

# Golf Listings

With more than 100 courses woven into its tapestry, northwestern Lower Michigan is a golfer's paradise. Choose your favorite links below and tee off:

## ANTRIM COUNTY

**A-Ga-Ming:** Overlooking Torch Lake, this is one of the most picturesque courses in the state. Located 10 miles north of Elk Rapids off U.S. 31 North. 264-5081. A-Ga-Ming is adding a second 18-hole course, Sundance, this summer. The new course, designed by Jerry Matthews, is expected to open in early June. Built on rolling bluffs, Sundance offers spectacular views of Torch Lake and Grand Traverse Bay. It will play between 5,000-7,000 yards.

**Antrim Dells:** This 18-hole championship course was designed by Jerry Matthews. Plays to 6,670 yards from championship tees. Located 35 miles N of Traverse City on U.S. 31. 599-2679.

**Bellaire Golf Club:** This 18-hole course has been face-lifted over the last few years. It's slightly rolling with a new back nine. Located 2 miles south of Bellaire on M-88. 533-8942.

**Elk Rapids Golf Club:** The course offers a view of Elk Lake and some of the holes have been re-designed over the past few years. 264-8891.

**Centennial Farm Golf Club:** The front nine features rolling hills and the back nine plays through hardwoods. It is located near Bellaire and close to several other Antrim County courses. 533-6886.

**Hawk's Eye:** Designed by John Robinson, the architect on the companion course, The Chief. This player-friendly course has earned rave reviews for its imaginative layout that utilizes the hilly terrain around Lake Bellaire. 533-4295.

**Lakes of the North:** An 18-hole layout with a 71 par. From championship tees, the course plays to 6,922 yards. Located on County Road 38, 10 miles W of Old 27. 585-6800.

**Schuss Mountain Golf Club:** The 18-hole course, cut out of Antrim County forest, has sand traps and five water hazards to add to the difficulty. The course has a driving range available. Four miles W of Mancelona on M-88. 800-678-4111.



Schuss Mountain

**Cedar River Golf Club:** The new Tom Weiskopf designed course opened a few years ago at Shanty Creek to rave reviews. The course plays to 6,989 yards from the back tees and 6,528 from the blue, 5,963 from the white and 5,315 from the red. 800-678-4111.

**Summit Golf Club:** This hilly, 18-hole course of 6,559 yards features sand traps on each hole. The greens are lightning fast. Located off M-88 near Bellaire. 800-678-4111.

**The Chief Golf Course:** Bellaire's newest 18-hole championship course was designed by John Robinson and it plays from 4,708 to 6,541 yards. All carts feature GPS. The Chief is located on Shanty Creek Road, 200 feet east of the entrance to Shanty Creek. 888-483-5465.

**The Legend Golf Club:** Designed by Arnold Palmer and plays to 6,764 yards, the combination of heavily-treed fairways, sand traps and water hazards create difficult shots on a tight course. Three ponds are formed by the headwaters of Shanty Creek, which winds through numerous other holes. 800-678-4111.

**Windmill Farms:** One of two par-3 courses in the area, Windmill Farms of Mancelona not only offers nine holes of golf, but a fine restaurant as well. 587-5258.

## BENZIE COUNTY

**Champion Hill:** Located on 350 acres of the highest land in Benzie County, this course offers scenic, open, rolling and heather-lined fairways, and picturesque views of four lakes. The 18-hole, par-72 course plays to 6,887 yards. Located 2.5 miles south of U.S. 31 on Marshall Road, just west of Honor. 882-9200.



Crystal Mountain

**Crystal Downs:** This private course is recognized as one of the finest in the United States. Located near Frankfort.

**Crystal Lake Golf Club:** The 18-hole layout takes

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