



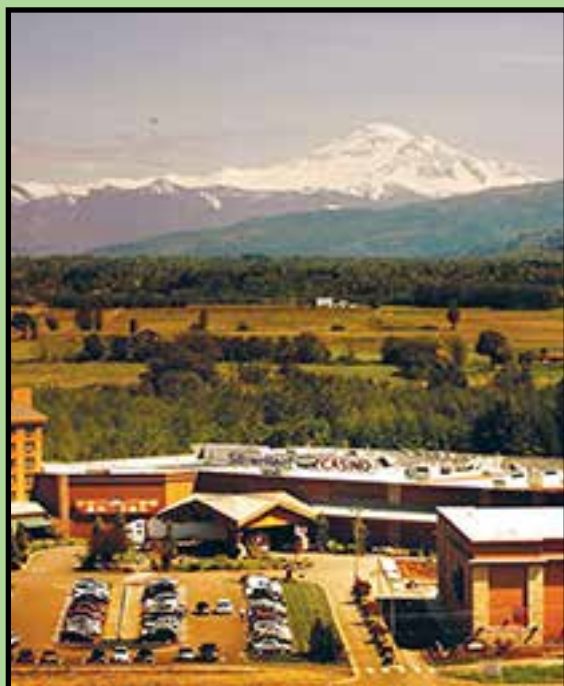
**Looking to head to Palouse?  
Hotel has options for you**

The University Inn in Moscow, Idaho has created a Golfing the Palouse package which includes the ideal place to stay and rounds at some of the best golf courses in the area - including Palouse Ridge (right). See inside for more.



**Old Works is one place to  
tee it up in Big Sky Country**

Montana's Big Sky Country is home to some terrific golf including The Old Works in Anaconda, which was designed by Jack Nicklaus. Another award winner is The Wilderness Club. Check out both inside this section.



**Pacific Northwest Resort golf  
is some of the best in the U.S.**

The Pacific Northwest is home to a vast array of world-class, award-winning golf resorts that cater to enthusiasts of all skill levels. Whether you are seeking a challenging championship course or a relaxing getaway, the region offers an abundance of options, ranging from the Wildhorse Resort & Casino in Pendleton, Oregon (near left), to the Silver Reef Casino Resort (far left), which features the renowned Loomis Trail Golf Club near the Canadian border.

To experience the best of the region, golfers can explore a variety of top-tier destinations that combine luxury accommodations with premier course design.

# Road trip: E. Washington and beyond

You never need a good reason to head to Eastern Washington, Idaho and Montana to play golf. There are plenty of great courses and even more great sights to see when you make the trip. At courses like Red Wolf in Clarkston, Wash. (right), Circling Raven in Worley, Idaho (bottom right) and the Old Works in Anaconda, Mont. (bottom left) there are choices galore to make. You will never run out of places to play or things to see when you head that way. For more please see inside this special section of *Inside Golf Newspaper*.



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**Take The Tour**

• There are so many courses to choose from when you visit the Spokane area and the Idaho Panhandle. You will like what you see with this variety of courses. Page 3.

**Northwest Resorts**

• If you are looking to play resort golf, the Northwest has you covered, including Black Butte Ranch in Central Oregon and its two golf courses. (below). See inside for more.



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*The Old Works Golf Course in Anaconda, Mt. is one of those places that needs to be played to be belived with its scenery and challenges.*

# Montana's Big Sky Country offers up a pair in Old Works, Wilderness Club

In the last couple of years, changes have been blowing in the wind at the Old Works Golf Course in Anaconda, Mt. Those changes include, a complete clubhouse remodel, adding additional seating, new bar and two golf simulators for winter-time activities. The Golf course will continue with improvements as well. New grasses seeded into the rough, irrigation improvements, along with general maintenance in the native areas to help with the pace of play. General Manager and Superintendent Todd Lupkes says "Everything continues to progress rapidly. We are seeing an increase in rounds and now are able to take care of those customers with an improved food menu, and beautiful new clubhouse to lounge in after the round. We have also added a new entertainment venue beside the clubhouse for after the round activities."

Future plans include cart path upgrades, practice facility improvements and a new putting course that are commonly found at resorts.

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 almost 100 years of smelting copper ore delivered from the mines in Butte, Anaconda laid idle after the smelters closed in 1980. 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.

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. For rate information visit [www.playoldworks.com](http://www.playoldworks.com) or call the golf shop at (406) 563-5989.

• The Wilderness Club Resort in Eureka, Montana is a haven of enjoyment for families and golf enthusiasts alike. Spanning over 550 acres of picturesque land, this purpose-built resort offers an array of attractions designed to cater to everyone's interests. From championship golf to luxurious accommodations and an exhilarating waterpark, there's something for everyone to savor.

And recently Brian Ehlerl the owner and operator of the resort, has teamed up with Escalante Golf to further enhance the resort.

The course, designed by the esteemed Sir Nick Faldo, the golf course at the Wilderness Club Resort has earned its reputation as the number one course in Montana and one of the top 50 public courses in the country. Ranging from 5,431 to 7,200 yards, the course showcases stunning Ponderosa-lined fairways, strategic waste bunkers, challenging greenside bunkers, and awe-inspiring vistas of nearby mountain ranges. Golf enthusiasts will find themselves captivated by the exquisite layout.

The Wilderness Club Resort offers a variety of options for stay and play packages. Whether you prefer the luxury of estate cabins, the comfort of upscale cottages, or the elegance of deluxe suites, the resort has



*Wilderness Club in Eureka, Mt. is a gem (top) and you can see a sheep at Glacier National Park (bottom).*

something to suit every preference. The cottages range from cozy studio accommodations to spacious two-bedroom units, and even larger units capable of accommodating large groups. Guests can also indulge in private amenities such as hot tubs and fully equipped kitchens, ensuring a comfortable and memorable stay.

Families will find the Wilderness Club Resort to be the ideal destination for a vacation filled with excitement and relaxation. The resort's sports park provides a plethora of activities, including beach volleyball, basketball, pick-

leball, and an 18-hole disc golf course, all conveniently located onsite. Furthermore, the expansive 21-acre Wilderness Lake offers opportunities to paddleboard or simply unwind on the beach. The waterpark promises thrills with its 250-foot water slide, two saltwater pools, a spacious hot tub, and a delightful splash pad.

At the Wilderness Club Resort, families and golfers alike can indulge in a delightful blend of recreation, relaxation, and culinary delights, making it the perfect destination for an unforgettable getaway.

# Inland Empire Golf

## Spokane offers up plenty of variety to tee it up

Golfers from around the Northwest have long known about the high quality of golf in and around Spokane. Not only are the courses superb but the prices are also below any of the other metropolitan areas in the northwest region of the country. 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. Spokane County, the other municipal course owner, has Latah Creek (formerly Hangman Valley), MeadowWood and Liberty Lake.

Here's a quick look at the Spokane area golf courses and what you face when you tee it up in the Inland Empire:

• **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. A new 4,500 square-foot event center/clubhouse is now open.

• **Kalispel Golf and CC:** The Kalispel Golf and Country Club is well known as one of the best golf courses in the Northwest. It has been ranked as one of the top 50 Casino Golf Courses in the nation by *Golfweek* magazine. This amazing course has allowed golfers of all skill levels to enjoy its beautiful surroundings for 125 years. The par 72 course is 6,633 yards long and has more than 50 bunkers. The elevation changes and Ponderosa pine lined fairways add a fun challenge to a

round of golf. The course is impeccably maintained, with beautiful landscaping and scenic vistas that enhance the experience of playing this course.

Located on the north side of scenic Spokane, WA., the historic Kalispel Golf and Country Club provides the ultimate Inland Northwest golf experience. Owned and operated by the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, the award-winning course can only be played by members and guests who book a Stay and Play package at the luxurious Northern Quest Resort and Casino.

After your golf round, plan to dine at North Spokane's favorite restaurant, 1898 Public House. Guests can relax with a view of the magnificent course, enjoy delicious cuisine and creative craft cocktails, and get ready for an evening of entertainment back at Northern Quest.

• **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 its elevation changes, tight dog-legs and greens that can be protected by water. Numerous bunkers are sculpted into the sides of steep hills.

• **Esmeralda:** A popular course for the locals, it plays to 6,250 yards. Over 65,000 rounds are played each year at the course they call "Essie."

• **Downriver:** One of the most popular in-town courses. Downriver's fairways are dwarfed by century-old pine trees that makes playing amongst them seem almost surreal.

• **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



Colfax Golf Club is on the road to Spokane and Pullman and is worth the stop for a quick round.



The city of Spokane-owned Indian Canyon features plenty of challenges with its variety of terrain.

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## Nez Perce Tribe has turned golf into a must-play spot with Red Wolf Club

Sometimes when you make the trip to Eastern Washington it's not easy to see what the area has to offer. It's just a vast area - you need to pick your spots. But here is a spot you definitely need to pick next time you are on your road trip - Red Wolf Golf Club in Clarkston, Wash.

This is a course with plenty of history and a place that can name drop as well.

Red Wolf opened as Clarkston Golf and Country Club back in 1937 and renovated in 1974. In 2018 the Nez Perce Tribe bought the course and changed the name to Red Wolf Golf Club.

Now, there is a new management team on site as CourseCo has taken over at Red Wolf, adding the course to its ever expanding list of courses that include Palouse Ridge, The Old Works and Glendo-

veer. The Nez Perce Tribe has pumped money into the course with new maintenance equipment, and more. The results have been what they had hoped for giving the course a more dramatic look as it sits adjacent to the Snake River.

And for that name dropping - PGA Tour star and Northwest native Joel Dahmen grew up on the course and his dad still lives 30 minutes away and his caddie Geno Bonnalie lives on the hills overlooking Lewiston Country Club.

The course has hosted its share of big-time tournaments including Pac-8 Championships, PPGA Championships and most recently the WSGA Seniors Championship in early June.

And year-round golf is a thing since the elevation of Clarkston is only 738 feet.



Red Wolf Golf Club opened in 1974 as Clarkston Golf and Country Club in Eastern Washington.



Chewelah Golf Course.

## Don't forget these spots as you head north of Spokane

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:

- 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 first fairway and ninth green.

For RVer's there is a park with 43 full hookup sites - including six new sites - as well as some dry campsites.

The club also bought \$25,000 worth of patio furniture as another upgrade. 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).

For information and to view the specials and promotions visit [www.chewelahgolf.com](http://www.chewelahgolf.com).

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



Deer Park Golf Course.

## Spokane area: Loaded with golf

course design by producing difficult, but fair, courses. This is one of the top challenges in the area and was awarded four stars by *Golf Digest* magazine. It sits across the street from Liberty Lake Golf Course.

- **Liberty Lake:** The course underwent a major rebuild in 2008 and 2009 and reopened in 2010. The course was closed for more than a year and a major re-design 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 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.



Liberty Lake is owned and operated by Spokane County and is across the street from MeadowWood.



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## Looking to golf in the Palouse, check out these packages

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The other courses included in the package are Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman, Washington; Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley, Idaho; Lewiston Golf and Country Club in Lewiston, Idaho; and Quail Ridge Golf Course in Clarkston, Washington. Each course offers its own distinct experience. Palouse Ridge and Circling Raven are both nationally recognized for their award-winning layouts and breathtaking views. Circling Raven, a Gene Bates-designed course, earned national acclaim when it opened and was quickly named one of the best new courses in the country. Golfers from around the region and beyond travel to experience its vast, dramatic landscape. Lewiston Country Club provides a classic, private-club atmosphere, while the University of Idaho's course features challenging elevation changes. Quail Ridge rounds out the list with a picturesque design that delivers both beauty and playability.

The University Inn is the only hotel in the area offering multi-course golf packages, making it the most convenient choice for golfers looking to explore the best of the region. Each package includes lodging, 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, range balls, a hot breakfast buffet, and complimentary drink certificates for the hotel's on-site restaurant and lounge. Available from April through the end of October, these packages combine outstanding golf with welcoming accommodations and small-town charm. Whether you're traveling solo or planning a group getaway, the Best Western Plus University Inn offers everything you need for an unforgettable golf adventure.

### SPOKANE AREA

1. **Chewelah Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,486 yards  
Chewelah, Public
2. **Deer Park Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,690 yards  
Deer Park, Public
3. **Dominion Meadows**  
18 holes, 6,743 yards  
Colville, Public
4. **Creek at Qualchan**  
18 holes, 6,596 yards  
Spokane, Public
5. **Downriver Golf Course**  
18 holes, 6,130 yards  
Spokane, Public
6. **Esmeralda Golf Course**  
18 holes, 6,249 yards  
Spokane, Public
7. **Latah Creek**  
18 holes, 6,901 yards  
Spokane, Public
8. **Indian Canyon**  
18 holes, 6,255 yards  
Spokane, Public
9. **Liberty Lake Golf Course**  
18 holes, 6,398 yards  
Liberty Lake, Public
10. **Manito Country Club**  
18 holes, 6,378 yards  
Spokane, Private
11. **MeadowWood Golf Course**  
18 holes, 6,874 yards  
Spokane, Public

12. **Painted Hills Golf Club**  
9 holes, 3,239 yards  
Spokane, Public
13. **Kalispel Golf and CC**  
18 holes, 6,679 yards  
Spokane, Semi-Private
14. **Trail Head at Liberty Lake**  
9 holes, 2,072 yards  
Liberty Lake, Public
15. **Wandermere Golf Course**  
18 holes, 6,108 yards  
Spokane, Public
16. **Fairways at West Terrace**  
18 holes, 6,398 yards  
Cheney, Public
17. **Palouse Ridge**  
18 holes, 7,300 yards  
Pullman, Public

### IDAHO PANHANDLE

18. **The Idaho Club**  
18 holes, 6,655 yards  
Sandpoint, Resort
19. **StoneRidge Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,522 yards  
Blanchard, Public
20. **Twin Lakes Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,277 yards  
Rathdrum, Public
21. **Prairie Falls Golf Course**  
18 holes, 6,229 yards  
Post Falls, Public
22. **The Highlands Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,369 yards  
Post Falls, Public

23. **Avondale Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,573 yards  
Hayden Lake, Public
24. **Coeur d'Alene Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,295 yards  
Coeur d'Alene, Public
25. **Coeur d'Alene Resort**  
18 holes, 6,804 yards  
Coeur d'Alene, Resort
26. **Club at Black Rock**  
18 holes, 7,130 yards  
Coeur d'Alene, Private
27. **Gozzer Ranch**  
18 holes, 7,143 yards  
Harrison, Private
28. **Kellogg Country Club**  
9 holes, 3,042 yards  
Pinehurst, Public
29. **Galena Ridge**  
18 holes, 7,000 yards  
Kellogg, Public
30. **Circling Raven**  
18 holes, 7,189 yards  
Worley, Resort
31. **Priest Lake**  
18 holes, 6,177 yards  
Priest Lake, Public
32. **Whitetail Club & Resort**  
18 holes, 7,140 yards  
McCall, Public
33. **Osprey Meadows**  
18 holes, 7,319 yards  
Tamarack, Resort
34. **The Links Golf Club**  
18 holes, 7,425 yards  
Post Falls, Public



Vandal Course at University of Idaho.



Palouse Ridge Golf Course.

# Panhandle Golf

From the public courses to the resorts, there are plenty of options when it comes to Idaho

*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:*

• **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.

• **Circling Raven:** The course opened in 2003 in Worley, Idaho – about a half-hour south of Coeur d'Alene or east of Spokane. It 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. The sprawling layout presents a collection of magnificent holes that will test your game. Adjacent to the course is the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel. The course is celebrating its 20 year in business in 2024.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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 Mt. 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 semiprivate, as homeowners own the course. It is open to the public.

• **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.



StoneRidge (top) and Avondale Golf Club (bottom) are two great choices to try when you make the trip to play golf on Idaho's Panhandle.



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# Resorts of Oregon: Quality everywhere

*Editor's note: Inside Golf Newspaper has taken a look at all the golf resorts in Oregon and here is a look:*

## Wildhorse Resort and Casino

Many golfers talk about the "game within the game," the mental challenges that make each round so enjoyable. But at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino in Pendleton, they also talk about the games after the game. Because at Wildhorse, you can play 18 holes of golf followed by a round of casino games.

Situated in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, Wildhorse's 7,112-yard course is a blend of Scottish Links and traditional American golf. The 18th hole is perhaps one of the top finishing holes in the Northwest, with a lake running along the right side and white sand bunkers guarding the approach.

The resort also now owns the Course at Birch Creek, which used to be called Pendleton Country Club.

## Three Rivers Resort - Ocean Dunes

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians own and operate a casino and hotel

in Florence and a casino in Coos Bay as well. The resort has a little something for everyone, including the Ocean Dunes Golf Links. This is a true links experience on the Oregon Coast with views of nearby sand dunes and a challenging layout. The Three Rivers Resort in Florence is the home for a 90-room hotel and casino which plenty of entertainment, The Three Rivers Casino in Coos Bay is always popular for people traveling up and down the Oregon Coast.

## 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 ten-

nis, swimming and hiking.

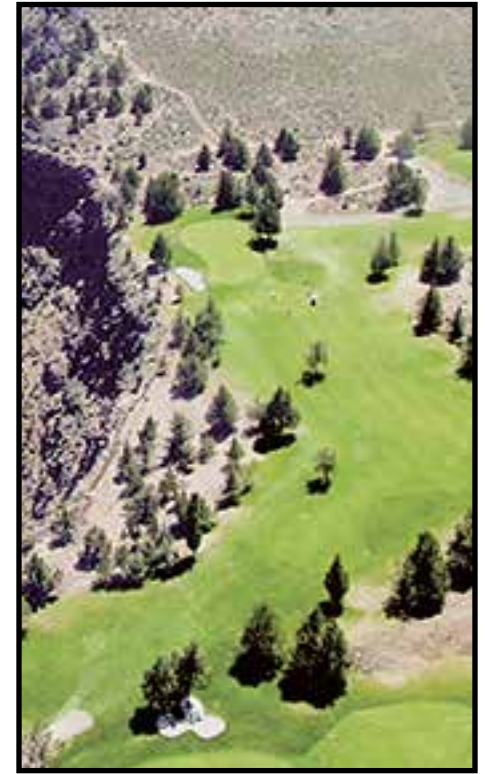
Pacific Northwest professional Chuck Milne shot a 59 in a tournament there in the summer of 2004.

## 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. The resort turns 25 years old this year.

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 recently opened last year. And two others, The Preserve and Shorty's are both open.

Welcome to Bandon Dunes, home of five of the top golf courses in the country. In fact, a sixth course called Shorties opened this year. 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



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Bandon Dunes Resort has added more courses and turned 25 years old in 2024.

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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.

## 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 Resort is a first-class operation. The facility offers three distinctly different sets of nines called, Thistle, Foxglove and Pine Cone. Besides golf, guest can play tennis, croquet and lawn bowling, sand volleyball, badminton, basketball, hiking or bicycling. The resort is located at the base of Mount Hood where there are plenty of outdoor activities to take part in. Plus there are several places to hike, fish and other outdoor activities that can be on the menu for a trip to the Mount Hood Oregon resort. A new web site has also been set up at [www.mthood-resort.com](http://www.mthood-resort.com).

## Black Butte Ranch Resort

One of Central Oregon's best hideaways is Black Butte Ranch, located northwest of Bend. Located on nearly 2,000 acres, Black Butte is the perfect place for golfers and their families.

Sitting on 1800 acres, Black Butte comes complete with 18 miles of bicycle trails, swimming pools, tennis courts, horseback riding . . . and, of course, golf.

With two golf courses, Black Butte offers something for everyone. The Glaze Meadow Course is carved out of the trees while the Big Meadow course is routed through a meadow and provides great views of nearby mountains.

The resort has also come up with an eight-year plan for some scheduled changes. One of the first major projects at Black Butte was the addition of 74 bunkers at the Big Meadow course. Glaze Meadow shut down the course for a year while architect John Fought updated the course in 2007 and it now stretched over 7,000 yards. One other major change is the addition of a recreation center at Glaze with a new pool, tennis courts and spa.

## 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



Black Butte Ranch Resort in Central Oregon is home to two championship courses, Glaze Meadow and Big Meadow.

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.

## 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.

## 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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# Resorts of Washington

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

## Silver Reef Resort (Loomis Trail Golf Course)

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.

There is plenty to like with the resort and the golf course. The resort features 206 rooms with views of Mount Baker and more.

## 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 to get into the golf business the tribe bought the White Horse Golf Club to give it yet another amenity for the resort. The White Horse Golf Club in Poulsbo 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 entice businesses in from out of town. The casino has four restaurants, plenty of slot machines and table games to test your luck. And the golf course is another reason that players keep making it back across the water to resort.

## Apple Tree Golf Resort

Apple Tree in Yakima is 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 with several memorable holes throughout the course. Apple Tree also has plenty of housing opportunities.

Other amenities include like pickleball courts, a swimming complex and a large lawn area.

## 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. 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



*The award-winning Loomis Trail in Blaine, Wash. is part of Lummi Nation Indian Tribe's Silver Reef Resort.*



*White Horse Golf Course in Poulsbo is part of the Suquamish's Clearwater Resort.*



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## Sun Country RV Resort

Located 90 minutes east of Seattle and a few minutes off Interstate-90, Sun Country features an alpine course carved out of the trees. The yardage might be short for some, but the course plays long when the winds blow off the nearby slopes of the Cascade Mountains. The RV park features full hookups and is close to outdoor activities like hiking, fishing, rafting and more.

Sun Country Golf and RV Resort opened its 9 Iron Bar & Grill to add to its 18 hole golf course in 2024. The 9 Iron Bar & Grill is loaded with "Modern Farm" features, including a 26' tall interior beam ceiling with cupola, rich wood finishes, an indoor-outdoor fireplace, oversized windows, a 23 foot long Live Edge solid top bar, floating shelves back bar filled with brand name whiskeys, bourbons, scotch, vodkas, liqueurs, wines and more. Indoor-Outdoor seating is complete with two, 10 foot roll up garage doors that overlook a newly designed putting green.

## 7Cedars Resort

The Jamestown S'kallam Indian Tribe expanded its resort when it purchased the Dungeness Golf Club. To go in line with its casino-resort theme, the golf course was renamed The Cedars at Dungeness.

The golf course is probably best known for being one of the driest in the Pacific Northwest, being located in the Olympic Mountain Rain Shadow and the casino is loaded with games, entertainment and dining. There is also plenty of sight-seeing to do in the area, located on the Olympic Peninsula.

## Semiahmoo Resort

Semiahmoo Resort, which is located in Washington's northwest corner in Blaine, offers guests the chance to play a terrific Arnold Palmer designed 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 its 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.

## 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.

## Kahler Glen Mountain Club

Kahler Glen Mountain Club, in Leavenworth, features a tree-lined 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 and keep the ball in play during your round.

## Port Ludlow Resort

Port Ludlow has been a golfers favorite for years. And for good reason, the tranquil setting amongst the trees makes playing the 18-hole course literally a walk in the park. 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 of finding lodging in nearby Port Townsend. There's



Apple Tree Resort in Yakima has always been known for its signature apple-shaped par-3 island green.

also plenty to do, including kayaking, bike riding, hiking and checking out the sights and shops in Port Townsend.

## 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

This is what the beginning a golf resort looks like. It started with the award-winning David McLay Kidd-designed golf course in Brewster, Wash. and continued with the villas at Gamble Sands, a restaurant and putting course. Next came the Quicksands Course, a shorter course also designed by Kidd, giving the place more of a resort feel with two courses, lodging and more. And now comes Scarecrow, the second championship course which opened this year and also was designed by Kidd. It all adds up to one of the best resort experiences around

the country

## Suncadia Resort

One of the newest resorts came on the radar in the state of Washington in 2000 – Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum is in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. The first course, called Prospector, opened all 18 holes to start the resort. The second, the private Tumblecreek opened amid rave reviews and the third, Rope Rider, opened to give the resort a third course. 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.

## 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. Eighteen holes are nestled between Fidalgo Bay and Similk Bay with Mount Baker as a backdrop. Swinomish Golf Links is a par 72 course located on beautiful Fidalgo Island, just 2 hours north of Seattle, Washington.

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