



### Wilderness Club, Old Works make Montana a must visit

If you want to venture a little further east to see what other golf options you might run into, Montana has a couple of golf courses definitely worth the trip in the Old Works (right) and the Wilderness Club (far right). See inside for more.



# Destination: Spokane and Idaho



There is plenty to like about the eastern Washington and Idaho Panhandle areas. Both are known for great golf - from public to private to resort. With courses like Chewelah in Chewelah, Wash. (far left), Liberty Lake near Spokane (near left) and Circling Raven in Worley, Idaho (bottom) there is plenty to like. One advantage of Spokane is its close proximity to Northern Idaho and even a few Montana courses. The drives are often as picturesque as the courses you'll play.

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



## Northwest resorts: Plenty of variety and award-winning courses

The Pacific Northwest is loaded with some terrific golf resorts. With places like Wildhorse in Pendleton, Ore. (left) and the Silver Reef's Loomis Trail (right) in Blaine, 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.





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Take the Tour

• See where to tee it up when you hit the Spokane area and the Idaho Panhandle. You won't be disappointed with the choices that are in front of you. Page 3.

Northwest Resorts

• There are plenty of resorts to take a look at in the Pacific Northwest, including Three Rivers Casino Resort and its course Ocean Dunes in Florence, Ore. (below). See inside for more.



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# Montana dreaming: Wilderness Club, Old Works offer terrific golf choices

Big changes are in store at the Old Works in Anaconda, Montana. A complete clubhouse remodel will begin soon, adding additional seating, new bar and two golf simulators for winter-time activities. The Golf course will continue with improvements as well. A regressing of the rough and tees will take place next spring. Along with irrigation improvements. The golfers will notice new carts, range balls and upgraded pro shop inventory. General Manager and Course superintendent Todd Lupkes says "the turnaround of one of Montana's premier facilities has begun, but it will take time. These are big projects planned over the next several years."

The Old Works Golf Course, Montana's only public Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, is unlike any other course you've ever played. The grounds that Old Works now call home were the site of Anaconda's first copper smelting operation. After lying idle for nearly a century, in 1983 the grounds became a Super Fund clean-up site. By the late 80's the idea of reviving the Old Works with a world class golf course became a dream of the community of Anaconda and ARCO. After countless hours and efforts to make the site safe, that dream became a reality.

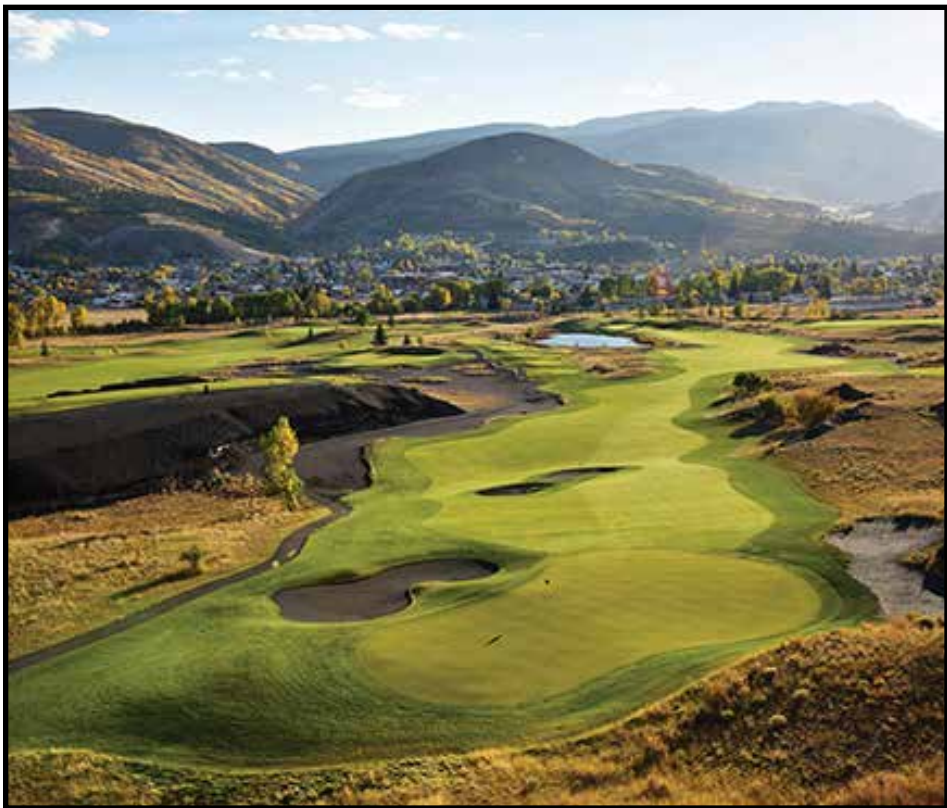
The Old Works features five sets of tees ranging from the bricks at 5,300 yards to the slags at 7,700 yards. The Old Works is situated between Warm Springs Creek and the remnants of the lower and upper works smelting operation against the hill sides.

Prior to your round, enjoy Montana's premier practice facility. There is massive putting green, chipping and pitching area, two expansive bent grass practice tees and three practice holes. For rate information or to book your tee time, please visit [www.playoldworks.com](http://www.playoldworks.com) or call the golf shop at (406) 563-5989.

• **The Wilderness Club** in Eureka, Mont. has something for everyone. With the resort sitting on 550 acres of land, The Wilderness Club has golf, lodging, water sports and more. Designed by Sir Nick Faldo, the course has been ranked as the top golf course in the state of Montana and one of the top public courses in the country. The Wilderness Club plays from 5,431 yards to 7,200 yards and features Ponderosa-lined fairways, waste bunkers, deep greenside bunkers and terrific views of nearby mountain ranges. But that's not all.

There are plenty of places for a stay and play deal at The Wilderness Club with cabins, cottages and suites. The cottages feature studio accommodations to two-bedroom units and other units that can host up to 24 people. And don't forget about the hot tubs, expanded kitchens and mountain views.

The Wilderness Club is the kind of place for a family vacation with its Family Sports Park that includes activities like beach volleyball, basketball, pier and an 18-hole disc golf course. The nearby Wilderness Lake is a non-motorized lake and has kayaks, canoes and paddleboards available for use. A waterpark features a 250-foot water slide and two saltwater pools. A fitness studio and spa and wellness center help complete the experience. The Wilderness Grille offers polished casual dining with flavors for every palate.



The Old Works in Anaconda, Mt. was designed by Jack Nicklaus is an annual award-winning course.



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# Spokane Tour

## New irrigation systems installed at city courses

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 north-west region of the country. There is plenty to like about playing golf in the Inland Empire.

With the addition of courses like Circling Raven, StoneRidge and Priest Lake, the reputation is growing in national awareness in the Spokane area for the quality golf it has .

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. And irrigation changes have begun at the city courses - with Indian Canyon and Esmeralda getting new full irrigation systems while Downriver's new system gets underway with construction in September. New irrigation systems will translate to terrific playing conditions at all the city courses.

Spokane County, the other municipal course owner, has Latah Creek (formerly Hangman Valley), MeadowWood and Liberty Lake - all are excellent courses that all are affordable. 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 care golf 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 are often 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."

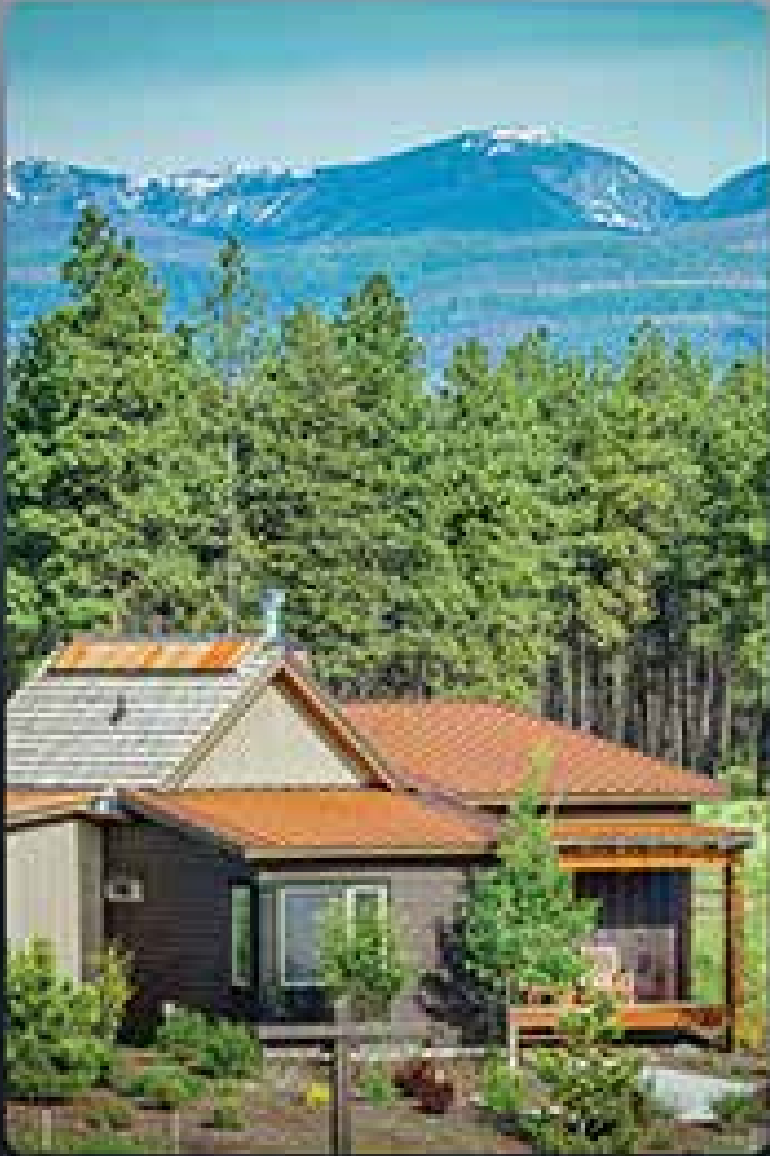

- **Downriver:** One of the most popular in-town courses. Downriver's fairways are dwarfed by century-old pine trees that makes playing amongst them seem almost surreal.
- **Latah Creek:** The course, which used to be called Hangman Valley, had its name changed in December of 2020. The course opened 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 re-build 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 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




Latah Creek Golf Course is the new name for Hangman Valley Golf Course after a change in late 2020.



Indian Canyon is one of the most poplar courses in Spokane and is run by the city of Spokane.






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Chewelah Golf Course.

# Head north of Spokane and you can find some gems

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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- Deer Park opened in 1996 and is located less than a half-hour north of Spokane with a first-class RV park right next 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.



Deer Park Golf Course.

# Spokane Golf Tour: A variety of golfing choices

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 CC:** 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.
- **Colfax Golf Club:** 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).



Colfax Golf Club (top) is an option near Spokane; Kalispel Golf and CC (bottom) is tribal owned.

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# Idaho's Panhandle

Idaho's Panhandle offers up plenty of public golf as well as some resort golf as well to try

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Prairie Falls:** Surrounded by mountains with running streams and waterfalls, Prairie Falls in Post Falls offers two different styles of golf Parkland style and Links style, into one exciting 18-hole course. The golf course sits on 119 acres of ground, of which 23 acres is native grass. Since the beginning, Prairie Falls has seen over 6 million rounds of golf and the course is Audubon certified 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.

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

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

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

## Circling Raven will play host to the LPGA's Symetra Tour this August

When Circling Raven Golf Club opened for play, the awards and reviews came quickly. The course was named among the best new courses in the country when it opened and golfers from far and wide came to play to check out the vastness of the Gene Bates-designed course and the stunning views that went along with it.

Even years later, not much as changed, Circling Raven is still an award-winning golf course and the terrific reviews just keep on coming (see Trip Advisor). The course, which is owned by the Coeur d' Alene Indian Tribe, is also part of the resort and hotel.

Circling Raven is located in Worley, Idaho and covers more than 400 acres.

Circling Raven is stepping into the spotlight for the LPGA's Symetra Tour by hosting the tour Aug. 23-29 with a tournament featuring 156 players. The tour is a stepping stone for the ladies to the LPGA Tour. A purse of \$200,000 will be on the line. Tickets for the event are available at cdacasino.com and also at the Circling Raven pro shop.

For more information on Circling Raven or the new Symetra Tour event at the course, call the club at 800.523.2464 or check out their web site at cdacasino.com.



Prairie Falls in Post Falls, Idaho offers some challenges, including a watery challenge on this par-3 hole.

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## Palouse Ridge: WSU campus golf course is award winner

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 microbrew 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).



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# 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 was the latest addition.

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. And another is being constructed.

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. Land has been acquired on the Coast for another golf course to be part of the Bandon Dunes family.

## 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

# Mt. Hood Oregon Resort: Name is new but experience is still the same

The name might be new, but the resort experience is still the same. Mt. Hood Oregon Resort is the new name, taking the place of the old moniker The Resort at the Mountain,

This is a place that is located at the base of Mount Hood and about an hour east of Portland. Mount Hood Oregon Resort not only has a new name, but the same old terrific amenities

Off the golf course, there are 157 spacious guest rooms, suites and villas appointed with rich, warm woods and bright, welcoming colors. Fresh, seasonal cuisine at Mallards Café & Pub and Altitude Restaurant & Lounge. There are a variety of recreational options, including our year round heated outdoor pool and the best 27 holes of golf in the Mt. Hood Territory. For onsite meetings, weddings and special events, 15,000 square feet of flexible event space offers a dramatic setting for groups ranging from 5 to 750.

The resort also has a 5,000 square foot spa available to guests during their stay.

The resort has 27 holes of golf with its Foxgloves Nine, Pinecone Nine and Thistle Nine. All of the holes are carved out of the forest and there are some terrific golf challenges and views along the way as well. There is also a putting course available to get warmed up.

The Mt. Hood Oregon Resort is located less than a mile from Highway 26 and 15 minutes from the Mt. Hood ski areas. And there are plenty of things to do around the Mount Hood area, including summer skiing, an alpine slide and more.

# There is another resort that is ready to make its mark in Oregon – Eagle Point

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

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

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

The chalets opened in July of 2017 giving the resort 12 total rooms. And this summer, the rooms have been

virtually full giving Hyer optimism for more. A lodge with as many as 24 rooms could be next on the drawing board. An events center could also be part of the plans.

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

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

It is now more than just a golf course, the place is a destination. And proving to be a destination worth the trip to Southern Oregon.





# The resorts of Oregon

Resort is a first-class operation. The facility offers three distantly 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 inlike 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 had an eight-year plan for 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 & 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. There is plenty to like at Sunriver with its variety of activities and it is also a popular place in the winter for lodging during the ski season.



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

## Three Rivers Casino Resort

Three Rivers Casino Resort is an award winning casino with two locations on the Oregon coast, at Coos Bay and Florence. You can't go wrong with either. Their Ocean Dunes Golf Links is only 1.4 miles (4 minutes) from Three Rivers Casino in Florence. The fairways at Ocean Dunes wind over, around, and through wild dunes bordered by gorse, heather, shore pines and native sea grasses. The course sits on a sand base and is well drained, even in the wettest of conditions, year round. For Stay and Play specials check out their website at [www.threeriverscasino.com](http://www.threeriverscasino.com).

## 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.

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# Washington Resorts

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

## Loomis Trail/Silver Reef

Loomis Trail was ranked as the No. 1 public course in Washington by *Golf Digest* (2005) and was the only Washington state course ranked in the nation's Top 100. Loomis Trail combines the magic of scenic beauty and dry conditions suitable for year-round play.

The course was purchased by the Lummi Nation Indian Tribe and they have made sure the course has stayed true to its opening with great conditions and a layout which is one of the most challenging in the Northwest.

Loomis Trail also is partnered with the Silver Reef Casino Resort and has packages catered to the golfing crowd. A Stay and Play Package, Birdie Package and Eagle Package all offers golf, hotel stay and more.

The Eagle Package comes with two nights, \$10 free play, \$100 resort or pro shop credit, breakfast for two and unlimited golf.

## 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.

## 7Cedars Casino Resort

The Jamestown S'kallam Indian Tribe owns the 7Cedars Casio and The Cedars at Dungeness which is a popular destination for visitors in winter and summer. The golf course is one of the driest in the Pacific Northwest, being located in the Olympic Rain Shadow.

The casino is loaded with games, entertainment and dining and now has a hotel that completes the resort, and provides a nice home base when playing golf.

## 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 with it's 212-room destination hotel features a pool, full-service spa, fitness center, multiple and diverse restaurants. There is plenty to like when you make the trip to Semiahmoo Resort.

The acclaimed Jeff Coston Academy is also located Semiahmoo Resort. With two courses and a world-class hotel, there is plenty to like at Semiahmoo.

## Little Creek Casino Resort (Salish Cliffs Golf Club)

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

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



Salish Cliffs Golf Club in Shelton, Wash. is owned and operated by the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe.



The Cedars at Dungeness golf course is part of the 7Cedars Resort, located in Sequim, Wash.

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With the opening of the Salish Cliffs Golf Course, the resort boasts one of the top courses in the Pacific Northwest. In fact, the course was ranked among the top new courses in the country in 2012. The course winds through trees and features plenty of water and sand to keep your attention throughout the round. The driving range is a place that will keep you busy all day as well. 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.

## Port Ludlow Resort

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

## 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 all 18 holes in early 2000, the second, the private Tumblecreek opened a few years later and the third, Rope Rider, was the last to open. 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.

## 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 18-hole course has turned into something different: a 9-hole executive course, disc golf course and more. There are also plenty of other things to do nearby, including visiting Multnomah Falls and a walk to the top.

## Sage Hills Golf & RV Resort

Sage Hills Golf and RV Resort is one of those laid-back places you love to come back to. The course is fun and challenging and the facilities are well maintained. For RVers there are 42 level sites with full hook-ups. 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 in Brewster, Wash. has first-class golf and lodging available at its location.

## 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. Now up is the Quicksands Course, a shorter course also designed by Kidd, giving the place more of a resort feel with two courses, lodging and more. There is plenty to like about Gamble Sands, with its views above the Columbia River and the new villas and outstanding golf.

## Clearwater Resort (White Horse Golf Club)

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 and Ski Resort, in Leavenworth, features a challenging golf course and plenty of chances to see Central Washington’s forested beauty. If you are a golfer, then the Leavenworth resort (located at Lake Wenatchee) has 18 terrific holes to challenge you. If you are a skier, then there are miles of cross-country trails and nearby Stevens Pass for some downhill action. If you happen to be a skier and a golfer, then you are a double winner. The resort was created in the late 1980s by a couple of logging families, trying to get the best use out of their logging lands in Central Washington. Peaceful, serene and scenic is a good description of your golfing experience here. The course might not be long (measuring 5,893 yards from the tips) but you better hit it straight.





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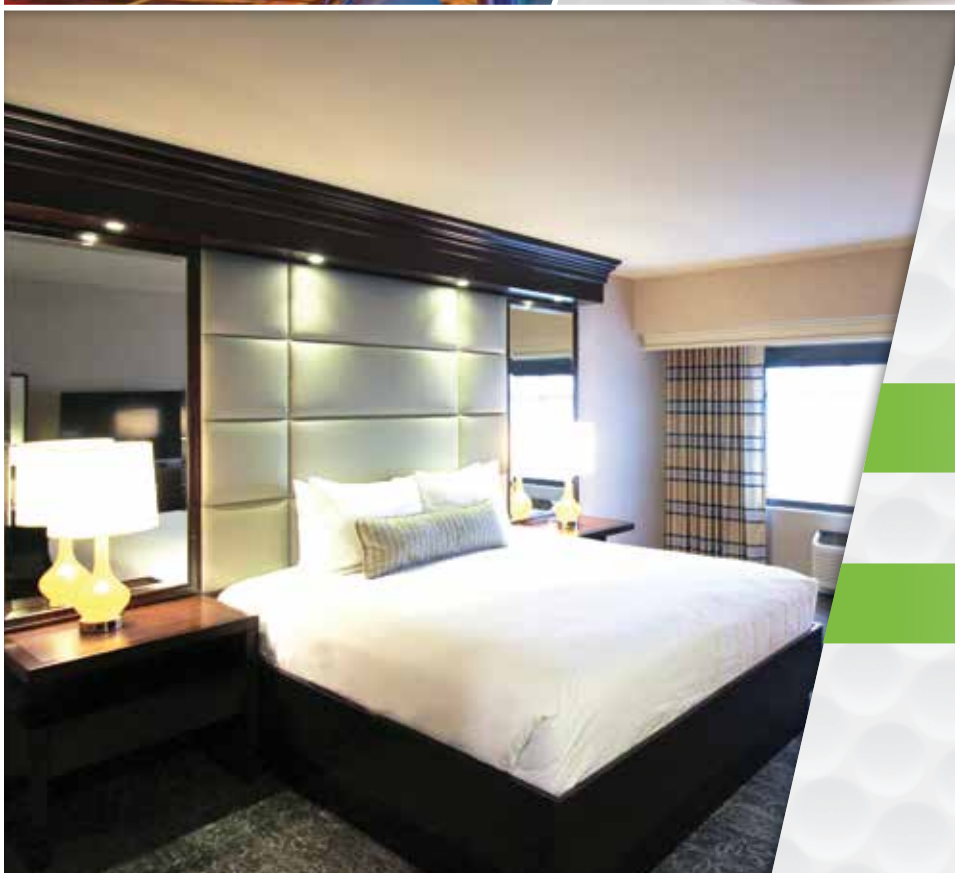
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