

AREA GOLF LISTINGS

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Interlochen Golf Course is laid out through a forest of large, mixed hardwoods and white pines. It plays to 6,445 yards, with a slope rating of 130. Its strategically placed bunkers and water hazards add additional challenge for the weekend golfer and the low handicap player alike. Located on U.S. 31 south, 13 miles southwest of Traverse City. 275-7311 or 1-877-480-7311.

Kingsley Club: The Kingsley Club, which opened two years ago, was built on high rolling countryside pastures. The club was committed to preserving the environment on this private course, designed by Traverse City's Mike DeVries. The par-71 course plays up to 6911 yards. Membership will be limited to 250. Located 12 miles south of Traverse City. Call 946-5538.

Lochenheath: Formerly a cherry orchard, Lochenheath offers vistas of East Bay on 16 of its 18 holes. Steve Smyers designed a par-71 course for players of all ability to enjoy. The course plays from 7,000 yards to just over 5,000. Lochenheath will allow a limited amount of daily-fee play initially. It will eventually be a private course. Located on U.S.-31, just north of Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. Call 938-9800.

Mitchell Creek Golf Course: Mitchell Creek's layout includes two rugged par-5 holes of 540 and 485 yards. The nine-hole course among the area's newest plays to 3,253-yards. Located at 2846 Three Mile Road, 1½ miles south of Munson Avenue in Traverse City. 941-5200.

KALKASKA COUNTY

Grandview Golf Course: Opened in 1992, the 18-hole course plays to 6,400 yards. It features rolling hills and is located on Hagni Road, off County Road 612, about 5 miles east of Kalkaska. 258-3244.

Timber Wolf Golf Club: The area's newest championship golf course plays to 6,500 yards. The 18-hole, par 71 course is

shaped through rolling terrain and six- to eight-foot pines, offering challenging play with excellent views. Located 6 miles east of Kalkaska on M-72. 258-5685.

Twin Birch: Twin Birch offers a complete stop for the golfer: A driving range, putting green, complete pro shop, restaurant and an 18-hole course. Located 1 mile east of Kalkaska on County Road 612. 258-9691.

LEELANAU COUNTY

Dunes Golf Club: The Dunes provides a tough test for the average golfer. The 18-hole course is carved out of the

Leelanau County countryside. The toughest hole is the sixth, a 469-yard par-4. Located 17 miles west of Traverse City on M-72. 326-5390.

King's Challenge Golf Club: King's Challenge Golf Course is located 18 miles northwest of Traverse City. The Arnold Palmer Course features outstanding views of the Leelanau Peninsula. It is the county's only tour player designed facility. The 6,593-yard course has a par of 70 for men and 71 for women. 228-7400 or 1-888-228-0121.

Leelanau Club at Bahle Farms: This 18-hole championship

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New courses earn honors

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7,100 yards from the tournament tees gets down to a playable 5,100 yards from the forward tees. An unusual feature at Forest Dunes is the junior tees. Measuring a little over 3,300 yards from the kids' tees, it makes the course very playable for junior golfers. More golf courses should take note of this feature.

"It's a beautiful course that embodies the best of both links-style courses and a typical northern Michigan course cut through hardwood forests," said GM Tom Fous.

"It's the first time I've been associated with a development that is geographically an island, but literally that is what we are. The 400,000-acre Huron National Forest surrounds us. It's a spectacular rustic, tranquil setting that will never be duplicated."

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Forest Dunes features a number of fun strategic challenges including a 10,000-square-foot, crescent-shaped green, a dual fairway for risk/reward opportunities, a 605-yard par-five, and a signature Weiskopf short par-four cut through native sand dunes.

If your match ends up tied after the 18th hole, than head to the 117-

yard, par-three 19th hole created for just such occurrences. The course also has a 15-acre practice facility that can handle just about any type shot you could imagine. It features a dual-ended range, undulating tee areas to practice different shots and your short game, as well as a two-acre putting course.

Fous wasn't sure how long the course would remain open to the public, but put Forest Dunes on your "must play" list and take advantage of the opportunity while it lasts. It truly is that spectacular.

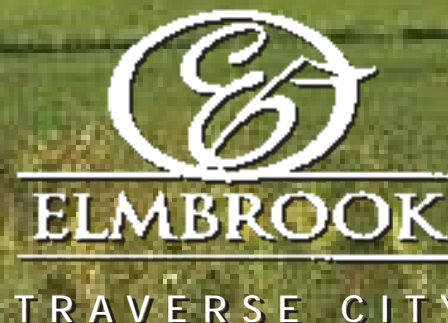
For more information on the course or the limited lodging opportunities available at the gated property, call (989) 275-0700 or click on www.forestdunesgolf.com.

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