



**Lithia Pacific Amateur Classic is set for Central Oregon area**

The 17th annual Lithia Pacific Amateur Golf Classic is one of the top events in the country. See Page 2 for more.

**The Tour: Central Oregon has some top golf courses**

There are plenty of choices in Central Oregon, including places like Crooked River Ranch. See inside.



## RV's and golf: The way to travel

It seems as nothing can stop golfers who own recreational vehicles from hitting the open road - not even those pesky high gas prices. The number of RV golfers touring the Pacific Northwest has become significant – and it is a big part of the revenue for some courses, like Sage Hills in Warden, Wash. (near right) and Deer Park, north of Spokane (far right). Courses have learned the value of catering to RV golfers. For more, please see inside.



# Destination: Central Oregon

There is no doubt that golf is king in Central Oregon. With its abundance of quality courses and resorts, it's little wonder why people from around the Pacific Northwest – and the rest of the country – have made Central Oregon an annual destination golf trip. And when you combine the outdoor activities such as biking, horseback riding, skiing, fishing, rafting and more, the area is truly a playground for families as well as golf groups.

Central Oregon is ranked among the top golf destinations in the world, with courses like Aspen Lakes (right) and Black Butte Ranch (below) to choose from. In fact, the Central Oregon region is considered one of the top vacation destinations in the country. People head to Central Oregon every year to experience the golf, the fishing, the hiking, the bicycling . . . the area is a smorgasbord of things to do. In the winter, the skiing at Mount Bachelor is some of the best in the country. Its an area that seems to match the climate and geography with top-notch resorts to offer an outdoor experience like no other. For more, please see inside this special section of *Inside Golf*.



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**Central Oregon Golf Trail helps get the area more notice**

Central Oregon is 23rd among *Golf Digest's* "Greatest Golf Destinations in the World" and the area can thank the golf courses that are part of the Central Oregon Golf Trail.

The Central Oregon Golf Trail is a collection of 20 remarkable golf courses surrounded by spectacular High Desert scenery. Located on the sunny, eastern side of the majestic Cascade mountain range, the Central Oregon Golf Trail showcases the region's array of courses designed by top architects including Nicklaus, Fazio and McLay Kidd. The Trail's 13 partner properties are: Aspen Lakes, Awbrey Glen, Black Butte Ranch, Brasada Ranch, Crooked River Ranch, Eagle Crest Resort, Juniper, Lost Tracks, Pronghorn, Quail Run, Sunriver Resort, Tetherow and Widgi Creek.

The Central Oregon Golf Trail provides golfers all the resources necessary to ensure the best possible experience and offers a unique complimentary concierge service to help simplify the planning process by creating custom vacation packages for groups or individuals. Access to some private and semi-private courses is a benefit for those wanting to play the area's premier courses.

With much more than golf to offer, the area has something for all ages and interests, attracting families, groups and individuals seeking an amazing variety and an outstanding value. In addition to the world class Golf Trail experience, Central Oregon features excellent accommodations, a lively restaurant and entertainment scene, a unique craft brewery culture, tax free shopping and countless outdoor activities.

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# Pacific Amateur makes moves to September

The Lithia Pacific Amateur Golf Classic is turning 17 this year and continues to show why it is one of the top amateur events in the country.

The event uses some of the top courses in the Pacific Northwest for its players and with the move back to September this year, tournament organizers are hoping to expand the field.

The tournament, which takes place Sept. 23-26, 2013 at Bend-area golf courses, has grown to nearly 800 players and looks to keep on growing with time. Tournament director Mike Patron expects the field to fill this year

with golfers from around the country.

The tournament has been held for 16 years in the Central Oregon area and is run by the Central Oregon Visitors Association.

Players will play three tournament rounds before the top players from each division get together at Crosswater for the championship round. Net scores are used throughout the week of play.

There are divisions for golfers of all ages, including men, women and seniors.

For information call the Pacific Amateur office at 1.888.425.3976 or check out [pacamgolf.com](http://pacamgolf.com) for additional info.

### Pacific Amateur Facts

- **When:** Sept. 21-26, 2013
- **Where:** Central Oregon's top courses, including Sunriver, Aspen Lakes, Widgi Creek, Eagle Crest and Lost Tracks.
- **Format:** Players play three days of stroke play with the top two finishers in each flight advancing to the final championship round at Sunriver's Crosswater.
- **Information:** 888.425.3976 or check out [www.pacamgolf.com](http://www.pacamgolf.com)

# Sunriver will host PGA national club pro event; Tournaments you can play in

Sunriver's Crosswater and Meadows courses will be in the national spotlight this month when the country's best club professionals meet for the 46th annual PGA Professional National Championship June 23-26.

A total of 312 national club professionals will tee it up at Crosswater and the Meadows course. The top 20 finishers from the tournament qualify for the 2013 PGA Championship.

But that's not all at Sunriver this year. The resort is also hosting the Ghost Tree Invitational Aug. 23 with celebrities, the AJGA will visit for a four-day tournament Aug 26-29, the PPGA Team Championship will be held Sept. 16-20 at the Meadows and Woodlands and the Pacific Amateur will take place Sept. 21-26.

different courses.

Josh McKinley, the head professional at Aspen Lakes, is a veteran and told himself that if he ever became a head professional he would set up an event to honor veterans. He has done just that with the Central Oregon Patriot Golf Challenge.

"One of my goals was to get an event like this going if I got into the golf business," said McKinley, who served in the Army. "This is a win-win event for everyone." Entry fee is \$565 per team and includes an opening reception, golf, carts, range balls, lunchn, tee prizes and more.

For more information, call Aspen Lakes at 541.549-4653.

is \$495 per team and includes welcome reception and pairings party Friday night, two tournament rounds of golf, breakfast each tournament day, tournament dinner Saturday night, prizes and gifts.

### Black Butte Grapes and Golf

In September, Black Butte will host its second annual Grapes & Golf Event, a premier couples event September 19-21, 2013. The event features a spectacular weekend of golf, food and wine. For information regarding golf specials and events at Black Butte Ranch, call 888.965.5745 or visit [BlackButteRanch.com](http://BlackButteRanch.com).

• There's even more new at Black Butte Ranch. Not only did the Central Oregon resort re-do its Big Meadow course, now comes along new changes to its Glaze Meadow Golf Course.

The \$3.75 million renovation was a project was approved by the homeowners of Black Butte and was unveiled in 2012. Pacific Northwest architect John Fought handled the re-design.

The new look has added tee boxes, greens, bunkers and more. The course will now play 400 yards longer (7,07 yards from the back tees) than the previous layout and the changes start right from the opening hole, which used to play as a double dogleg par-5 but is not a par-4.

### Central Oregon Patriot Challenge

Aspen Lakes, Widgi Creek and Bend Golf and Country Club will be the host courses for the 2013 Central Oregon Patriot Challenge Oct. 4-6, 2013.

The tournament is run in conjunction with the PGA's Patriot Golf Day and will support the Patriot Golf Day and the Folds of Honor Foundation.

The third annual event will feature two-player teams playing on three different formats over three days on the three

### Black Butte Father-Son event

The inaugural Black Butte Ranch Father Son Classic will be held on Father's Day weekend, June 14- 16, 2013. The three day event includes a great weekend of golf at the award-winning Big Meadow golf course and the newly designed Glaze Meadow course at Black Butte Ranch.

Father Son Teams may consist of fathers and sons; grandfathers and grandsons; stepfathers and stepsons; fathers and sons in law; and uncles and nephews. Price for the Father Son event

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# The Tour

## Central Oregon is home to many of the top courses in Pacific Northwest

Editor's note: *Inside Golf Newspaper* has traveled to the Central Oregon many times through the years. Here's a look at where to play and what is new at the courses in the area. We hope you like what you read.

### Aspen Lakes: New clubhouse and red sand

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.

Designed by Northwest golf architect Bill Overdorf, the course was named one of the "Top Ten Affordable Golf Courses" in 2001 by *Golf Digest*.

Ponderosa pines, scented juniper trees, pristine lakes and breathtaking views of the Cascade Mountains at almost every turn make Aspen Lakes an amazing all around golf experience. It's no wonder it is a popular place for families and as well as corporate outings. A new rustic clubhouse adds to the golfing experience.



Aspen Lakes in Sisters recently opened a new rustic-looking clubhouse.

### Eagle Crest: You can choose from three courses

Surrounded by majestic, snow capped Cascade Mountains, Eagle Crest Resort is located along the Deschutes River, just west of Redmond and north of Bend. Named a *Golf Digest* Best Place to Play in 2008 and 2009, guests return year-after-year for the Resort's 54 holes of golf (three courses) and extremely valuable, unlimited golf packages. They also return for the fully renovated Lodge at Eagle Crest, well-maintained vacation homes, three sport centers, indoor and outdoor pools, multiple tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, miles of hiking and biking trails, spa, and countless recreational pursuits throughout Central Oregon.

When it comes to golf, challenge, variety and value are the top priorities at Eagle Crest Resort. With two championship golf courses, the par-63 Challenge Course, and a popular 18-hole putting course, links lovers are never far from their favorite pastime. Four sets of tees on each course allow the more experienced golfers plenty of challenge, and the less experienced equally enjoyable rounds. And thanks to the lower elevation, The Ridge and Challenge Courses remain open all winter long.

- The Ridge Course – Host of the 1999 and 2002 Northwest Open, and 2006 Oregon Open.

- The Resort Course – Host of the 2011 Pacific Amateur and Oregon High School State Golf Championships since 1991.



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# Take a tour of Central Oregon

• The Challenge Course - Named the Pacific Northwest's best short course by *LINKS Magazine* in 2006.

## Sunriver: Plenty of golf and family activities

If you are seeking a variety of incredible golf courses and want to stay in one place, then Sunriver Resort is the place for you. The Meadows and Woodlands courses are both beautiful and challenging, but are often overshadowed by the attention given to the award-winning Crosswater. Sunriver is a popular resort for families in winter and summer and has all of the activities that you would expect to find at a top resort including a spa, many dining options, a fitness center, and of course the golf. A new course called Caldera Springs has opened, located next to Crosswater, and is a perfect place for your short game practice, although there are some longer holes.

## Crooked River Ranch: A dogleg along the river

At Crooked River, the fifth hole is perhaps one of the most dynamic golf holes you will come across. There's a great view and a tough shot. The dogleg left hole, a 260-yard par-4, may not seem intimidating on the scorecard, but from the tee box it's another story.

The Crooked River runs along the left side of the hole in a large deep canyon and the desert sits on the right side. The green can be driven, but it's a tough shot. Any shot to the left, and you're left looking straight down 12 stories at your ball floating away in the Crooked River. In his book on *Oregon Golf*, author Paul Linnman calls the hole "the most spectacular golf hole in Oregon."

Crooked River Ranch is a place for families. Not only is there the golf, there's the camping, fishing and boating. With plenty of outdoor activities in and around the resort, a family vacation will never get boring.

## Juniper: Course playing host to big-time events

When it became too costly to keep the land that was the Juniper GC, the city of Redmond began to look at other options. They were able to make a deal with the Bureau of Land Management to acquire land just south of town and have Northwest architect John Harbottle design a new course. In 2006 Juniper Golf Course replaced the old Juniper which was located near the Redmond Airport.

When the new Juniper Golf Club opened it was a hit both on and off the course. The course was host of the 2007 and 2010 Oregon Open and a repeat US Amateur qualifier site from 2006 through 2011.

The new Juniper plays to over 7,100 yards from the tips with views of Mt. Bachelor, Broken Top, the Three Sisters, Mt. Washington, Three-fingered Jack, Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Hood. *Golf Digest* took notice of the new course, naming Juniper as one of



At Crooked River Ranch the course winds through some spectacular scenery.



A new Juniper course opened seven years ago in Redmond and is still a hit.



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# Central Oregon Tour: A new look at Black Butte Ranch

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Most holes have great views, but the view from the 14th tee is dramatic. The view from the 14th gives players a peek at two mountains. The 15th hole gives golfers a nice view as well as this par-4 features lava rock and a large sand bunker and water.

## Black Butte: Glaze Meadow now has a new look

Black Butte Ranch is one of those special places that not only has plenty of family activities, but also offers two golf courses to choose from.

With the Big Meadow and Glaze Meadow golf courses, Black Butte is a golfer's paradise. Each course provides a different, yet challenging golf experience and both are worth the trip to Central Oregon.

Big Meadow underwent a scheduled bunker renovation seven years ago. With the new and remodeled bunkers, the course is even more challenging. The Big Meadow course has undergone changes as well and now features new tee boxes on every hole. The Glaze Meadow course re-opened last year after being shut down for a year because of a complete re-model, by Northwest architect John Fought. The course looks different right out of the gate. The new No.1 hole is a gentle dogleg par-4 and the old twisting par-5 is gone. Behind the first green, trees have been removed for a look at other holes. New bunkers and tees make you feel like you are seeing a new course at Glaze Meadow.



The Running Y Ranch in Klamath Falls is an Arnold Palmer designed golf course.

## Running Y Ranch: Arnold Palmer Signature Course

Running Y Ranch, Southern Oregon's only full-service destination resort, is home to the Arnold Palmer Signature Course, Arnold's only course in Oregon. Situated in the heart of the Cascade Mountain range, just across the California boarder on the shores of Klamath Lake, the resort's exceptionally mild climate and 300 days of sunshine add up to a four-season recreational paradise.

The Arnold Palmer Signature Course at Running Y Ranch is consistently rated one of the country's best. When Arnold Palmer was asked to pick a favorite golf course from his many designs, he did not chose one, but 16. The list has become known as Arnold's "Sweet 16", and includes his course at Running Y Ranch.

If you're looking for an Oregon golf resort that has it all, along with plenty of value, you will find it here. Running Y Ranch features a fully renovated, 82-room Lodge and new restaurant,

The bridge to the par-3 16th green is a railroad car, complete with everything you would find in a passenger car including the many bag tags left by golfers from other courses. The course got its name after construction workers found old railroad spikes and train tracks during the early stages of course preparation.

Under owner Brian Whitcomb, Lost Tracks has made significant changes. The most recent change is dramatic - the removal of trees and between the 13th and 14th holes and the construction of a series of water features between the two holes, which includes ponds connected with a stream.

## River's Edge: Plenty of hills to get your attention

River's Edge Golf Course in Bend is known for its challenging layout and for good reason. The course sits on a hillside and features rolling fairways and undulating greens. Along with its challenges, golfers should be pleased with the amount of positive changes the course has undergone. Tee boxes have been leveled, the fairway on the second hole has been made level, trees and limbs have been removed for better sight lines and the fairway on the par-5 17th hole has been widened.

## Lost Tracks: New water features, same old railroad car

Lost Tracks Golf Club in Bend opened in 1996 and was carved out of a stand of Ponderosa pines with lava rock outcroppings and small lakes that give the course a nice peaceful charm.

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# The Central Oregon golf tour

## Kah-Nee-Ta: the family resort with loads of fun

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs started the Kah-Nee-Ta resort in the early 60s. Is it possible to find a resort with more things to do than what's at Kah-Nee-Ta? There's championship golf, miniature golf, kayaking, horseback riding, bicycling, hiking, tennis, basketball, swimming, picnicking, volleyball, fishing, shopping, gaming at the casino, and you can stay in a hotel lodge, a teepee or an RV.

It's long been known as a family resort with teepees, but Kah-Nee-Ta shouldn't be overlooked as a golfing destination. The course provides two distinctly different challenges. The front nine gives players a chance to score well right out of the chute. Fairways are ample and the greens relatively flat. The back nine offers a high desert links-style of play and features several doglegs and sloped greens. The course plays to 6,352 yards from the blue tees and 5,195 from the red tees.

## Crosswater: Sunriver course is an award winner

Sunriver's Crosswater course, designed by Bob Cupp and John Fought, is perhaps one of the most visually pleasing courses you will ever come across.

The Little Deschutes River runs through the course and comes into play on many of the holes. Mount Bachelor is visible from several holes and the Deschutes River also can be seen. The course was ranked in the top 100 Greatest in the country by *Golf Digest* and is ranked third in the state. The course plays 7,683 yards from the tips and has shots that force you to carry wetlands.

## Widgi Creek: Plenty to like at a local favorite

Widgi Creek Golf Club in Bend seemed to be in trouble in December of 2004 when the course went into bankruptcy, but Portland businessman Barry Helm stepped in, bought the course and immediately has made some noticeable changes.

In order to get the course back to pristine condition, Helm purchased a new fleet of maintenance equipment. He also improved the irrigation system and has renovated the clubhouse, including the kitchen and restaurant. Helm's improvements have made Widgi Creek a place you want to stop at when playing golf in Central Oregon once again.

## Meadow Lakes: If you like water, this is your place

Meadow Lakes Golf Course in Prineville has an interesting background. In 1988 the city of Prineville was looking for a way to treat its water after facing fines of up to \$25,000 a day. The solution was to build some water treatment ponds – and build a golf course around the ponds, which became the Meadow Lakes Golf Course.

Today, Meadow Lakes is an environmentally friendly golf course that presents a links-style layout with several water hazards to keep you focused. One of those hazards comes into play on the very first hole, a par-5 dogleg right.



*Kah-Nee-Ta meanders along the Deschutes river with some memorable views.*

## Quail Run: Worth the trip south of Bend

Quail Run had always been thought of as a terrific nine-holer, but when nine new holes were built, the course suddenly became a Central Oregon hot spot. Quail Run plays to nearly 7,000 yards from the tips and features mountain and desert views. Located just south of Sunriver, the course is worth the few extra miles south.

## Tetherow: A different look courtesy of Kidd

Tetherow Golf Club in Bend opened for play five years ago and the course was an award winner right out of the gate. Many of the top golf publications around named Tetherow as one of the top new courses. And for good reason. The David McLay Kidd design is a challenging layout and offers links golf. The greens are large and undulating and the fairways have some small bunkers to grab those errant shots.

## Brasada Ranch: The views are among the best

Brasada Canyons offers amazing golf, top-notch service, and a front row seat to the natural wonder of Central Oregon. Designed by native Oregonian Peter Jacobsen and Jim Hardy, the course just outside Bend is undeniably one of Central Oregon's most beautiful and enjoyable. As the name suggests, 18 distinctive and challenging holes wind through, across and along the canyons of Brasada Ranch, beginning from 3,272 feet above sea level and climbing to just over 4,000. Here your ball soars farther, as does your eye, with dramatic, unmatched views of snow capped Cascade Mountains from nearly every hole. Eighteen holes at Brasada Canyons isn't simply a day of golf. It's an experience never to be forgotten.



There are golf tournaments, and then there is the Lithia Pacific Amateur Golf Classic - the largest amateur tournament in the west - with divisions for men and women of all ages. This three-round 54-hole event showcases the best golf in Central Oregon. Kick up your spikes each night with spectacular 19th-hole festivities. Even if you don't win, you'll have a great time trying!

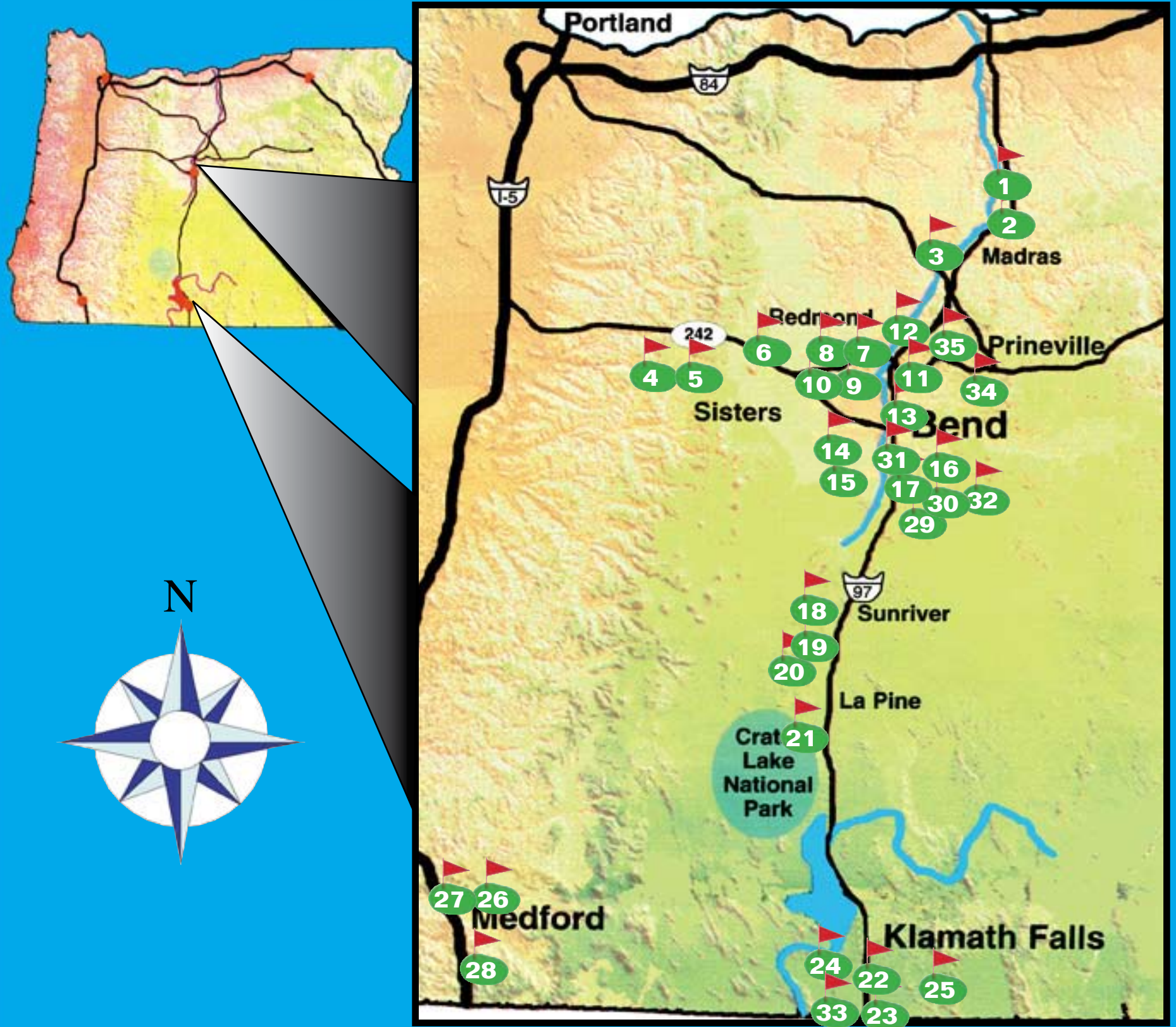
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# Golfing Central Oregon



## Where to play golf in Central Oregon

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| 1. <b>Kah-Nee-Ta Resort</b><br>18 holes, 6,352 yards<br>Warm Springs, Public          | 10. <b>Brasada Ranch Resort</b><br>18 holes, 7,000 yards<br>Redmond, Public | 19. <b>Sunriver Woodlands</b><br>18 holes, 6,880 yards<br>Sunriver, Public        | 28. <b>Quail Point</b><br>9 holes, 3,034 yards<br>Medford, Public                  |
| 2. <b>Nine Peaks Golf Course</b><br>18 holes, 6,582 yards<br>Madras, Public           | 11. <b>Greens at Redmond</b><br>9 holes, 1,686 yards<br>Redmond, Public     | 20. <b>Sunriver Crosswater</b><br>18 holes, 7,683 yards<br>Sunriver, Semi-Private | 29. <b>Tetherow</b><br>18 holes, 7,298 yards<br>Bend, Public                       |
| 3. <b>Crooked River Ranch</b><br>18 holes, 5,521 yards<br>Crooked River Ranch, Public | 12. <b>Juniper Golf Club</b><br>18 holes, 7,200 yards<br>Redmond, Public    | 21. <b>Quail Run</b><br>18 holes, 6,800 yards<br>LaPine, Public                   | <b>COUNTRY CLUBS</b>   |
| 4. <b>Black Butte Glaze Meadow</b><br>18 holes, 6,574 yards<br>Black Butte, Public    | 13. <b>Meadow Lakes</b><br>18 holes, 6,731 yards<br>Prineville, Public      | 22. <b>Running Y Ranch</b><br>18 holes, 7,300 yards<br>Klamath Falls, Public      | 30. <b>Awbrey Glen</b><br>18 holes, 6,908 yards<br>Bend, Private                   |
| 5. <b>Black Butte Big Meadow</b><br>18 holes, 6,850 yards<br>Black Butte, Public      | 14. <b>River's Edge</b><br>18 holes, 6,683 yards<br>Bend, Public            | 23. <b>Harbour Links</b><br>18 holes, 6,194 yards<br>Klamath Falls, Public        | 31. <b>Bend Country Club</b><br>18 holes, 7,035 yards<br>Bend, Private             |
| 6. <b>Aspen Lakes</b><br>18 holes, 7,302 yards<br>Sisters, Public                     | 15. <b>Widgi Creek</b><br>18 holes, 6,903 yards<br>Bend, Public             | 24. <b>Round Lake</b><br>9 holes, 1,512 yards<br>Klamath Falls, Public            | 32. <b>Broken Top</b><br>18 holes, 7,161 yards<br>Bend, Private                    |
| 7. <b>Eagle Crest Resort</b><br>18 holes, 6,673 yards<br>Redmond, Public              | 16. <b>Orion Greens</b><br>9 holes, 2,075 yards<br>Bend, Public             | 25. <b>Shield Crest</b><br>18 holes, 7,005 yards<br>Klamath Falls, Public         | 33. <b>Reames Country Club</b><br>18 holes, 6,564 yards<br>Klamath Falls, Private. |
| 8. <b>Eagle Crest Ridge</b><br>18 holes, 6,927 yards<br>Redmond, Public               | 17. <b>Lost Tracks</b><br>18 holes, 7,003 yards<br>Bend, Public             | 26. <b>Eagle Point</b><br>18 holes, 7,099 yards<br>Eagle Point, Public            | 34. <b>Prineville Country Club</b><br>9 holes, 2,525 yards<br>Prineville, Private. |
| 9. <b>Eagle Crest Challenge</b><br>18 holes, 4,160 yards<br>Redmond, Public           | 18. <b>Sunriver Meadows</b><br>18 holes, 7,012 yards<br>Sunriver, Public    | 27. <b>Centennial</b><br>18 holes, 7,200 yards<br>Medford, Public                 | 35. <b>Pronghorn Golf Club</b><br>Two courses<br>Redmond, Private                  |



# Northwest golf road full of RV's

The Pacific Northwest has plenty of places for golfers who like to travel the open road with their recreational vehicles and want to stay overnight at the golf course

Retirees may be the best-known recreational vehicle (RV) enthusiasts, but the RV traveler is getting younger—from an average age of 67 a few years ago to less than 50 now—the average age of today's typical RV owner is just 49.

According to a University of Michigan study, baby boomers own the most recreational vehicles. Another study showed that one in five people (surveyed) have expressed interest in buying an RV within the next five years. The strongest interest is among younger age groups with 30 percent of those age 18-34 and 16 percent in the 35-54 age group.

RV sales, leases and rentals are at an all-time high and growing at 30 percent annually.

This growing market has not gone unnoticed by golf courses across the country and in particular, the Northwest. Many courses are scrambling to incorporate RV camping into their facilities.

Mirroring the surge in RV ownership is the growth in RV clubs. These groups like to travel together and have the potential to fill a golf course or at least fill the campsites, and they tend to stay for a few days and play more than one round of golf. This is certainly good news to golf courses who have already made the investment in RV accommodations.

Many golf courses around the Pacific Northwest have either upgraded their RV lots or added spaces for recreational vehicles. And these are not just any ordinary spots. These are full hookups with cable television, wireless connections for laptops and more.

These days, RV parks are becoming even more user-friendly, with cable or satellite television hookups, shower and laundry facilities, restaurants and more – Mallard Creek in Lebanon, Ore. has a real upscale landscaped park adjacent to the golf



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# RV's and the golf road

course and restaurant.

Horn Rapids RV Resort in Richland, Wash., is across the highway from the golf course and is a five-star park with activities like shuffleboard, horseshoes, and volleyball. They also provide a large swimming pool and hot tub spa.

From the coast to the inland deserts and mountains golf courses around the Northwest are being discovered by RV travelers.

Some courses have also made it more affordable by extending special rates to campers. There are plenty stay-and-play packages available, and if you have the time, many will offer weekly, monthly, seasonal and even yearly rates.

One of the benefits of traveling to distant golf courses in the Northwest is the opportunity to stop at the many attractions along the route or just enjoying the terrific scenery that we are so fortunate to have. It's easy for RV travelers who are on an extended drive to incorporate several courses in their trip.

Fuel prices don't seem to be a deterrent for RV travelers. A recent survey of over 400 RV owners, taken as gasoline prices were climbing rapidly in 2005, showed that seven out of 10 RV owners surveyed plan to use their RVs more this spring/summer than they did a year ago despite higher fuel prices. Fuel prices may be up this year, but look for plenty of RVs to be on the roads this summer. With plenty to see and do around the Northwest, RVs will be around –and at the golf courses, too.

Over a quarter (27%) are planning to use their RVs the same amount as last

year. Only about four percent plan to use their RVs less this season, which will make for a busy time on the roads during the summer of 2013.

There are many reasons people take up RV traveling – the freedom to move from place to place at will, the ability to take more stuff with you on trips, the togetherness with the family or because it's generally cheaper than hotels and restaurants.

Breaking into the RV life-style doesn't have to be expensive as there are several good older vehicles on the market that allow first-time buyers a chance to limit their investment.

Whatever the reasoning, once you own an RV it can easily become the main mode of transportation for nearly all of your vacation travels.

Here are a couple of examples of courses that cater to RV golfers:

• **Riverside Golf Course:** Located in Chehalis, Wash. recently upgraded its RV parking, which sits right next to the first hole. In addition, the restaurant and clubhouse have been re-modeled as well. Riverside has become a destination for RV golfers. And the location is right, the course sits just a couple of minutes off Interstate-5.

• **Sage Hills:** This Central Washington Golf and RV Resort had 42 premium RV spots next to its 18-hole course. New operator Chad Niedermeier is making upgrades to the facility, making it an even bigger attraction for RV golfers. Sage Hills in Warden, Wash. is located just a few minutes south of Moses Lake.



Wildhorse Resort and Casino offers 100 spots for RV travelers in Pendleton, Ore.

## Wildhorse Resort and Casino: Pendleton is new hot spot for golfers traveling with RV's

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For your entertainment and dining pleasure, Wildhorse hosts a variety of shows and concerts every week at Wildfire Cabaret and offers six different restaurant options. Satisfy your appetite with fine dining at Plateau or a mouth-watering all-you-can-eat buffet at Traditions. Wildhorse Resort & Casino is located one mile from Exit 216 on I-84, four miles east of Pendleton, For more info, call 800-654-9453, or visit [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com).

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## Little Creek offers Salish Cliffs course for traveling RV golfers

One of the amenities that the Little Creek Casino wanted to add when it came up with its resort was an RV park. Situated along Highway 101, a popular route for tourists in the state of Washington, the resort knew that RV's would be driving by constantly. The resort offers an RV park complete with 44 full hook ups and easy access on and off Highway 101.

And that's not all. In addition to the amenities of the Little Creek Casino Resort, there is also the award-winning Salish Cliffs Golf Course that the RV's travelers can take some swings at. Salish Cliffs is one of the top courses in the state of Washington and smack dab on a highway that carries hundreds of RV's.

The Little Creek Casino Resort RV area also gives golfers a chance to sample some of the resorts other perks. There is the Seven Inlets Spa, a total of seven restaurants and a bar, free live entertainment, pool and exercise equipment, cigar lounge, gift shop and a casino.

Costs run from \$35 per night for access to the RV parking area at the Little Creek Casino Resort. Call 800.667.7711 for more information.

## Deer Park has a new owner but business as usual at the facility

There might be a new owner at both Deer Park Golf Course and the neighboring RV Resort just north of Spokane, but it will still be business as usual. The golf course and RV Resort were both sold in an auction – the golf course to the city of Deer Park and the RV Resort to a development company.

One of the first things the city did was to sign a deal with long-time general manager Craig Schuh to run the golf course. The RV Resort will still work in conjunction with the golf course, although they aren't owned by the same company.

The 127-spot RV park is located next to the Deer Park Golf Course and has just about everything traveling golfers want. There are full hook ups, and a pavilion, complete with pool table, big screen television and more. There's also a swimming pool and hot tub to complete the package.

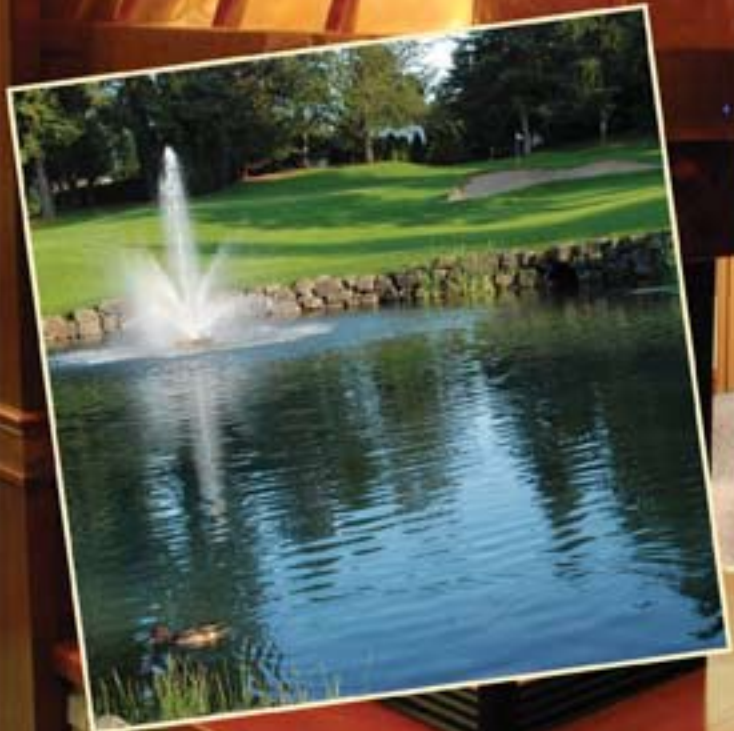
"People have been coming from around the country – and sometimes staying for weeks," said Craig Schuh of Deer Park. "We saw a need for RVs when we expanded in 2003. "

The RV resort charges \$33 per night, \$195 per week and \$645 per month from June through August. For more info, see [spokanervresort.com](http://spokanervresort.com)



Deer Park's RV park has proven to be a popular place for people from around the country.

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