

# Area golf courses

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with a view of Grand Traverse Bay. Deep sand traps, thick rough and strategically placed water hazards heighten the degree of difficulty and put a premium on shot accuracy. It is also the host for the Michigan Open. 616-938-1620.

**Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, The Wolverine.** This Gary Player course opened for play in 1999. Each nine of The Wolverine is distinctive. It plays to 7,000 yards from the back tees and just over 5,000 yards from the most forward tees. 616-938-2100.

**High Pointe Golf Club:** Designed by renowned architect Tom Doak, the course offers play reminiscent of traditional British courses and natural layout. High Pointe accommodates all levels of golfers and has drawn praise from both Golf Digest and Golf Magazine. It was ranked one of the top 100 courses in the U.S., according to balloting by Golf Magazine's panel of selectors for 1998-99. It is ranked 74th. Located three miles east of Acme, just off M-72. 267-9900.

**Interlochen Golf Course:** Rated one of America's Top 100 Value Courses by Maximum Golf magazine, the scenic 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 three 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 6,911 yards. Membership will be limited to 250. Located 12 miles south of Traverse City. Call 946-5538.

**Lochenheath Golf Club:** Formerly a cherry orchard,

now private course, 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. 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-five 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, 1.5 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 five 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 six 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 one 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-four. 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. 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:** An 18-hole championship course featuring natural terrain and outstanding views of the Leelanau Peninsula. The yardage is 6,651 from the back tees. Located on Otto Road, three miles south of Suttons Bay. 271-2020.

**Leland Country Club:** A private golf club with 18 holes that overlooks Lake Leelanau. Located in Leland.

**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 located on County Road 641, five miles south of Lake Leelanau. 256-9449.

### Manistee County

**Arcadia Bluffs:** One of the most beautiful courses in northern Michigan, Situated 150 feet above Lake Michigan shoreline, the 18-hole, par-72 course has no water hazards, making it look like seaside course. 889-3001.

**Bear Lake Golf Association:**


Even though the course isn't long, it demands precision shots. 864-3817.

**Chestnut Hills Golf Course:** This nine-hole course was designed by owner Doug Carter. It features fescue fairways. 864-2458.

**Manistee National Golf & Resort:** Formerly Cobi Golf Club, this resort features two 18-hole courses, the original Canthooke Valley and the new Cutters Ridge, designed by Jerry Matthews. 723-8874.

**Fawn Crest Golf Course:** Located 18 miles east of Manistee, this heavily wooded nine-hole executive course plays to 2,068 yards.

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