



Golf the Great American West

There are hundreds of excellent golf courses throughout The Great American West, and golfers are constantly surprised at what they can find in places they never thought possible. They're also surprised to find out that they can play golf on many courses six to seven months a year amid national parks and spectacular scenery. But in addition to the variety of courses throughout the region, there are world-class resort courses rated in Golf Digest's "America's 75 Best Resort Courses" as well as by the National Golf Foundation.

Denver

The international gateway city of Denver is blessed with an extraordinary landscape, perfect for dramatic golf courses. It offers plenty of golf in the summer months and has a solid mix of both municipal-run golf courses all the way up to very high-end, famous private clubs.

South Dakota

The Black Hills, Badlands and Lakes area of South Dakota features several golf courses surrounded by majestic pine-covered mountain where golfers will find 22 courses to challenge their game. Home to several fine courses including the 18-hole par 72 Meadowbrook course in Rapid City that's rated in the top 50 public courses in the nation.

Southern Hills Golf Course west of Hot Springs is a nine-hole course chosen by the National Golf Foundation as one of the best in America's heartland. Dakota Dunes, east of Sioux City, designed by Arnold Palmer, has been named the best course in South Dakota by Golf Digest and Golfweek. A number of course are open year-round, making it possible to ski in the morning and golf in the afternoon.

The northeast region of the state is dotted with serene lakes and 29 beautiful, quiet golf courses that offer golf lovers the chance to unwind on wide-open courses. The great lakes in the central region offer expansive Missouri River reservoirs, gently sloping prairie hills and waving grasses. Here, links style courses along jagged river bluffs will challenge any skill level.

North Dakota

Hawktree in Bismarck takes advantage of the landscape's watering holes and naturally rolling hills. In 2006 it was Golf Digest's #19 of America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses and also was on Golf Digest's 2011-12 ranking of America's 100 Greatest Public Courses.

The Links of North Dakota, near Williston, was the number one course in North Dakota in 2013-14 and rated 53rd among the 100 Greatest Courses. It was also voted a Must Play Golf Course by Zagat's Survey's American's Top Golf Courses from 2003-2010.

Bully Pulpit in Medora is a challenging course in the beautiful Badlands near Medora. It was ranked America's #1 Affordable Public Course in 2006 by Golf Digest.

Triple Challenge - Hawktree Golf Club has joined with these two other outstanding North Dakota golf clubs - Bully Pulpit Golf Club, and The Links of North Dakota, to provide an unbelievable opportunity for golfers that are ready for a real challenge.

Consider a visit to the eastern part of the state to King's Walk at Grand Forks, designed by Arnold Palmer, which lies in a natural prairie setting that evokes the great courses in Scotland and Ireland. In 2009 Palmer rated it among his favorite 16 courses from the nearly 200 his company has designed.

Montana

Montana boasts more than 70 golf courses. The challenging “Old Works” Course (designed by Jack Nicklaus) in Anaconda, Montana is gets rave reviews. It incorporates mining relics and black slag sands with premier facilities. Nearby, the Fairmont Hot Springs golf course boasts a ‘mile high, mile long’ hole, one of the most challenging in Montana.

Destination golf vacations are a popular part of the many things Montana’s Flathead Valley area has to offer, as it has been named in the top 50 by Golf Digest. World-class courses include Buffalo Hill, Eagle Ben, Meadow Lake, Polson Country Club and Whitefish Lake, with over 10 courses to choose from.

Bridger Creek Golf Course and Cottonwood Hills Golf Course in Bozeman offer spectacular views of the scenic Gallatin Valley. Head east to Billings which has several enjoyable and challenging courses. Then head south to Wyoming.

Wyoming

Once in Wyoming, you will find that golf courses in this state satisfy those seeking views of the Teton Mountain Range, wildlife spotting or championship course designs. Plus, the state’s wide-open terrain facilitates long links, and its strategically converted natural landscapes provide challenging holes.

The Powder Horn Golf Course near Sheridan is a 27 hole championship golf course designed by The Bailey-Isaksen Group. It boasts one of the best practice facilities in the US. Or swing away with landmark views of Devils Tower from almost every tee box at the Golf Club at Devils Tower in Hulett. This 18 hole, par 72 course is spread over about 1560 acres.

Work a history lesson into your round at Trails Ruts Golf Course in Guernsey, which is on the Oregon Trail and close to the State Historic Site. Visitors can camp right on the golf course at Larson Park Campground, or visit the Oregon Trail Ruts.

Jackson Hole boasts two top 50 courses in sight of the Grand Tetons, including the par 72 Jackson Hole course (#10) designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. & Jr., and the par 72, 18 hole Teton Pines (#49) designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay. Besides golfers, frequent visitors to the fairways and greens include moose, deer, elk, bald eagles, fox, geese and osprey.