

Northwest Washington and the Olympic Peninsula



NW Washington: Golf hot spot

Northwest Washington area has long been a popular place for golfers looking for a road trip. Golfers are drawn to the Bellingham area primarily because of the region's unique combination of high-quality, diverse golf course layouts, favorable climate conditions, and scenic beauty that offers a "can't-miss" destination experience.

It provides a variety of championship-caliber challenges that cater to both American and Canadian golfers due to its proximity to the international border.

With award-winning golf and other activities to be found at places like Loomis Trail in Blaine (left) to North Bellingham in Bellingham (lower left) to Shuksan in Bellingham (lower right), the area is a must-play.

Inside Golf takes you inside the region this month, with a look at where to play when visiting this area.



A milestone for Peninsula as club celebrates its 100

Peninsula Golf Club in Port Angeles has plenty of stories to tell as it celebrates its 100th anniversary during the 2026 golf season. The course had always been private but is now open to the public and offers 18 scenic holes—water on one side and mountains on the other side. The legendary Byron Nelson played a round here in 1945. The club planning a three-day celebration in July to commemorate its 100th year. See inside for more.



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Peninsula Golf Club in Port Angeles celebrates a Pacific Northwest milestone with 100th year

Peninsula Golf Club truly qualifies as a hidden gem.

Sitting between the Olympic Mountains and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, just outside of downtown Port Angeles. The course is celebrating its Centennial this year and has scheduled a three-day event in July.

A couple of years ago, this private course, opened its doors to welcome public play for the first time.

Now with the public welcome, it is time to shine the spotlight on this jewel of a course.

It first opened in 1926 with nine holes, then added a second nine in 1978. There is a scorecard on the wall in the clubhouse where the legendary Byron Nelson shot a 66 in 1945. That was the year that included a historic streak where Nelson won 11 consecutive tournaments, a record that has never been surpassed. He played with "Jug" McSpaden who shot a 67.

The course is not long by today's standards, playing to 6,332 yards, however, shooting a low number is not as easy as it may seem as golfers have to be able to navigate some tall trees, that can encroach on fairways, be able to play on sloping fairways, sometimes leaning toward OB and hit precise approach shots to smallish greens.

There are also a couple dozen bunkers to dodge. The wind blowing in off the strait can be a factor too. This is old-school-golf at its best.

The course has a covered driving range and a full-service restaurant and bar open to all.

It is best to play Peninsula Golf Club on a sunny day so you can soak in the spectacular

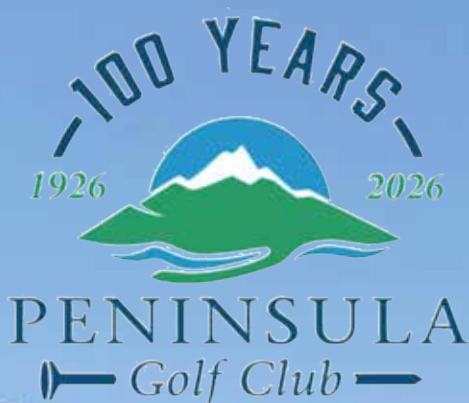


Peninsula Golf Club in Port Angeles is celebrating its 100th anniversary during the 2026 season.

views; on one side is the towering Olympic Mountains and on the other, a view of the Strait of Juan de Fuca with Vancouver Island and the city of Victoria sitting about 20 miles

away.

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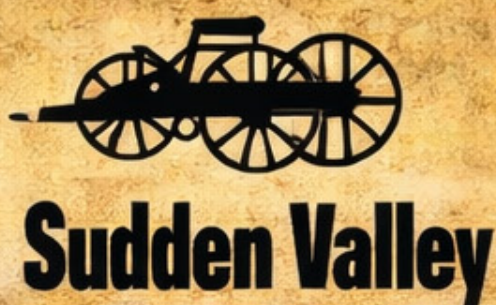
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Olympic Peninsula: Great golf choices



The Olympic Peninsula in Washington state encapsulates the best of coastal landscape, including an array of breathtaking scenery, panoramic views of the towering Olympic Mountains, glimpses of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and tranquil settings nestled within lush, old-growth forests.

Golfers will be exposed to a diverse array of golf courses ranging from historic, rural courses to modern, championship-level layouts.

Many courses, such as Port Angeles' Peninsula Golf Club, offer dual perspectives with the towering mountains of the Olympic range on one side and the Strait of Juan de Fuca on the other, with Vancouver Island visible in the distance.

For golfers looking for resort-style amenities, the Port Ludlow Golf Course features 18 holes divided into the "Tide" and "Timber" nines, complemented by a marina and spa.

Salish Cliffs is a modern, award-winning championship experience with significant elevation changes and scenic Pacific Northwest vistas.

For those seeking a 9-hole experience, there is the tree-less links-style SkyRidge Golf Course in Sequim, or the forested, wildlife-rich setting of Lake Cushman Golf Course, or Port Townsend's Camas Prairie's old-style layout, and Lake Limerick's challenging tree-lined fairways. All provide a rich golfing experience.



LakeLand Village (bottom) is a 27-hole treat in Allyn, Wash; Port Ludlow (top) offers a scenic 18-hole challenge at the top of the Olympic Peninsula.



LakeLand Village

Playing at two LakeLand Village Golf Courses offers golfers numerous ponds, gaping bunkers and majestic views of the Olympics and Mount Rainier. Ardent golfers will appreciate the scenic driving ranges, practice chipping and bunker areas, and the well-groomed putting greens. In addition to a gourmet restaurant, cafe and espresso bar, the clubhouse also provides banquet facilities.



Two Golf Courses: Executive Nine and The 18-hole Championship Ranch Course



Lifestyle

LakeLand Village Community

The community at LakeLand Village is like no other. The vibrant housing community is the only Washington residential community that offers 27 holes of golf.

The residents at LakeLand enjoy a variety of niceties like a lake-front bistro restaurant, a stocked spring-fed 50-acre lake for year round fishing, several miles of quiet streets for walking or bike riding and of course some of the best golf found in the state.

Located between Hood Canal and Puget Sound's Case Inlet, overlooking the town of Allyn, LakeLand Village offers a relaxed lifestyle for a unique living experience.

Whether you're planning a pleasant day of golf or a lifetime of fun, see what LakeLand Village has to offer!

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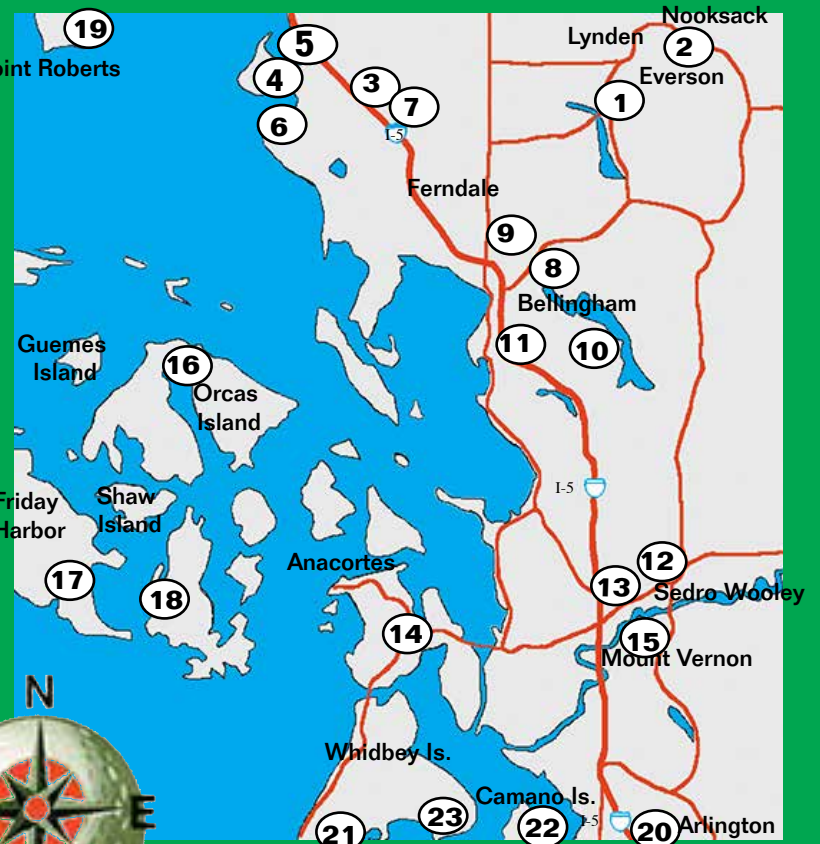
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Locator Maps for NW Washington and Olympic Peninsula

Map of NW Washington/Bellingham

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| <p>1. Raspberry Ridge
9 holes, 2,825 yards
Everson, Public</p> <p>2. Evergreen
9 holes, 2,145 yards
Everson, Public</p> <p>3. Grandview
18 holes, 6,404 yards
Custer, Public</p> <p>4. Semiahmoo Golf & CC
18 holes, 7,005 yards
Blaine, Public</p> <p>5. Loomis Trail Golf Club
18 holes, 7,100 yards
Blaine, Public</p> <p>6. Birch Bay Village
9 holes, 2,175 yards
Blaine, Private</p> <p>7. Dakota Creek
18 holes, 5,185 yards
Custer, Public</p> <p>8. Shuksan Golf Club
18 holes, 6,743 yards
Bellingham, Public</p> <p>9. North Bellingham
18 holes, 6,816 yards
Bellingham, Public</p> <p>10. Sudden Valley
18 holes, 6,553 yards
Bellingham, Public</p> <p>11. Lake Padden
18 holes, 6,575 yards
Bellingham, Public</p> <p>12. Gateway
9 holes, 3,050 yards
Sedro Woolley, Public</p> | <p>13. Avalon Golf Club
27 holes
Burlington, Public</p> <p>14. Swinomish Golf Links
18 holes, 6,205 yards
Anacortes, Public</p> <p>15. Overlook
9 holes, 2,540 yards
Mount Vernon, Public</p> <p>16. Orcas Island
9 holes, 3,060 yards
Eastsound, Public</p> <p>17. San Juan Golf Club
9 holes, 3,194 yards
Friday Harbor, Public</p> <p>18. Lopez Island GC
9 holes, 2,704 yards
Lopez, Public</p> <p>19. Bald Eagle
18 holes, 6,000 yards
Point Roberts, Public</p> <p>20. Gleneagle
18 holes, 6,010 yards
Arlington, Public</p> <p>21. Whidbey Golf Club
18 holes, 6,464 yards
Oak Harbor, Semi-private</p> <p>22. Camaloch Golf Course
18 holes, 6,234 yards
Camano Island, Public</p> <p>23. Holmes Harbor
18 holes, 4,279 yards
(south) Whidbey Island
Not shown on map</p> |
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Map of the Olympic Peninsula



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| <p>1. Peninsula Golf Club
18 holes, 6,308
Port Angeles, Semi-private</p> <p>2. Cedars at Dungeness
18 holes, 6,378 yards
Sequim, Public</p> <p>3. SkyRidge Golf Course
10 holes, 3,305 yards
Sequim, Public</p> <p>4. Sunland Golf Club
18 holes, 6,313 yards
Sequim, Semi-private</p> <p>5. Camas Prairie GC
9 holes, 2,763 yards
Port Townsend, Public</p> <p>6. Discovery Bay
18 holes, 6,659 yards
Port Townsend, Public</p> <p>7. Port Ludlow Resort
18 holes, 6,861
Port Ludlow, Public</p> <p>8. Lake Cushman GC
9 holes, 2,848 yards
Hoodsport, Public</p> <p>9. White Horse Golf Club
18 holes, 7,093 yards
Kingston, Public</p> <p>10. LakeLand Village
27 holes
Alyn, Public</p> | <p>11. Alderbrook Golf Club
18 holes, 6,305 yards
Union, Public</p> <p>12. Lake Limerick
9 holes, 2,898 yards
Shelton, Public</p> <p>13. Oaksridge
18 holes, 5,643 yards
Elma, Public</p> <p>14. Highland
18 holes, 6,112 yards
Cosmopolis, Public</p> <p>15. Ocean Shores
18 holes, 6,252 yards
Ocean Shores, Public</p> <p>16. Surfside
9 holes, 2,960 yards
Long Beach, Public</p> <p>17. Meadowmeer G & CC
9 holes, 2,824 yards
Bainbridge Island,
Semi-private</p> <p>18. Rolling Hills
18 holes, 5,910 yards
Bremerton, Public</p> <p>19. Gold Mountain
36 holes
Bremerton, Public</p> <p>20. Horseshoe Lake
18 holes, 2,915 yards
Port Orchard, Public</p> | <p>21. Village Greens
18 holes, Exec. 3,255 yds
Port Orchard, Public</p> <p>22. McCormick Woods
18 holes, 7,040 yards
Port Orchard, Public</p> <p>23. Trophy Lake
18 holes, 7,206 yards
Port Orchard, Public</p> <p>24. Gig Harbor G & CC
9 holes, 2,702 yards
Gig Harbor, Semi-private</p> <p>25. Madrona Links
18 holes, 5,602 yards
Gig Harbor, Public</p> <p>26. Hawks Prairie
36 holes
Lacey</p> <p>27. Tumwater Golf Course
18 holes, 7,154 yards
Tumwater, Public</p> <p>28. The Home Course
18 holes, 7,400
DuPont, Public</p> <p>29. Salish Cliffs
18 holes, 7,269 yards
Shelton, Public</p> <p>30. Grays Harbor C C
9 holes, 2,219
Aberdeen, Semi-Private</p> |
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Olympic Peninsula: A golfing smorgasbord

The region's unique micro-climates, such as the rain shadow affect that deflects rain and produces annual measurements that are a fraction of Seattle's 37-38 inches, courses like the Cedars in Sequim (16" yearly), and Discovery Bay in Port Townsend (19" yearly) and, depending upon which direction the wind is blowing, Peninsula Golf Club is also protected. This offers golfers the opportunity of year-round play regardless of the season.

LakeLand Village

LakeLand Village, located between Hood Canal and Puget Sound's Case Inlet, in the town of Allyn, Washington, is the only residential community that offers 27 holes of golf – The 18-hole course is called The Ranch Nine, the Generation I course is an executive course. With numerous ponds, gaping bunkers and majestic views of the Olympics and Mount Rainier, golfers will in for a treat when they play LakeLand Village courses.

Military golf at JBLM

Eagle's Pride at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (joint based Fort Lewis and McChord Base) is a treasure of the Pacific Northwest, nestled in the shadow of magnificent Mount Rainier. It's one of the best courses in Western Washington and is open to the general public. The championship course features 27 holes of golf with exceptional greens: the green, blue and red courses. It has just about everything you would expect from a Northwest course – tall trees, sand, water and tight fairways. In addition, golfers can enjoy year-round practice at their lighted and heated range.

Port Ludlow Golf Course

Golf Magazine named Port Ludlow as one of the top five public courses in Washington. The two 9-hole courses are named Tide and Timber. Both nines have elevation changes with tall trees on the fairway edges. The course is well bunkered especially around the greens. A tree trimming project on the back nine has opened up some shots as overhanging trees were trimmed, especially the tee shot on the par-4 13th hole. A short ferry ride from Edmonds and a 16-mile drive from the Kingston ferry dock, Port Ludlow offers the perfect get-away for anyone looking to take a break from the city. With a quaint inn, restaurant, spa and full service marina, the resort offers something for everyone.

The Home Course

A golf course in DuPont, Wash. existed for a few years before the PPGA came in, bought it and called it the Home Course. And what a place it is. The Mike Asmundson-designed course is user-friendly, but at the same time can be a monster if you choose to walk to the back tee boxes called Dynamite Tees and play the 7,400 yards. The Home Course hosts several PPGA championships. And hosted the 2023 USGA Women's Four-Ball. It is definitely a must

play on all golfer's bucket list and worth the trip when heading toward the bottom of the Olympic Peninsula. The PPGA made some changes to the back side changing the 11th hole to a par-4 and the 12th hole to a par-3. Both come with new bunkers, including a couple that are deep-faced and look like they came right from Europe.

The Cedars at Dungeness

The Olympic Mountains deflect the rain clouds around the city of Sequim, making the Cedars at Dungeness one of the driest courses in Western Washington – an average of 16-17 inches of rain per year. With an 18-hole layout measuring over 6,400 yards, Dungeness is protected by sprawling bunkers and narrow approaches to elevated greens. The signature hole is the par-5 3rd with a series of bunkers in the shape of a Dungeness crab. Even the sand in this hazard is red. The Jamestown S'Klallam tribe bought the course in 2007 and has invested heavily in the clubhouse and landscaping. It is a great escape for Seattle/Tacoma area golfers who want some quality dry golf.

Discovery Bay Golf Course

Discovery Bay Golf Club sits above Discovery Bay, just outside the historic Victorian Seaport of Port Townsend, Washington. The front nine opened in 1925 and the second nine was added in 1997. The two nines are vastly different; the original nine is located in the lowlands while the back nine is built on the top and along the side of a hillside. Both nines provide a series of challenging holes. The old-style clubhouse has a large deck that overlooks the front nine and is a great place to relax and enjoy a beverage after a round. There is also a practice driving range at the course.

Salish Cliffs

When Salish Cliffs opened in 2011 and it was obvious that this amenity of the Little Creek Casino and Squaxin Island tribe was something special, The Gene Bates-designed course won several awards in its first year, including being named one of the top new courses for 2011. At 7,269 yards the course offers everything - from ponds to sand traps to wetlands to the elevation changes, Salish Cliffs is a place that is a golfing treat with some stunning Pacific NW views and some challenging holes along the way. And don't forget about the casino, hotel and convention center, which sit right next door to the golf course.

Camas Prairie Golf Park

The course was formerly known as Port Townsend Golf Course. The 9-hole course is located in the historical seaport city of Port Townsend and features 2,731 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 35. The course will challenge you while providing a relaxing, picturesque backdrop. The hilly terrain makes for some nice carry on downhill tee shots



Lake Cushman Golf Course offers a challenging nine-hole treat for all levels of golfers.



The Home Course in DuPont is a great way to get an Olympic Peninsula road trip started.

but in summer the ground can firm up and accuracy is at a premium.

SkyRidge Golf Course

SkyRidge Golf Course is a family owned and operated golf course off the Old Olympic Highway in Sequim, WA. This link-style course with walkable, wide open fairways. There's a total of ten greens here– the 18th hole that has a separate green. The front nine plays to 3,296 yards, but if you want to play all 18, you'll play from a separate set of tee boxes on the back nine totaling 6,529 yards.

Lake Cushman Golf Course

Lake Cushman Golf Course sits on the edge of the Olympic National Park, high above the Hood Canal community of Hoodsport. The course and surroundings are truly a walk in the park, or a ride if you choose, where wildlife sighting is common. This well-maintained nine-hole course has separate tees to make a par 72. It is popular among locals as well as with campers and vacationers. The natural forested setting produces a calming atmosphere for

relaxing rounds of golf. The course is challenging yet playable for all levels of golfers. There is also a driving range and practice putting green at the course. Hot dogs and snacks are available at the pro shop.

Sunland Golf Club

Sunland is a members-owned club located in a mostly retirement community in Sequim. It winds through huge fir, cedar and spruce trees and is well protected by bunkers and ponds. The course, is now open to public play, with some restrictions. It sits in the shadow of the Olympic Mountains and gets about 17 inches of rain a year (half that of Seattle), making it one of the driest courses in western Washington. Most of the course is level and easily walkable. Sunland plays to just over 6,000 yards with a par of 72 and is always in great condition. It plays tight, demanding accuracy from the tees.

Oaksridge Golf Course

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Looking for that summer road trip? look to Olympic Peninsula

18-hole track measures 5,643 yards and is a local favorite after opening in 1926. The course is relatively level so it makes a perfect walking course. The Chehalis Tribe purchased the course and continues to make upgrades.

Grays Harbor Country Club

Located in Aberdeen is a nine-hole layout and is one of the oldest clubs in the Northwest having opened for play in 1912. With tall trees and small greens this is one of the most solid tests of old-school golf that you will find in Aberdeen. The 9-hole course has some holes that have two different tee boxes to give the holes a different look and feel the second time around.

Highland Golf Course located in Cosmopolis originally opened as a nine-hole venue in 1930. It became an 18-hole course in 1990 and plays to 6,112 yards with a par of 70. There are not many flat lies, which makes it even more challenging and the greens are small adding to the difficulty.

Alderbrook Golf Club

Alderbrook Golf Club is a member-owned course in a golf centric community and is open to public play. It is a classic Northwest forested setting high above Hood Canal in Union, Washington. Though the course is lined with homes, they are set back do not interfere with play. The most talked about hole is the 8th (Often called the 'S' hole), a double dog leg par 5 that stretches to 536 yards and was once picked by *Golf Digest* as one of the Northwest's toughest holes.

Ocean Shores Golf Course

Ocean Shores Golf Course got a national exposure in the 1960s with the Pat Boone Ce-

lebrity Classic and later, in the '70s when the LPGA Tour made an annual stop for four years. It was also the first win for local legion JoAnne Carner (the Hall-of-Famer eventually won 43 LPGA tour events). It is a challenging layout, yet a fun-to-play course. Par for the course is 71. While the course has a modest 6,252 yardage it plays longer when the heavy ocean air, and strong winds begin to blow.

Lake Limerick Golf Club

Lake Limerick Golf Course was selected as the People's Choice Best Golf Course in Mason County. The nine-hole course is open to the public and meanders through tree lined setback homes. Limerick is a beautiful, challenging course with two legitimate par 5's, with one of those being the lake view #8 signature hole, two tough par 3's and challenging par 4's. The golf course offers multiple tee boxes providing different perspectives on the front and back nine.

Peninsula Golf Club

Located in Port Angeles, Peninsula Golf Club opened the first nine in 1926 and is celebrating their centennial this year. The 18-hole course is not long by today's standard, playing to 6,332 yards with a par of 72, but don't be fooled by the short yardage, golfers have to be able to navigate tree-lined fairways, and be able to play on sloping fairways that sometimes lean toward OB. Approach shots to smallish contoured greens will also test your skill.

The most outstanding feature at Peninsula Golf Club is the incredible views: Cascade Mountains on one side and the Strait of Juan de Fuca on the other side. Back in 1945 Byron Nelson and "Jug" McSpadden (#1 and #2 playeres on the tour) played the course and shot 66 and 67 respectively. The course and the clubhouse



Hawks Prairie offers two championship courses: The Woodlands (above) and Links Course.

restaurant and lounge is open to all golfers.

Tumwater Valley

Tumwater Valley is known for many things, like its great condition, proximity to Interstate-5, reputation for hosting big tournaments – and a couple of par-3 holes that have two greens, offering a bit of variety to its par-3 holes, giving them a shorter look or another with a longer look. The course always is in top shape throughout the year. And its 10-acre practice area is like nothing in the area - with a grass tee hitting area and a terrific short game facility. The popular restaurant has a large patio area that can fill up with people on a warm sunny day, it is a great place to relax.

Golf Club at Hawk's Prairie

Hawk's Prairie is located a few miles north of Lacey, the Woodlands Course is a challenging test through the trees while the Links Course offers a more open layout. The courses have become favorites for Puget Sound since they opened for play. A solid practice facility sits near the Links course. It's the perfect place to spend the day and play 36 holes on two different types of golf courses. Both courses offer the chance to use every club on your bag and both gives you two distinct rounds of golf.

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The Bellingham has long been known for its great variety of golf courses. The area in and around Bellingham offers a little of something for everyone with golf personality and championship caliber challenges. And don't forget the bargain prices, stellar maintenance, beautiful layouts and breathtaking views combined with the upcoming pristine spring and summer weather makes the Northwest corner of the state a can't-miss golf destination.

Loomis Trail Golf Club

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 recently 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 from the first tee to the 18th green.

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.

North Bellingham Golf Course

Established in 1995, the North Bellingham Golf Course is a premier destination designed in the traditional Scottish links style. The course's expansive, open landscape leaves golfers vulner-

able to the elements, where shifting winds frequently dictate the difficulty of play. The facility is renowned for its firm, fast, and impeccably maintained greens, which demand precision and confidence from every player on the putting surface.

The strategic layout of the course is defined by 12 ponds that impact 14 holes and 58 strategically placed white-sand bunkers, creating a challenging environment that requires constant focus from the first tee throughout the entire round.

Shuksan Golf Club

With the Shuksan Golf Club in Bellingham, the theme is nature. There are challenges throughout the golf course and the first bit of water trouble comes into play on the very first hole.

Elevated tees and greens are prominent throughout the layout as the course varies over 100 feet in elevation. Ten Mile Creek meanders throughout the layout and cuts across many of the fairways to keep golfers on guard.

Shuksan Golf Club added length to the course recently and it now stretches beyond 7,000 yards from the back tees. And as a result the ratings from the white tees went from 121 to 131. Newly re-designed bunkers, water features and more have added to the course. Golf Digest has always rated this outstanding with course four stars since opening in 1991 and the course keeps that rating year after year.

A 250-seat outdoor terrace has been open for golf events, weddings, receptions and more. The Bistro at Shuksan is also a hit with golfers before or after a round.



Lake Padden Golf Course in Bellingham will keep you focused and challenge your game on every hole.

Avalon Golf Club

The kingdom of Avalon, home of All-Day golf – Avalon Golf Links of Burlington is the only 27-hole facility in the area and well worth the 50-minute drive from the Seattle area. Three separate nines make up the 27 holes and are simply named the South, West and North Courses. The name Avalon means an island represented as an earthly paradise in the western seas to which King Arthur and other heroes were carried at death, is a golfing paradise just off Interstate 5.

The Robert Muir Graves-designed course is a bargain all the way. Avalon offers an all-day promotion seven days a week, 365 days a year (rates vary depending on the day of the week).

Whidbey Golf Club

Set in the midst of a quiet, lake and tree-lined glen of Oak Harbor you'll find the natural beauty

and unique character of one of Whidbey Island's best kept secrets. Welcome, to Whidbey Golf Club, established over 50 years ago. Whidbey Golf Club is a semi private, family oriented club.

With its natural beauty, thrilling year-round play, and first-class dining facilities make WGC a natural choice for any occasion. Whether enjoying a round of golf, celebrating a wedding, or meeting for business, Whidbey Golf Club delivers an affordable quality that simply can't be beat. Oak Harbor sits in the rain shadow of the Olympic Mountains resulting in an average annual rainfall 50% less rainfall than most of the Puget Sound area.

Semiahmoo Resort

The 18-hole destination resort, located in Blaine, offers an award-winning golf course that is one of the top ranked courses and extremely

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challenging with plenty of water hazards to add to the fun.

Tree-lined Semiahmoo, ranked the No. 3 public course by Golf Digest (2005), offers five holes with water and a course that can stretch to 7,005 yards from the tips.

Some great golf and a restful stay at the resort are sure to be a winning combination. The private course is open for resort guests.

Semiahmoo features a tough one-two punch with hazard-filled hole Nos. 11 and 12. Water lines the right side of the fairway at the 371-yard par-4 11th hole and flanks the green, making both the tee shot and approach tough on even the most skilled golfers. No. 12 is a 173-yard par-3 requires a tee shot over water. There is bailout room left to avoid water, but miss it right and you and your shot are in big trouble. Semiahmoo Resort is also home to the Jeff Coston Golf Academy.

Sudden Valley Golf Club

Sudden Valley Golf Club is known for its two distinctly different nines. The front nine, which winds past the southern shores of Lake Whatcom, is relatively flat and open. The back nine, which feels carved from a forest, wanders through the trees and offers some narrow fairways and variation in elevation. The Bellingham course, designed by Ted Robinson and ranked a four-star offering by Golf Digest, has improved drainage on all 18.

Camaloch Golf Course

Located on Camano Island, Camaloch Golf Course has not only an 18-hole championship course but also a par-3 course to offer during the winter months.

Camaloch Golf Course is located in the Puget Sound's Sun Belt and receives about one-half of the annual rainfall of nearby courses, keeping it dry year-round. The course is located just 15 minutes off of Interstate-5, giving it easy access for those looking for a round right off the freeway. The course plays to 6,234 yards from the back tees but offers reasonable distances for all levels of players. The par-3 13th hole has been

lengthened and the pro shop has been renovated as well.

Holmes Harbor

Holmes Harbor is rated one of the top executive golf courses in Washington State, the 18-hole course is playable in just over three hours. The Par 64 course measures 4,279 yards, providing panoramic vistas throughout the course. The course is located on Whidbey Island.

With a defined cut of rough bordering the fairways and undulating greens, the signature hole is #8, a 160-yard, Par 3, with a 100-foot drop in elevation from tee to green.

Owner/operator Paul Lavin has revamped the course over the last few years after being closed and abandoned multiple times. Multiple water hazards, sand and pot bunkers along with the narrow and wide fairways make Holmes Harbor a solid test. New sand in all 24 bunkers is an addition.

Gallery Golf Course

This is a Navy-owned golf course in Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island. It is located at the Whidbey Naval Air Station. It opened to public play in 1992. The thing that gets your attention right away are the views. From just about every point on the course, there are views of the Puget Sound, Strait of Juan de Fuca and the mountains. On the course, there is also plenty to like. The back nine has some holes surrounded by trees but most of the holes around the course are open and offer those terrific views.

Swinomish Golf Links

The Swinomish Tribe enter into the golf business by purchasing Similk Beach Golf Course and turning it into their own Swinomish Golf Links. The course is part of the Swinomish Casino and Lodge, a place with water views, RV parking, restaurants, gambling and more. The golf course is also a good test and the tribe has put money back into the course to give a new look and some solid conditioning. There are plenty of challenging holes and golfers will enjoy some views of the nearby water and mountains during their round.



Holmes Harbor on Whidbey Island is ranked among the top executive courses in Washington.

Lake Padden Golf Course

If you are looking for some of the best in public friendly golf, then look no further than Lake Padden, located just south of Bellingham. An award-winning 18-hole championship course woven through an old growth forest. This setting offers a golfing experience unlike any other with serenity, peace, and unrefined beauty. Lake Padden also offers a driving range, PGA instruction, full service pro shop and restaurant.

San Juans Islands

A trio of nine-hole courses including Orcas Island Golf Club, Lopez Island Golf Club and San Juan Golf & Country Club provide quality golf to vacationers in the San Juan Islands. Orcas Island is the oldest of the three courses, as it was designed and built in 1960. It's a popular destination in summer and was recently purchased by a young local family, the Taylor Family.

Gleneagle Golf Course

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Deception Pass Golf Center

The facility is called Deception Pass Golf Center. It is located one mile south of Deception Pass Bridge on Whidbey Island and formerly known as Lam's Golf Links. The 9-hole course has 2 sets of tees to allow golfers to manufacture an 18-hole round. It has all par 3 holes with one short par 4 which plays to 232 and 255 yards. There is also a variety of other golf related activities.

Tribes around Northwest Washington are expanding with golf as an added amenity

Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes have entered the golf business as a strategic extension of their existing hospitality and gaming operations. They have transitioned from being solely gaming destinations to becoming resorts and vacation hubs.

Seven Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes in Northwest Washington have either developed their own golf courses or bought existing courses, made improvements and changed their names.

Their involvement in golf has made big changes to the golfing landscape by adding high-quality facilities and giving golfers another option to play. Many of their courses have become destinations where golfers can spend the night or weekends in upscale hotels right on the property and near to the golf course.

Indian Tribes and golf

- **Salish Cliffs Golf Club:** Course in Shelton is owned by the Squaxin Island Indian tribe with Little Creek Resort.
- **Swinomish Golf Links:** Course in Anacortes is owned by the Swinomish Indian Tribe. Resort.
- **Loomis Trail Golf Club:** Course in Blaine, Wash. was bought by the Lummi Nation Indian Tribe, which also owns the Silver Reef Hotel Casino.
- **Oaksridge:** Course in Elma was bought by the Chehalis Indian Tribe.
- **The Cedars at Dungeness:** Course in Sequim is owned by the Jamestown S'Kallam Indian Tribe. Nearby casino in Sequim is called Seven Cedars.
- **North Shore:** Bought by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians in 2016. They recently renovated the course and changed the name to Cedar Irons.
- **White Horse Golf Club:** Course in Kingston is owned by the Suquamish Indian Tribe, which bought the course after it had the Clearwater Resort.



Salish Cliffs Golf Club in Shelton.



White Horse Golf Club in Kingston.



Holmes Harbor Golf Club

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Spectacular views of Holmes Harbor

The Par 64 course measures 4,279 yards, providing panoramic vistas throughout the course. The 18th hole in particular offers a magnificent view of Holmes Harbor by a classic view of the Cascade Mountains.

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Traveling to Kitsap

On the way to your NW Washington destination? Try some of these gems that sit along the Kitsap Peninsula

If you are heading north for your golf trip, don't forget to take a look at golf on the Kitsap Peninsula. Here is a look at what you will find:

- **White Horse Golf Club** in Kingston was a hit the day it opened. And why not. With great conditions and a terrific layout, White Horse drew raves right out of the gate. This is a course with tight fairways over rolling terrain and enough elevation changes over native vegetation to test your game to the fullest. The modern clubhouse with a popular restaurant is a great place to hang out after your round. The Suquamish Tribe bought the course to go with its Clearwater Resort which provides a perfect amenity to what it has already. This is a course which has hosted plenty of major events as well, including the LPGA Legends Tour. You will notice plenty of improvements. Three new fountains that light up at night have been installed on the 18th hole and tree remove around the 18th and third greens provide better green conditions.

- **McCormick Woods** has been ranked among the top courses for years since opening in 1986. The course is a treat with 18 holes wrapped among the tall firs and cedars. A spacious 24,000 square foot clubhouse offers views of the golf course and events up to 300 people.

- **Gold Mountain** has a pair of courses, including its award-winning Olympic Course. The older of the two courses is the Cascade Course that is always popular with it's unique layout that incorporates elevation changes and tree-lined fairways. The Olympic Course has hosted some of the top amateur events in the Pacific Northwest from USGA Championships to NCAA Division 1 Championships.

- **Trophy Lake Golf and Casting** offers true Northwest-style course with tree-lined fairways, elevation changes and enough water and sand to test all golfers abilities. A new bunker project and changed the way the bunkers along the fairways and greens look.

- **Gig Harbor Golf Club** is gem on the way north to the Olympic Peninsula in Gig Harbor. The nine-hole private course offers some terrific rates to join and new changes include a re-do of both the sixth and seventh greens. Drainage improvements throughout the course have aired things out and membership is up as a result of all the positive changes.

- **Madrona Links**, after crossing the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, you will find Madrona Links, a challenging layout that is popular with locals for it's variety of holes and its restaurant. The course is a good choice if you haven't played there before. There is enough sand and water to keep your interest through the 18 holes.

- **Horseshoe Lake** in Port Orchard offers two completely different looking nines. You will want to take a cart for the back nine. Other courses that are worth taking a look at including places like Rolling Hills in Bremerton and Village Greens in Port Orchard.



McCormick Woods in Port Orchard, Wash. is a challenge (top); Gold Mountain in Bremerton offers two courses - Cascade and Olympic.

Canterwood finishes a multi-million dollar improvement project

Ever since opening, Canterwood Golf and Country Club in Gig Harbor, Wash. has always been among the top-ranked courses in the state of Washington. The course is a scenic gem and renowned architect Robert Muir Graves came up with a scenic yet challenging experience for golfers of all skill levels.

Consistently ranked among Washington's best (10th in *Golf Digest* 2025), the course demands a variety of shots and never plays the same way twice, it is an exhilarating golf experience.

Always looking to improve, the club has also implemented a multi-million dollar reinvestment campaign and made several enhancements to its golf facilities to improve member access and course quality. These upgrades include the installation of a new practice facility with two putting greens, a pitching area, and a greenside bunker; an expanded driving range tee; a six-bay covered



driving range; a state-of-the-art pump station. Canterwood's commitment to excellence is for improved turf management; and the resurfacing of cart paths across all eighteen holes. unwavering and the recent multi-million dollar transformation reflects this dedication.



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Joint Base Lewis-McChord offers a challenging pair to tee it up with Eagle's Pride and Whispering Firs

By Angie Andrews, JBLM

From a USGA article by Hunki Yun, "Golf and the military instill and promote shared values and characteristics: integrity, honor, respect, discipline, fortitude." While choosing courses to play in Western Washington, don't miss your chance to continue nurturing these values by playing a few rounds at Joint Base Lewis-McChord's two courses: Eagle's Pride Golf Course and Whispering Firs Golf Course.

It's no surprise there is ample room for two courses at JBLM since it's such a geographically large installation, but did you know Eagle's Pride Golf Course is outside the base's gates? Accessing the course located right off I-5 exit 116 could not be easier! Eagle's Pride offers 27 holes of quintessential Pacific Northwest golf that is challenging yet enjoyable for golfers of all skill levels.

Throughout the property you will find towering evergreens, rolling fairways and undulating greens that require thoughtful shot-making and course management to score well. The Red and Blue courses are the typical 18-hole layout, with the Green course serving as the alternate nine. All three courses offer unique challenges, and there is always debate on which of the three is one's favorite or the most challenging.

On top of the three courses, you can also play inside the lounge at Eagle's Pride.

That's right - military members and the public can enjoy indoor golfing with the Golf Simulator option. Reservations are available for groups of up to eight players, so while you can utilize the simulator for serious practice, trying out new clubs and viewing launch moni-

tor data, you can also just gather a group of friends to have some fun.

Golf is only one of the game options the simulator offers. Turn your indoor play into a party with games such as rugby, hockey, football, zombie dodgeball and more to choose from.

Heading inside the base gates, Whispering Firs Golf Course boasts 18 holes that are open to the public.

You can book on GolfNow or by calling the pro shop. Those without DoD ID cards must make a quick stop at the Visitor Center to get a day pass onto JBLM in order to play. Please add 10-20 minutes to your planned travel time to accommodate for the guest pass process. Once at the course, you will find a picturesque setting, great design and welcoming atmosphere for all golfers, besides enjoying the course,

Habañero Mexican Grill with patio views offers popular breakfast burritos to snag a filling bite before your morning tee time or lunch and snack items for after you finish your round. Both courses at JBLM have driving ranges, practice greens and well-stocked pro shops.

The courses offers tournaments such as CG scrambles and the popular longstanding Fort Lewis Amateur that will have its 67th annual tournament in early May.

Lessons for all ages are available throughout the year. To learn more about golf at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. For tee times and reservations, reach out to each course respectively by phone: Eagle's Pride Golf Course, 253-967-6522 and Whispering Firs Golf Course, 253-982-2124.



Eagle's Pride (top) and Whispering Firs are two terrific choices to tee it up at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

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