

TOP 10 GOLF COURSES ACROSS





10 Best Golf Courses Across Texas



WHISPERING PINES

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Trinity, Texas Membership Required

Season Open: September-December

whisperingpinesgolfclub.com

Located in Trinity, Texas, *Whispering Pines Golf* Club is approximately 88 miles north of Houston. Situated on a spectacular 400-acre property featuring piney woods, creeks, lakes, natural dunes and abundant wildlife. The club is open on a seasonal basis. In season, the club operates Tuesday through Sunday, which provides every guest the best possible guest service and course conditions.

____(2)____ DALLAS NATIONAL

Dallas, Texas Membership Required

> Season Open: Year Round

dallasnationalgolfclub.com

Dallas National often earns highest marks in the state. Its unique Tom Fazio design sits on a surprisingly hilly piece of land without any attached development, giving its golfers a feel of exclusivity. Amenities and facilities are first rate but the clubhouse is understated. The front nine is generally mellow but around the turn the course really ramps up. The par-5 10th hole is a show stopper and there are a handful of tough elevated greens.







Spicewood, Texas Membership Required

> Season Open: Year Round

512-264-9787

Ultra old-school, the **Austin Golf Club** is just that: a golf club. It hosts no real estate or country club amenities; just a spectacular course designed by Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore. The course, which opened in 2001, has slipped under the publicity radar and is an exclusive, quiet club that simply serves as a place to play for its members. AGC is unique because of its outstanding caddie program, and because it's one of the only courses in the area with Zoysia tees, fairways, and first cut of rough.

4 BLACKJACK NATIONAL

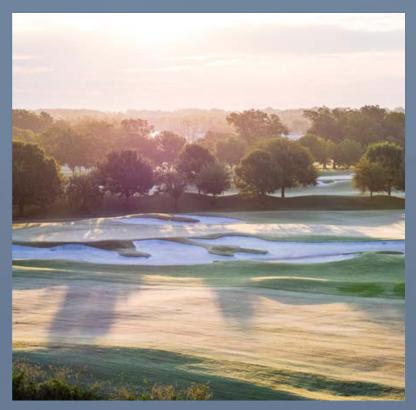
Montgomery, Texas Membership Required

> Season Open: Year Round

bluejacknational.com

In April 2016, **Bluejack National** opened the first Tiger Woods-designed golf course in the United States. Globally renowned and critically acclaimed, members, residents and guests enjoy Tiger's vision of a course that is playable, fun, yet challenging for players of all skill levels. Every hole offers multiple tee boxes with one cut of velvety Zoysia grass and no rough. The Bluejack golf experience provides a wide range of shot making options, especially around the green.





SHADOW HAWK

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Richmond, Texas Membership Required

> Season Open: Year Round

shadowhawkgolfclub.com

Shadow Hawk was founded in 1999. The first shot from hole No. one on opening day was hit by George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States — affectionately known as "41." Shadow Hawk's golf course was designed by Rees Jones, who many refer to as the "Open Doctor." The Club has hosted nine USGA Qualifying events.

—_____ TPC SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio, Texas Membership Required or Hotel Stay Required

Season Open: Year Round

tpc.com/sanantonio/oaks-course

TPC San Antonio is home to two championship courses: the Canyon Course, and the Oaks Course. Greg Norman designed the Oaks Course with the intent that it would be a host venue for PGA Tour events. The layout features large, rolling greens and tree lined fairways. Cavernous bunkers that are strategically placed throughout the course provide a challenge for even skilled golfers. To add to the courses features, water hazards come into play on several holes. TPC San Antonio's AT&T Oaks Course closes with a formidable test, a 591-yard par 5 that requires a carry past a creek to a green that is flanked by bunkers.







Austin, Texas Public Play Allowed

> Season Open: Year Round

omnihotels.com

The *Fazio Canyons* Golf Course is a part of what makes Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa one of the top golf resorts in Texas. Scenic views line this 7,153 yard, par-72 course in Austin, TX that boasts the signature touch of legendary golf course architect, Tom Fazio. The 561 yard, par-5 finishing hole is tremendous and by all accounts rivaling Barton Creek's #18 hole on the Foothills course.

THE CLUB AT CARLTON WOODS

The Woodlands, Texas Membership Required

Season Open: Year Round

carltonwoods.com

Carlton Woods is a gated community on the north side of Houston that houses two of the areas finest courses; one designed by legendary player Jack Nicklaus and the other by legendary golf architect Tom Fazio. The Fazio course features undulated terrain (rare in Houston) and an incredible variety of hole lengths, shapes, and strategies. The parkland Nicklaus course weaves through mature trees and alongside several water features. Both courses are solid routings and are widely considered Houston's finest tracks with Fazio just edging out Mr. Nicklaus for the club's best course.



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COLONIAL COUNTY CLUB

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Fort Worth, Texas Membership Required

> Season Open: Year Round

colonialfw.com

Colonial Country Club offers a great mix of long and short holes, doglegs and straight aways. The tree-lined fairways force a player to shape the shot with lots of forced fades draws. Beautiful bunkering and stone-lined waterways complement the lines of the mounds and putting surface contours, all of which are framed by a backdrop of walnut and oak trees for a pleasing walk. Colonial sported the first bent-grass greens in Texas when it opened in 1936. In 1939, the USGA awarded Colonial its 1941 U.S. Open, the first ever in Texas.

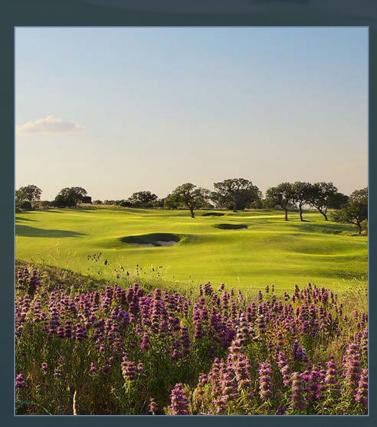


Horseshoe Bay, Texas Membership Required or Hotel Stay Required

Season Open: Year Round

hsbresort.com/golf/summit-rock

Summit Rock, Horseshoe Bay Resort's exclusive course, is a Jack Nicklaus signature designed 18 hole layout. The Par 72 course boasts some of the most stunning scenery in Texas, and is considered by many to be the Golden Bear's best work. Nicklaus said each hole of Summit Rock is a "Signature Hole" as he blended the course layout through the scenic topography and stands of Texas Live Oaks. Most of the greens are large, raised and guarded with slope and undulations that will challenge any putter.



GOLF COURSE Etiquette





Dress for the game. Slacks and collared shirts are the preferred attire.



Arrive early for your tee time -15 minutes early is ideal.



Use caddies when available, and tip them. An acceptable tip is about 40 to 50 percent of the green fee



Maintain your temper and never engage in acts of poor sportsmanship.



Avoid slow play and allow others to play through if they are faster.



Learn and abide by the local rules of the course.



Help maintain the course by replacing divots, raking away foot prints in bunkers, and repairing pitch marks.



Don't be a distraction or move while another player is putting.



Immediately move to the next free tee when all players have putted out.



At the end of the game, congratulate the winner, shake hands with all players, and thank them.



PattenTitle.com

