



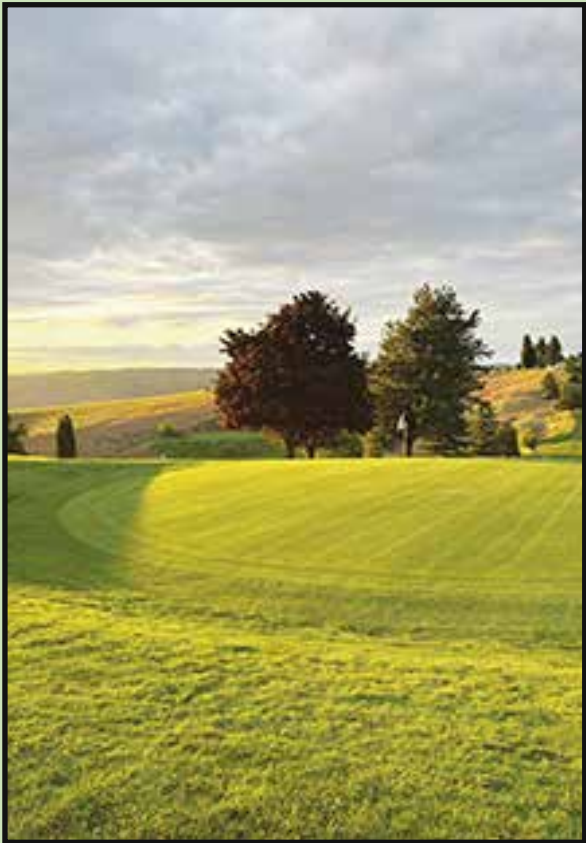
Portland's Glendoveer offers
a fall golf doubleheader to try

Fall golf in the Portland area is always a great idea especially at a course like Glendoveer with its two courses. There is plenty to like with the weather and typically nice fall weather to take advantage of.



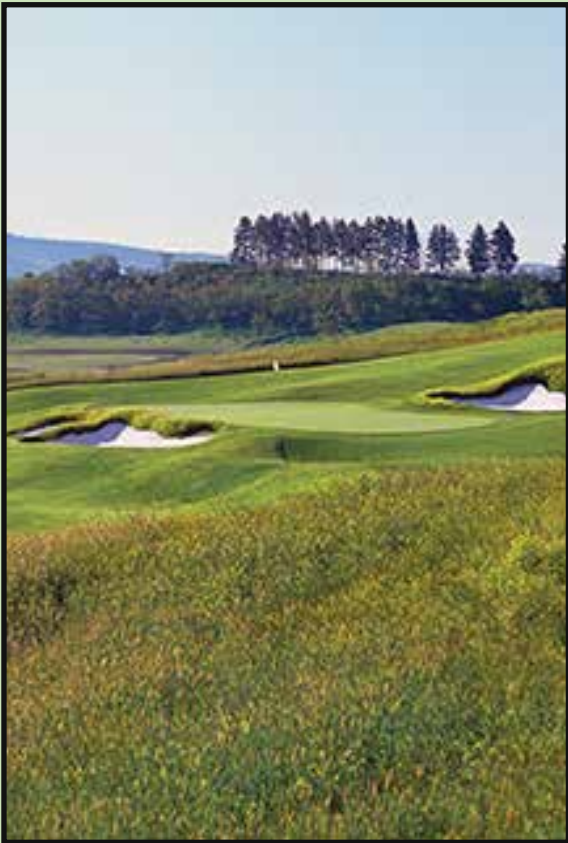
Central Oregon Road Trip:
Fall is a great time to travel

For a fall trip, look no further than Central Oregon with its variety of courses like Brasada Canyons (left), a chance to float the Deschutes River, places to hike and plenty more to do. See inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



Looking for a fall golf trip?
Idaho offers some great
places to stay and play

Fall golf is an ideal time to play in the Pacific Northwest and even in Idaho at places like Bryden Canyon in Lewiston (left) and Palouse Ridge in Pullman (right). In fact, Palouse Ridge is part of the Golf the Palouse group that features the University Inn in Moscow teaming up with courses offering some terrific Stay and Play packages. So there is plenty to like about fall golf when it comes to visiting Idaho. For more on what Idaho has to offer, see inside this section.



Fall in the NW is the
best time to tee it up

As the vibrant days of summer fade behind us, golfers certainly do not need to pack away their equipment. In fact, autumn serves as an ideal season to experience the region's premier courses, such as Glendoveer Golf & Tennis in Portland (right), Black Butte Ranch in Central Oregon (lower left), and Loomis Trail Golf Club in Northwest Washington (lower right). Fall golf is where the prices drop, the tee times open up and the colors of the trees are changing. For more on fall golf in the Pacific Northwest, see inside this section of *Inside Golf Newspaper*.



Fall golf: Time to play

The fall is a great time to play golf in the Northwest

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

Probably the best part of fall golf is playing the lack of congestion, the slow playing that is associated with large crowds navigating the course is gone. Fall time brings out the true golf lover, the ones who may not be the best ball strikers but they know how to get around the course at a fair pace. If you choose your course carefully, you can often times have the course nearly to your self. Golf was meant to be played at a speed that is comfortable and not hurried or rushed because the group behind you is starting to drive on you or having to wait on every tee for the slow group in front of you.

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

This is the time of year when jumping in the car and driving out of the city can be rewarding, to places like The Home Course in DuPont, Alderbrook on Hood Canal, or a 30-minute ferry ride across the water from Seattle to White Horse in Kingston. Also on the Olympic Peninsula is a terrific stop - Port Ludlow Golf Club. Always ranked among the top courses in the Pacific Northwest, Port Ludlow features a Northwest treat through trees along with plenty of other challenges.

In Oregon, the Portland area is another great option and Central Oregon, at places like Juniper, the fall golf options are terrific with the changing of the colors, course conditions and weather. And Black Butte Ranch Resort, also in Central Oregon, offers two courses and now a new putting course.

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

And Wine Valley is a place where you can not go wrong. Designed by Dan Hixson, the course is an award winner and for good reason. The large fairways, rolling greens and terrific views of the Blue Mountains make Wine Valley a terrific fall destination.

One huge benefit to fall golf is the off-season green fees. For some, the high-time rates can be challenging to average player who can only afford a few rounds a month while the reduced rates allows more people to play more often and keep the clubs in the car instead of in the closet.



Golf in the Puget Sound area at places like Foster Golf Links just south of Seattle is always a solid bet.



Eastern Washington's Moses Pointe in Moses Lake is another terrific choice for some Northwest fall golf.





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Central Oregon: The variety of courses and the scenery make this a great place

Here is a quick look at some of Central Oregon's top courses to try in the fall season:

• **Juniper Golf Course:** There's no doubt that Central Oregon continues to be a fantastic option for golfers in the region looking for a fast golf getaway. When you hear golfers talk about their plans for golf in Central Oregon, the resorts in the area are typically front of mind. But with so many golf courses to choose from during your golf get away, those who really know golf in Central Oregon often talk about the only resort quality golf course that is municipally owned, seconds from the airport in Redmond, Ore. Juniper Golf Course has become a shining star in Central Oregon with its stellar views and challenging playable golf course.

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

• **Aspen Lakes:** A "Hidden Gem" is how NBC's Morning Drive described Aspen Lakes. It is the result of a lot of hard work and imagination by the Cyrus family, who bought the land in 1989. They turned a piece of high desert scrub land into one of the jewels of Central Oregon.

Aspen Lakes hired Oregon's 2019 Golf Course Superintendent of the Year to "up our game" and make the course even better. Through lots of hard work and long hours, Aspen Lakes is unquestionably one of the best and most enjoyable courses



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

to play in Central Oregon. If you had to pick two things that stand out at Aspen Lakes Golf Course, it would have to be the unique red volcanic crushed rock sand used in the bunkers and the great views of the mountains in the Cascade Range. Ponderosa pines, scented juniper trees, lakes and breathtaking views of the Cascade Mountains at almost every turn make Aspen Lakes an amazing all-around golf experience.

• **Black Butte Ranch:** Black Butte Ranch is one of those special places that not only has plenty of family activities, but features two distinct 1st-class championship courses: the Robert Muir Graves-designed Big Meadow course (known for its recent bunker renovations and wide, strategic

fairways) and the John Fought-redesigned Glaze Meadow course. And don't forget about the Little Meadow Putting Course, a great place for families to play even more golf.

The resort is set across 1,800 scenic acres near the town of Sisters and is framed by breathtaking view of the Cascade Range. One of the best time to visit the resort is when fall colors are in full bloom.

The resort offers miles of trails for hiking and bicycling, horseback riding, fly fishing, and paddle-boarding. Guests can easily find a balance between active adventure with deep relaxation.

Black Butte is a golfer's paradise. Each course provides a different, yet challenging golf experience, both should be on your fall "Bucket List".

Portland's Glendoveer: With two courses, this is a place for fall golf

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Veer Disc Golf Course is another popular option. Located on the front nine of the West Course, The Veer Disc Course features out of bounds, hazards and elevation. For \$15 per player, it's a treat.

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

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

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





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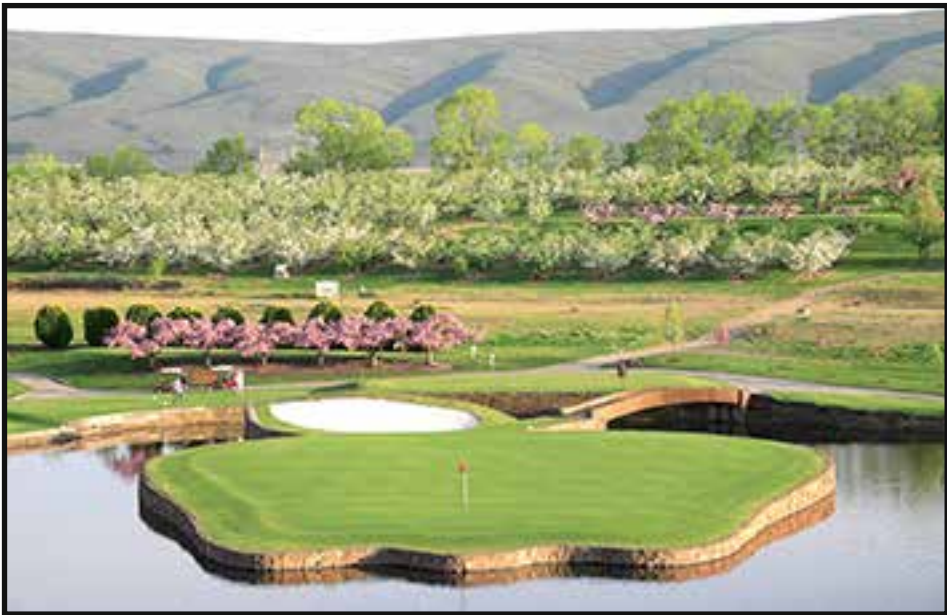
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Find stellar golf in Central and Eastern Washington

As you make your way over Snoqualmie Pass and head toward Central and Eastern Washington in the fall months, the scenery is breathtaking, with the changing colors of the trees and the odd glimpse of snow along the pass. The seasons are definitely changing once October rolls around.

- **Lake Chelan:** Ever since it was built in 1970, Lake Chelan Golf Course has always been a popular spot for golfers visiting the area. Located on the lake's north side, Lake Chelan is a solid par-72 golf course that sits on a bluff with unparalleled views of the lake that will stay in your memory.
The course has three sets of tees and plays to 6,445 yards from the blue tees with a slope of 124. The reviews by visitors to Lake Chelan all talk about the fantastic views and the great condition of the course. If you are planning a trip to the Wenatchee/Chelan area you will want to put Lake Chelan Golf Course on your itinerary.
- **Red Wolf:** One of the most recent entries into the Tribal golf course ownership is the Nez Pearce Tribe of Idaho, which bought the Clarkston Golf and Country Club in 2018.
One of the first changes the tribe made was to change the name to Red Wolf Golf Club. The course sits adjacent to the Snake River and features a walkable 18-hole course that has hosted some big-time tournaments through the years including the Pac-12 championships and several PPGA championships.
The Nez Pearce Tribe also owns and operates its own casino resort called the Clearwater River Casino and Lodge, which is located in Lewiston.
- **Links at Moses Pointe:** Located just four miles north of interstate 90 in Moses Lake, Wash., has been a favorite destination for golfers since opening in 1999 Having played

- host to the 2005 and 2008 Washington State Amateur Championship as well as the 2011 Pacific Northwest Public Links, Moses Pointe will test the games best players. With great golf, 300 plus days of sunshine, and a growing residential golf community, Moses Pointe is sure to become your next home away from home, or who knows, maybe your next home?
- **Gamble Sands:** There is plenty to like at Gamble Sands, the award winning course in Brewster, Wash. From the championship course to the 37-room Inn at Gamble Sands to the Cascade Putting Course, there is lots to do. A new course called Scarecrow opened in 2025. The Sands course sits above the Columbia River and the David McLay-Kidd layout is ranked among the best in the country and the Pacific Northwest. The 14-hole golf course called Quick Sands plays differently every day with different routing with yardages on all 14 holes. The Cascade Putting course sits next to the villas and is a treat.
 - **Apple Tree:** Apple Tree in Yakima is one of the Northwest's premier golf experiences and given a 4-Star rating by *Golf Digest*.
The signature par-3 17th hole with its apple-shaped island green is one of the state's most recognizable holes. The hole is a masterpiece of golf architecture that measures over 10,000 square feet with nine different tee boxes to choose from. The 17th hole is only one of many great holes at Apple Tree Resort. The course winds through 100-year old apple orchards with some stunning water hazards and challenging elevation changes. The course and greens are always in perfect condition.
 - **Columbia Point:** Located in Richland, Columbia Point Golf Course is a daily fee facility adjacent to the Columbia River. The course is owned by the City of Richland and measures



Lake Chelan Golf Course (top) and Apple Tree are two Central Washington golf fall options



Nestled atop the bluffs of western Lewiston, ID, Bryden Canyon Golf Course serves over 30,000 golfers each year.

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So many choices for fall golf in Central, Eastern Washington

6,571 yards from the back tees. It celebrated its 29th year this year. Nothing too complicated greets the average golfer but the course does have water hazards and numerous bunkers that will need to be avoided.

• **Canyon Lakes:** Canyon Lakes has won a variety of awards, including voted as Best Golf Course by the People's Choice Awards (13 years in a row) making it the most popular course in the Tri-Cities area. Rated 4 1/2 Stars by *Golf Digest*, making it the highest rated course in the Tri-Cities and shares the highest ranking in Washington State. In addition to the lofty rating, *Northwest Travel Magazine* selected Canyon Lakes as one of "18 of the Best in the Pacific Northwest."

• **Highlander Golf Club:** At 800 feet above the Columbia River is a breathtaking piece of property that boasts a masterpiece designed by John Steidel and built by Jim Haley (Haley created and shaped Bandon Dunes). This one is called Highlander and it lives up to the name with magnificent panoramic views. The most talked about hole is the par-3 ninth, a 185-yard bear that requires a tee shot across a canyon.

• **Kahler Mountain Club:** Kahler Mountain Club is a year round recreation jewel with cross-county skiing, snowshoeing or ice-skating in winter, golf, tennis & pickle ball, and a great place for other activities like hiking, zip-lining, horseback riding and wine tasting. 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.

• **Sun Lakes Resort:** Sun Lakes Resort in Coulee City, Wash. is a busy place with plenty to recreation plus access to Vic Meyers Golf Course. There is so much to like at Sun Lakes



Red Wolf in Clarkston, Wash. is a perfect getaway.

Resort with its myriad of outdoor activities plus the terrific weather - and into fall, it's a busy place so get those reservations early for the cabins and RV spaces. It's a family oriented resort where everyone finds something enjoy.

• **Wine Valley Golf Club:** Walla Walla is becoming a wine and golf shot spot. The once-sleepy hamlet in the southeastern corner of the state has become one of the premier wine destinations in the United States. But if you were looking to pair fine public-access golf with wine touring and tasting, the pickings were slim. The uncorking of Wine Valley Golf Club a few years ago changed all that - for the area and for the Pacific Northwest. Ranked as one of the top courses in Washington by *Golfweek*, Wine Valley has been added to the must-play list for golf enthusiasts.

Wildhorse Resort: Pendleton, Ore. resort is a fabulous get-away with two courses

At the base of the Blue Mountains in the town of Pendleton, Oregon you'll find two spectacular golf courses. The Wildhorse Resort Golf Course and the Golf Course at Birch Creek feature 18 holes of championship golf, beautiful lakes, long fairways and deep bunkers, all making the perfect mix for challenging play. The resort plays host to the LPGA's Epson Tour each year, which has been a popular and successful event.

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

delicious breakfast, lunch, or dinner from the new Clubhouse Bar and Grill.

Nestled near the site of a historic encampment of the Cayuse Indians lies a 248-acre golf oasis. Formally known as Pendleton Country Club, the Golf Course at Birch Creek is now owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and operated by Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Located just seven miles south of town, the par 72 golf course settles gently into rolling wheat fields and is divided by the meandering Birch Creek where golfers can see native fish or roaming deer as you make your drive.

The perfect getaway is waiting for you in Wildhorse Resort and Casino's 10-story Tower Hotel, tent and teepee sites, an outdoor pool, and provides quick shuttle transportation to and from the casino.



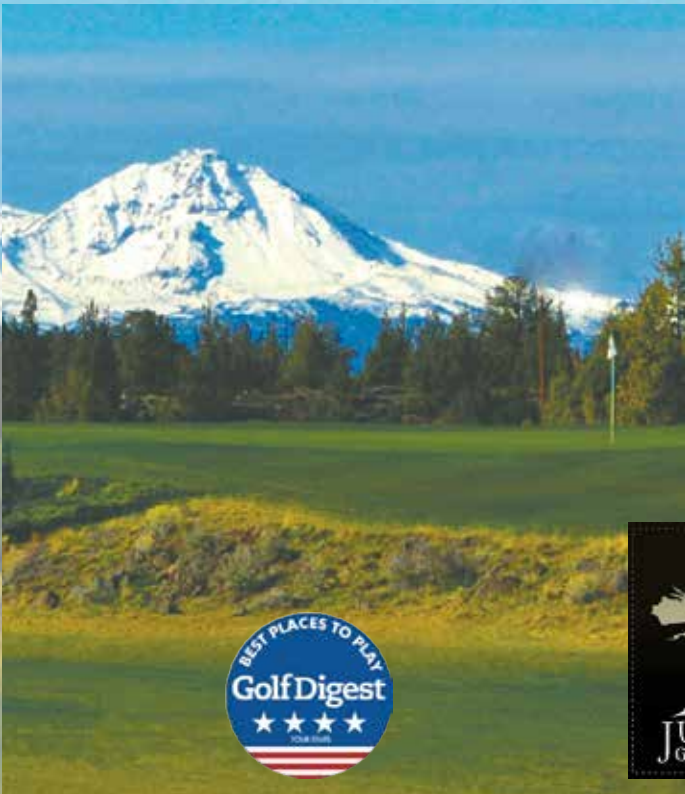
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Some fall golf trips that offer a chance to sample a special treat of spectacular golf and scenery

There are plenty of areas in the Pacific Northwest to enjoy golf during the changing seasons, none more so than Northwest Washington and the Olympic Peninsula. With changing colors of foliage and the chance for some early snow in the mountains.

• **Shuksan Golf Club:** The Shuksan Golf Club in Bellingham, the theme is nature. There are wetlands throughout the golf course and the first bit of water trouble comes into play on the very first hole. And there are new owners as well.

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.

• **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. There are a variety of quality rooms and the resort has a little something for everyone.

• **North Bellingham Golf Course:** Opened in 1995 and is a Scottish style links golf course. The openness leaves one exposed to the elements and one's game at the mercy of the wind at times.

The greens are firm and fast, making a balky putter something to leave at home. The well-manicured greens roll true and put a premium on good putting.

The layout offers 12 ponds, making 14 of the

holes play with a water hazard and 58 white-sand bunkers. In fact a two-year bunker project with new sand in all the bunkers throughout the course was completed in 2014. North Bellingham also has plenty of holes which grab your attention early and keep it the rest of the round.

• **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.

• **LakeLand Village** in Allyn offers 27-holes of golf with three distinctly different nines with Generation I (9 holes) and the Ranch Course (18 holes). The popular residential community dates back to 1972 with each nine added as new housing sections opened up. Each course has elevation changes, tall tree-lined fairways and well manicured greens. And there is plenty real estate action around the course as well from homes to town homes.

• **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 13-15 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.

• **Swinomish Golf Links:** The Swinomish Tribe got 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.



LakeLand Village Golf Course in Allyn, Wash. offers 27 holes of golf in a quiet trip through the trees.



North Bellingham Golf Course in Bellingham features an enjoyable golf course and some great fall viewing.



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The fall season is a special travel time for RV golfers to get away

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

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

- **Wildhorse Resort** in Pendleton has 100 hookups and a pool and spa as well as a short walk to the golf course or casino. A great place if you want to take in a live show, play a few casino games or get in some top quality golf, or just relax in the park. The resort operates two golf courses.
- **Sun Lakes Resort** in Coulee City, Wash., offers plenty of places to stay with 152 RV spots and another 69 cabins. Plus there are plenty of activities in and around the area, including Vic Meyers Golf Course is nearby for some golf activity.
- **Sun Country Golf and RV Resort** is in Cle Elum, Wash. and features RV parking in the parking lot of its golf course, located right off I-90. The area has full hooks up and plenty of recreational activities for you to choose from when making a visit, plus new restaurant as well.
- **The Little Creek Casino** (Salish Cliffs) in Shelton, has 44 full hookups and several other amenities including it award-winning golf course.
- **Swinomish Casino and Lodge** in Anacortes, has electric, cable and water but no sewer connection. They also are not located near their golf course (Swinomish Links) and do not provide a shuttle service to the course.

- **Circling Raven** (Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort) provides only electrical hook-ups at the casino which is within walking distance to the golf course.
- **Sage Hills Golf & RV** has 42 RV spaces and amenities lake The Grill at Sage Hills with a lounge and comfort food, there is Trigger's Pizza where guests can enjoy a wood-fired authentic pizza. Pets are welcome and for those without an RV, there is a 3-bedroom home for rent.
- **Chewelah Golf & Country Club** offers a park that has 37 camping sites with full hook-ups as well as some dry camp sites. They also have a 27-hole golf course and an airstrip near by.
- **Deer Park RV Resort**, about 45 minutes north of Spokane, is a 5-star resort next to Deer Park Golf Course. It has the amenities you would expect from a resort, like pool & hot tub, recreational pavilion with exercise equipment, plenty of dog runs, laundry room, Bocce Ball court, and a rig washing area.
- **Royal City** is one of the most often overlooked golf course with RV overnight parking in the Pacific Northwest. The course is always in great shape and a new clubhouse was added a few years ago. An unusual bonus when staying at are the crop dusters which fly nearby.
- **Desert Aire:** With terrific summer weather, Desert Aire is a popular spot for RV's along the Columbia River in Central Washington. With golf and full hook ups, it's important to book early. There are also other amenities to choose from as well.
- **Bar Run:** This Southern Oregon golf course in Roseburg has several large RV sites resort complete with full hook ups and a swimming pool and new lazy river.



Little Creek has full RV hookups and golf.



Bar Run Golf & RV Resort has golf and more.

Golf the Palouse: University Inn in Moscow has deals to stay and play

Planning a golf trip to Eastern Washington or the Idaho Panhandle?

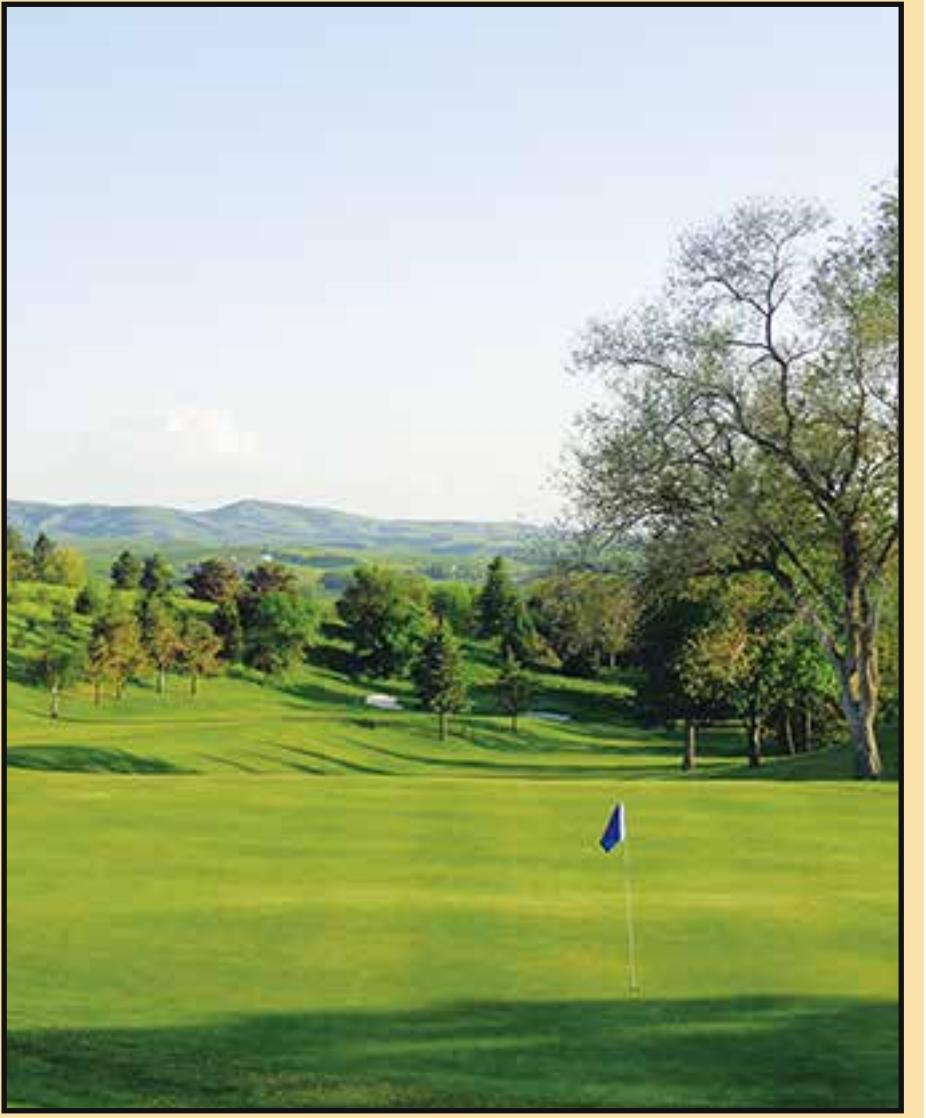
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The other courses included in the package are Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman, Washington; Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley, Idaho; Lewiston Golf and Country Club in Lewiston, Idaho; and Quail Ridge Golf Course in Clarkston, Washington. Each course 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.

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With fall colors in the air, Idaho offers some great trips with Bryden and Tamarack

There are a multitude of places in the Pacific Northwest where fall golf is a special deal. Count Central Idaho as one of those places.

At places like Bryden Canyon in Lewiston, fall golf doesn't get much better. This is a course that opened in 1974 that overlooks not one but two cities Lewiston, Idaho and Clarkston, Wash.

Bryden Canyon is the kind of course that offers a little something for everyone from the views to the challenging shots and is open year-round as well.

Operated by CourseCo, Bryden Canyon's location in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley with year-round playability and mild climate makes it a place where golfers can enjoy all the seasons. And for those 12 months, the price is always right. In 2023 Bryden Canyon was awarded the Best Inland NW Community Choice Award for Best Golf Course.

With its stellar views, terrific conditions and great prices it's little wonder why Bryden Canyon is a popular choice for golfers local and who come from miles away to tee it up.

• When Tamarack Resort's Osprey Meadows Golf Course opened for play in 2006, the reviews were so good that it seemed like it would always be one of the top courses in Idaho. The Robert Trent Jones Jr. -design was a gem, sitting about two hours north of Boise. It was named the best New Course in America in 2006 and ranked the top course in Idaho a few years later.

But something happened that changed everything at the course.

The course shut down in 2015 as the resort ran into ongoing legal proceedings and ownership issues. It seemed all was lost with Osprey Meadows. But fast forward to 2022. New owners came in during 2019. They regained control of the course

in 2021 and started renovations.

And now, Osprey Meadows has re-opened with a few tweaks here and there and is a course just might be even better when it first opened. There are a couple of holes that have been re-routed and a new 19th hole called The Gambler has been put into play giving golfers a chance to break any ties.

Osprey Meadows is a place that has to be seen to be believed. The holes are carved out of wetlands and tall trees. It can play as long as 7,265 yards to 4,435 yards.



Tamarack Resort sits north of Boise, Idaho offers its 18-hole Osprey Meadows (top); Bryden Canyon in Lewiston has some terrific views from its 18 holes (bottom).



We are looking forward to having our course very playable late into the fall as we will be sanding aerifying the course to prepare for the season change.

Bald Eagles are still actively present and typically renovate their nest in the late fall season.





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Road trip: Central Oregon offers up plenty to do in the fall months

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As the car rolled down Highway 97 the signs to Bend showed that we were getting closer. The stands of Juniper trees were getting bigger and the landscape was starting to remind me of what Central Oregon really looks like.

I had not been back for a few years to Bend and as we made our way through town I knew I missed the place. I missed the Old Mill District with its shops and restaurants. I missed the sights of the parks and Deschutes River. I missed the local golf courses. The sights of hiking in and around Mt. Bachelor. Everything.

This was a road trip - and a quick one and we packed it all in. If you are an adventurous sort, this is the kind of road trip you just jump in your car and go. There were a few plans with our friends who live in Bend who some were made up on the fly.

This being a golf publication let's start with the golf. I had not played Juniper Golf Course in years and yes, I still call it the new Juniper Golf Course but it's not that new anymore having opened in 2005 after the old course was forced to move. The new one, designed by John Harbottle, is a treat albeit a tough treat. It's so good that Juniper has hosted the Oregon Open several times.

The next day it was off to a place called the Old Back 9, which like its name was nine holes but a terrific nine. It used to be called Mountain High and played to 18 holes. But nine holes got shut down years ago and now it has a cool name and it is not the easiest nine holes you will play.

Another course we got a chance to play was Brasada Canyons and was a treat. Designed by Northwest PGA pro Peter Jacobsen and his partner Jim Hardy this place has wide fairways and views and elevation changes that get your attention on just about every hole.

OK, so much for the golf. With only a few days



Rafting the Deschutes Rivers through downtown Bend is always a popular attraction.

in town there was more to do. Now it was off to the Deschutes River. We grabbed our tubes and threw them in the river and floated for an hour and a half. Our friends who live in Bend warned there were some rapids. They weren't kidding. Nothing dangerous but enough to get you soaked and get your attention for a few minutes.

The other thing about Bend is seems like everyone is all about the outdoors. There are trails everywhere. And it seems like everyone has a dog when they are walking as well.

And best of all about being in Central Oregon it seems like you are away from all of the hustle and bustle of the hectic city life. That is what it felt like for a few days. I need to get back.



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