

Area golf courses

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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 (888) 228-0121.

Leelanau Club at Bahle Farms

This 18-hole championship course opened for play a few years ago amid kudos from players of all abilities and ages. It features natural terrain and outstanding views of the Leelanau Peninsula. The yardage is 6,651 from the back tees. Located on Otto Rd., three miles south of Suttons Bay. 271-2020.

Leland Country Club A private golf club with 18 holes that overlooks Lake Leelanau.

Northport Point A nine-hole private course near Northport.

Sleeping Bear Golf Club

Formerly the North Course at the Leelanau Country Club, the course is one of the area's longest at 6,800 yards from the championship tees. Call 228-7400 or (888) 228-0121.

Veronica Valley Veronica Valley is a scenic course that plays to a par-35 and 3,203 yards. Located on County Rd. 641, five miles south of Lake Leelanau. 256-9449.

MANISTEE

Arcadia Bluffs Golf Club One of the most beautiful courses in

northern Michigan. Situated 150 feet above the Lake Michigan shoreline, it offers spectacular views from virtually every vantage point. The 18-hole, par-72 course has no water hazards, making it look like a seaside course. 889-3001.

Bear Lake Golf Association

One of the best public courses in northern Michigan, this little-known jewel doesn't publicize itself much. The well-maintained course plays to 6,500 yards from the men's tees. Even though the course isn't long, it demands precision shots. Water on eight holes. 864-3817.

Chestnut Hills This nine-hole course was designed by owner Doug Carter. It features fesque fairways. 864-2458.

Manistee National Formerly Cobi Golf Club, this resort features two 18-hole courses, including the original Canthooke Valley and the new Cutters' Ridge. Designed by Jerry Matthews, Cutters' Ridge is more challenging, with unique short holes and wetlands to navigate. It plays to 6,700 yards. 723-8874.

Fawn Crest Located 18 miles east of Manistee, this heavily wooded nine-hole executive course plays to 2,068 yards. 848-4174.

Fox Hills This nine-hole executive course plays to 2,340 yards. Located four miles south of Manistee. 723-3809.

Manistee A private course with limited public play overlooking Lake Michigan. The greens are small and the course slightly



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Golfers practice at the Otsego Golf Club in Gaylord.

rolling. Plays to 6,031 yards from back tees. Located on Cherry Rd. in Manistee. 723-2509.

at the corner of M-55 and M-66, six miles south of Lake City. 825-2756.

MISSAUKEE

Missaukee Golf Course This 18-hole course was established in 1970 and plays to 6,000 yards from the back tees. It is located

MONTMORENCY

Elk Ridge Located five miles north of Atlanta, this 18-hole course plays to 7,058 yards and has drawn rave reviews from

Golf Digest. (800) 626-4ELK.

Garland Fountains Course The fourth Garland course and many say, the best. The Fountains features as much as 90 feet in elevation change. It features water or fountains on 10 holes and is characterized by a covered log bridge. (800) 968-0042.

Garland Monarch The Monarch is 7,107 yards from the back tees and the ultimate test for the best of golfers. (800) 968-0042.

Garland Swampfire Somewhat shorter than the Monarch (6,850 yards), the Swampfire features a setting of woods, water and wildlife. (800) 968-0042.

Garland Reflections The Reflections is narrowed down to 6,465 yards and has the unique combination of six each par-fives, par-fours and par-threes. (800) 968-0042.

Garland West The original Garland course, it's the only course of the group you're allowed to walk. (800) 968-0042.

OTSEGO

Gaylord Country Club This is a semi-open course with gently rolling fairways. Greens are large and most have sand bunkers. Plays to 6,582 yards from back tees. Located 4.5 miles west of Gaylord on M-32. (989) 546-3376.

Black Bear The area's first 19-hole layout. Aware that most golfers arrive with little time to practice, designer Mark Sauger

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