqually Golf Club) in Yelm has long been known for being a dry course. There are spectacular views of Mount Rainier for every hole. The rural setting allows golfers to enjoy their round peacefully. The nines were reversed a few years ago.

Capitol City Golf Club

In Washington's wet climate golf courses are often remembered for being wet or dry. Built on a past gravel pit in 1962, Capitol City Golf Club has excellent drainage and has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the driest courses in western Washington. But it's more than just a dry course, it has tree-lined fairways and is well bunkered with well-maintained greens. It plays to 6,578 yards from the back tees with an index of 71.6 and slope of 128.

Their popular Fire Creek Grill & Ale House was established in 2003 and recently held a grand opening after a complete remodel.

Elk Ridge Golf Course

You won't find a more beautiful and rewarding golf experience in the Southwest Washington area. Elk Ridge Golf Course at Carson Hot Springs boasts scenic views from almost every hole along with large, undulating greens and narrow fairways with tall grasses in true links fashion.

A challenging course that demands accuracy, it features a first class practice facility that is included with your greens fees. Only a 45-minute drive from the Portland/Vancouver Metro area.

The Cedars on Salmon Creek

Located in Brush Prairie, less than 30 minutes north of Portland, The Cedars on Salmon Creek is an 18-hole, par 68 course that plays to 5,616 yards from the Blue Tees. The club is excited to showcase their newly designed, 18 hole layout that is challenging yet attainable. "With the slightly shorter layout, we feel that Cedars is a great host facility for golf tournaments and daily rounds for golfers of all skill levels." Says Head Pro Joe Cain.

Cedars provides two short game practice areas to the South of the clubhouse, allowing shots up to 60 yards. The seasoned greens are undulating and true, providing a challenge for all skill levels. The tree-lined fairways along with water throughout the course provides a consistent, yet approachable defense. The nature and beauty of the golf course gives it character and feel like no other local facility.

There is a full-service restaurant and bar with banquet facilities showcasing a popular patio setting. Joe Cain, along with Assistant Pro Carver Vukanovich are Callaway Certified Club Fitters and offer individual and group lessons.

Indian Summer Golf & CC

Indian Summer Golf and Country Club is perhaps the best-known club in Olympia and is one of



Grays Harbor CC is a challenging 9-hole private course located in the town of Cosmopolis.



Tahoma Valley Golf Course in Yelm has long been known for being a dry golf course.

the four country clubs in Southwest Washington. Designed by Peter Thompson, the course continually makes the list of the top golf courses.

One of the favorite layouts among the Oki Golf properties for its challenging design and year round playability. It was voted Best of the Nike tour (now Korn Ferry tour) by the players when they came through in 1997.

Indian Summer has a variety of membership options to check out. Other plans include social memberships, junior memberships and corporate memberships.

Other clubs to check out

• **Olympia Country and Golf Club** is located along Budd Inlet with sweeping views of south Puget Sound and plays just over 6,000 yards but features a tight and hilly layout. Plenty of interesting shots and some terrific views are to

be found at Olympia.

• **Grays Harbor Country Club** lies between Montesano and Aberdeen off highway 12. The course is a par 35 nine-hole layout and plays to 5,758 yards over the dual-tee configuration. The fairways are tight and lined with tall trees and the greens, which are well maintained, are small. It is one of the oldest clubs in the Northwest having opened for play in 1912. Brian Davis is the head professional, he was formerly at Bay Shore Golf Course, which is now closed.

• **Longview Country Club** isn't long, at 6,215 yards and par 70, with a rating of 71.0 and slope of 129 from the back tees. The club was founded in 1925 and opened nine holes for play in 1927. There are four sets of tees. Tree-lined fairways with well-maintained throughout the year.

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DuPont, Public | 10. Tumwater Valley
18 holes, 7,154 yards
Tumwater, Public | 21. Centralia Golf Course
9 holes, 2,826 yards
Centralia, Public | 32. Club Green Meadows
18 holes, 6,486 yards
Vancouver, Private |
| 2. Eagle's Pride
27 holes, 3,455; 3,410; 3,282 yards
Fort Lewis, Public | 11. Lake Cushman
9 holes, 2,592
Hoodsport, public | 22. Riverside Golf Club
18 holes, 6,155 yards
Chehalis, Public | 33. Royal Oaks Country Club
18 holes, 6,900 yards
Vancouver, Private |
| 3. Golf Club at Hawk's Prairie
• Woodlands Course
18 holes, 7,170 yards
Lacey, Public
• The Links
18 holes, 6,887 yards
Lacey, Public | 12. Lake Limerick Golf Club
9 holes, 2,898 yards
Shelton, Public | 23. Newaukum Valley
27 holes, 3,268; 3,223; 2,945
Chehalis, Public | 34. Camas Meadows
18 holes, 6,518 yards
Camas, Public |
| 4. Tahoma Valley GC
18 holes, 6,007 yards
Yelm, Public | 13. Salish Cliffs
18 holes, 7,269 yards
Shelton, Public | 24. Longview Country Club
18 holes, 6,220 yards
Longview, Private | 35. Pinecrest Golf Club
9 holes, 1,206 yards
Vancouver, Public |
| 5. Capitol City Golf Club
18 holes, 6,536 yards
Olympia, Public | 14. Oaksridge Golf Course
18 holes, 5,643 yards
Elma, Public | 25. Mint Valley Golf Course
18 holes, 6,304 yards
Longview, Public | 36. Orchard Hills Country Club
18 holes, 5,896 yards
Washougal, Private |
| 6. Indian Summer CC
18 holes, 7,216 yards
Olympia, Private | 15. Grays Harbor CC
9 holes, 2,915 yards
Central Park, Private | 26. Golfgreen Golf Center
9 holes, 1,175 yards
Longview, Public | 37. Husum Hills
9 holes, 2,631 yards
White Salmon, Public |
| 7. Delphi Golf Course
9 holes, 1,937 yards
Olympia, Public | 16. Highland Golf Course
18 holes, 6,112 yards
Cosmopolis, Public | 27. Three Rivers Golf Course
18 holes, 6,836 yards
Kelso, Public | 38. Fairway Village Golf Course
9 holes, 2,500 yards
Vancouver, Public |
| 8. Scott Lake Golf Course
9 holes, 2,600 yards
Olympia, Public | 17. Ocean Shores Golf Course
18 holes, 6,252 yards
Ocean Shores, Public | 28. Lewis River Golf Course
18 holes, 6,325 yards
Woodland, Public | 39. Skamania Lodge
Short Course, Putting Course
Stevenson, Public |
| 9. Airport Golf Center
Driving Range, Batting Cages
Tumwater, Public | 18. Peninsula Golf Course
9 holes, 2,057 yards
Ocean Park, Public | 29. Tri-Mountain Golf Course
18 holes, 6,850 yards
Ridgefield Public | 40. Beacon Rock
9 holes, 2,753 yards
North Bonneville, Public |
| | 19. Surfside Golf Course
9 holes, 2,960
Ocean Park, Public | 30. The Cedars
18 holes, 6,423 yards
Brush Prairie, Public | 41. Elk Ridge
18 holes, 6,500 yards
Carson, Public |
| | 20. Skyline Golf Course
9 holes, 2,255 yards
Cathlamet, Public | 31. Hartwood Golf Course
9 holes, 1,588 yards
Brush Prairie, Public | 42. Whispering Firs
18 holes, 6,616 yards
McChord AFB, Military |





Golf and RV's offer a pandemic escape

More Northwest golfers are finding that traveling with an RV can provide a safe way to get out of the house and still enjoy a golf trip for a weekend or for a week or two

While we suffer through the pandemic experience, some golfers have found a way to enjoy life. With so many people working from home or laid off on unemployment, they have been looking for a way to get out of their homes and start truly living their lives again. The news is full of businesses that have been devastated by the restrictions brought on by the virus. Some businesses like golf have actually grown. Another one is RV sales and rentals are seeing a spike in business.

Air travel was stifled due to nation-wide restrictions and people had to find another way to get out of the house and RVs provided that option. Travel experts say that interest is likely to continue due to social distancing guidelines and the relative safety of traveling in a self-contained vehicle where people can control the cleanliness, cook their own food and keep away from others.

One survey found that 68% of the people feel safe in a personal vehicle (RV). That may be good news to RV sellers, manufacturers, and RV parks, but it can make it more difficult for travelers to find an open space in parks.

Northwest golfers are fortunate to have so many choices of golf courses that provide overnight RV parking but, with the increase of people taking up golf and buying RVs, finding an opening can be a challenge during peak times. Calling a golf course a day or two ahead may not be enough in today's world - it may be the new normal. Discounted 'Stay 'n Play' packages may also be harder to find.

There are other benefits to being a golfer traveling with an RV. For those pulling a trailer or with motorhomes towing, they have the option of staying in off-course parks and detaching their vehicle and driving to several courses in the area.

Most golfers traveling with RVs do so when the weather is warm, which provides some nice evenings sitting in a lawn chair sipping cocktails or grilling dinner. As many people enjoy traveling with friends, it especially nice to sit outside and visit after a round of golf.

Traveling by RV has so many benefits like being able to skip out for the weekend of golf without using up vacation time.



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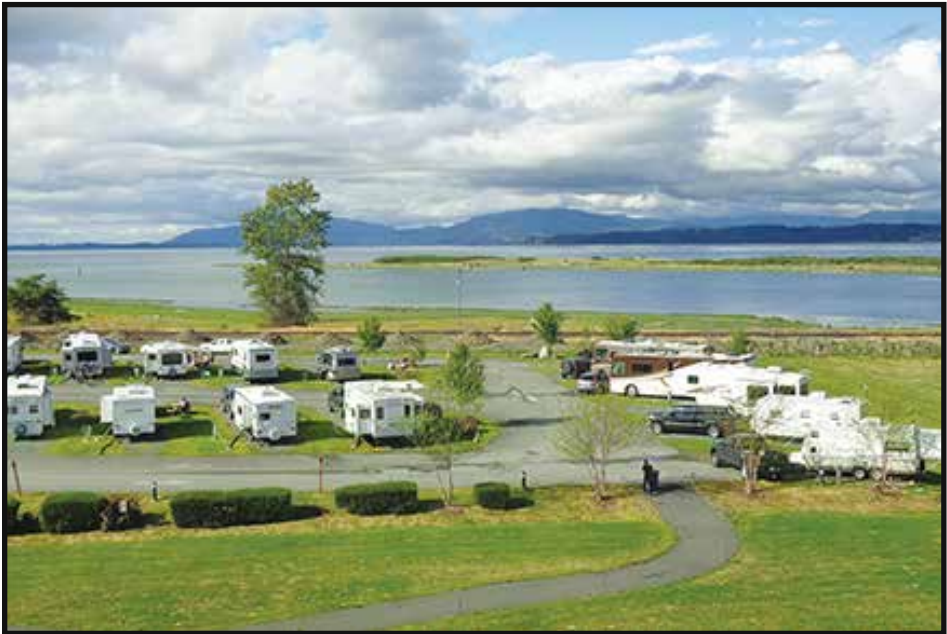
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What to expect from courses when traveling with an RV

What can you expect from golf courses with overnight parking? The basic requirement for most campers is electric. Water and sewer connections are preferred but not absolutely necessary for a couple of nights for most self-contained rigs.

Most RV sites from golf courses come with all three connections, but it's probably a good idea to confirm what is available before you book your stay.

Nearly all casinos provide RV access but not all provide hookups.

- The exception would be places like Wildhorse in Pendleton, Ore. which has 100 hookups and a pool and spa, and a short walk to the golf course or casino. A great place if you want to take in a live show, play a few casino games or get in some top quality golf, or just relax in the park.
- The Little Creek Casino (Salish Cliffs) in Shelton, has 44 full hookups and several other amenities including it award-winning golf course.
- Swinomish Casino in Anacortes, has electric, cable and water but no sewer connection. They also are not located near their golf course (Swinomish Links) and do not provide a shuttle service to the course.
- Circling Raven (Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort) provides only electrical hookups and is within walking distance to the course (a long walk).
- Some of the privately owned courses with RV spaces that have more than just hookups, like Sage Hills Golf and RV Resort in Warden, Wash. which has a pool, a meeting hall, laundry facility a restaurant and lounge, a croquet area and a horseshoe pit. As a bonus, they are offering winter rates until the end of

- April.
- Sun Country Golf and RV Resort is in Cle Elum, Wash. and features RV parking next to the clubhouse and is located right off I-90. They have 14 full hookups and plenty of recreational activities in the area for you to choose from when making a visit.
 - Deer Park RV Resort, about 45 minutes north of Spokane, is a 5-star resort next to Dear Park Golf Course. It has the amenities you would expect from a resort, like pool & hot tub, recreational pavilion with exercise equipment, plenty of dog runs, laundry room, Bocce Ball court, and a rig washing area.
 - One of the often over looked golf course with RV overnight parking is the 9-hole Royal City Golf Course, in Royal City, of Course. An unusual bonus when staying at Royal City GC are the crop dusters. There are high tension wires that run through part of the course and in the early mornings and late afternoons it's common to see a crop duster fly under the wires. It can be quite dramatic if you happen to be on the course. It is also a great place to watch birds in the small lake next to the course.
 - Sun Lakes Resort in Coulee City, Wash., offers plenty of places to stay with 152 RV spots and another 69 cabins. There are several options for water activities and Vic Meyers Golf Course is always a treat to play.
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