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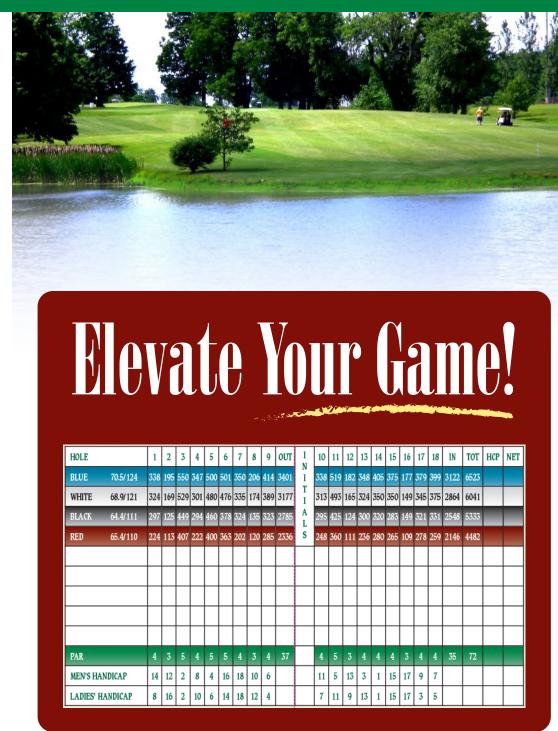
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The Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex is located on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette. Purdue University's Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex was home to the 2021 PGA Forme Tour's "Boilermaker Classic" and has hosted many major collegiate events such as the 2024 NCAA Men's Golf Regional, 2008 NCAA Men's Championships, and the 2003 NCAA Women's Championships on the Pete Dye designed Kampen-Cosler Course.

The Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex is also set to host the 2025 Dye Junior Invitational as well as the 49th Boys and Girls Junior PGA Championship in the summer of 2025. Featuring two 18-hole championship golf courses with a first-class golf training center.

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fairways, white sand bunkers, and minimal water hazards. Ackerman-Allen offers five sets of tees with the championship tees playing over 7,500 yards and the forward tees playing at 5,300 yards.

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vast sand bunkers, native grasslands, ponds and a natural celery bog. Kampen-Cosler offers five sets of tees with the championship tees playing over 7,400 yards and the forward tees playing at 5,300 yards.

The Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex is located at 1300 Cherry Lane, West Lafayette, Indiana on the campus of Purdue University, just north of Mackey Arena and Ross-Ade Stadium.

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Coyote Crossing offers scenic beauty

The Coyote Crossing course was designed to incorporate all the natural terrain of this Northwest Indiana site. Located on 175 acres within easy access from Interstate 65 and Purdue University, the course is enhanced with ponds and Burnett's Creek, which meanders through the property. The scenic beauty of the area becomes an integral part of the Hale Irwin Design course.

As a semi-private golf course, Coyote Crossing is open to the public appealing to all golfers. With five sets of tees on every

hole, the course will offer a challenge for players of all caliber. Irwin describes the terrain as "near perfect, with views of open meadows to mature wooded areas." Yardage of the par 72 layout is 6839 yards from the exhibition markers to 4881 yards from the forward tees.

Hale Irwin began constructing Coyote Crossing in early 1998 and the course opened on June 7, 2000.

Hale Irwin Golf Design is a nationally recognized company that specializes in design, architecture, and construction of

courses throughout the world. Founded in 1986, Hale Irwin Golf Design provides technical expertise and construction observation for specific terrain.

Hale, himself, was fully involved from the design process through completion of construction of Coyote Crossing Golf Course. Irwin believes a course must incorporate two critical design elements: the existing environment and land planning objectives. Coyote Crossing's features epitomize Irwin's design philosophy.



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ARROWHEAD GOLF CLUB

3974 Clubhouse Drive, Greenfield, 46140 Website: arrowheadgc.com

Par: 70

Slope/Rating: 114/67.5

Directions: Take I-70 east to exit 104. Go north on State Road 9 to C.R. 600N, then east for two miles to 400E, turn left for 1.7 miles and left onto Clubhouse Road.

BACHELOR RUN GOLF CLUB

625 N. State Road 75, Flora, IN 46929

BATTLE GROUND GOLF CLUB

5505 Pretty Prairie Road, Battle Ground, 7920

Website: https://golfbattleground.com/ Slope/Rating: 124/73.3

BIG PINE

2877 E. C.R. 250N, Attica, IN 47918 Slope/Rating: 118/72.0

BRICKYARD CROSSING GC

4400 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, 46222 Website: brickyardcrossing.com

Slope/Rating: 149/75.1

Directions: Location entrance off West 16th Street at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

BROOKSHIRE GOLF CLUB

12120 Brookshire Pkwy, Carmel, 46033 Website: brookshiregolf.com

Par: 72

Back Slope/Rating: 131/38.0

Directions: Exit I-465 at Keystone Parkway and go north to 126th Street. Follow 126th Street east to Brookshire Parkway and turn

BROWNSBURG GOLF CLUB

8525 N. State Road 267, Brownsburg, IN 46112

BUFFER PARK GOLF COURSE

3825 Foltz Road, Indianapolis, 46221 Website: bufferpark.com

Par: /2

Slope/Rating: 131/73.2

Directions: Take I-74 to Indianapolis and go south on I-465. Take exit 8 and keep right

onto Kentucky Ave. Turn right onto Foltz Road and the destination will be on the left.

CLERMONT GOLF COURSE

4705 N. C.R. 1000E, Brownsburg, IN 46112

CLOVER MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

1999 E County Rd 1100 S, Cloverdale, IN 46120

Website: www.clovermeadowsgolf.com Slope/Rating: 124/70.5

COFFIN GOLF COURSE

2401 Cold Springs Road, Indianapolis, 46222

Website: coffingolf.com

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 129/73.7

Directions: Take I-74 to Crawfordsville Road at Speedway. Continue to 16th Street and turn left after two miles onto Belleview Place. Continue onto Cold Springs Road for 1/2 mile and turn right onto White River Parkway Drive.

COYOTE CROSSING GOLF CLUB

5801 Augusta Blvd, West Lafayette, IN 47906

Website: coyotecrossinggolf.com

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 136/72.2

COOL LAKE GOLF CLUB

520 E. C.R. 750 N., Lebanon, 46052 Website: coollakegolfclub.com

Par: 70

Slope/Rating: 117/68.8

Directions: Take S.R. 39 seven miles north of Lebanon on S.R. 39, turn right on C.R. 750N for one mile. The destination will be on the left.

CRAWFORDSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

3272 Country Club Rd, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Website: www.crawfordsvillecountryclub.com

Back Slope: 119

CRAWFORDSVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

1000 E South Blvd, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Website: www.crawfordsvillegolf.com Back Slope: 125

DAKOTA LANDING GC

6636 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis, 46259 Website: dakotalandinggolf.com

Par: 35

Slope/Rating: 107/69

Directions: Take I-65 south to Southport Road and east to Franklin Road.

DEER CREEK GOLF CLUB

1743 S. State Road 39, Clayton, 46118 Website: deercreekgolfclub.com Par: 71

Slope/Rating: 134/71.4

Directions: Located three miles north of

I-70 on S.R. 39

DEER TRACK GOLF CLUB

775 N. C.R. 700W, Frankfort, IN 46041 Website: www.deertrackgolfclub.com

DOUGLAS GOLF CLUB

2901 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis, 46205

Par: 34

Slope/Rating: 102/33.9

Directions: Take I-65 south to exit 115 for 21st Street in downtown Indianapolis. Turn left onto 21st Street, left onto Illinois Street, and right onto Fall Creek Parkway. Continue on Fall Creek Parkway until East 30th Street and turn right. Take another right onto Dr. Andrew J. Brown Avenue and continue to destination.

EAGLE CREEK GC

8802 W. 56th St., Indianapolis, 46234
Website: eaglecreekgolfclub.com
Par (Pines Course): 72
Par (Sagamore Course): /71
Slope/Rating (Pines): 132/73.0
Slope/Rating (Sagamore): 137/72.2
Directions: Take I-74 west to Ronald
Reagan Parkway and go north to West 56th
Street and turn right. Continue east for two
miles and the destination will be on the left.

EAGLE PINES GOLF CLUB

9373 N. Country Club Road, Mooresville, 46158

Website: eaglepines.com

Par: 70

Slope/Rating: 124/68.8

Directions: From I-465 on the southwest side of Indianapolis take State Road 67 south, through Mooresville, to Old State Road 67. Turn left and follow to Country Club Road. Turn left and the destination will be on the left

FAIRWAY GOLF COURSE

750 E. C.R. 375N, Lebanon, 46052

Par: 36

Slope/Rating: 90/64.6

Directions: Take State Road 47 east for approximately 26 miles and then turn right onto Elm Swamp Road. After 2.3 miles, turn left onto East C.R. 375N and continue to the destination.

THE FORT GOLF RESORT

6002 N. Post Road, Indianapolis, 46216 Website: thefortgolfcourse.com

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 139/74.5

Directions: Take I-465 to exit 40 on the eastside of Indianapolis. Turn left onto 56th Street for 2.1 miles, left onto Post Road for 1/2 mile and then continue onto 59th Street. The destination will be on the left.

FOREST PARK GOLF COURSE

1018 S John Steele Drive, Brazil, IN 47834 Back Slope: 111

Back Rating: 67.2

FRANKFORT COMMONS GOLF COURSE

100 Golf Preserve Lane, Frankfort, IN 46041

Website: golffrankfort.com

FOXCLIFF GOLF CLUB

1970 E. Mapleturn Road, Martinsville, IN 46151

Website: foxcliffgc.com Par: 72

Slope/Rating:140/73.7

Directions: From I-465 on the southwest side of Indianapolis take State Road 67 south for 15.7 miles to Centerton Road and turn left. Turn left at Blue Bluff Road for three miles and turn left onto Mapleturn Road for 1.3 miles.





GENEVA HILLS GOLF COURSE

13446 S Geneva Hills Road, Clinton, IN

Back Slope/Rating: 118/70.2

GOLF CLUB OF INDIANA

6905 S. 525 E., Lebanon, IN 46052 Website: golfindiana.com Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 132/73.6

Directions: Take I-65 to exit 130 and turn right onto Whitestown Parkway for 0.8 miles. The destination will be on the left.

GRAY EAGLE GOLF ACADEMY

12500 Brooks School Road, Fishers, IN

Website: grayeaglegolf.com

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 133/72.5

Directions: Take I-69 north to exit 205 toward Noblesville on State Road 37. Turn right onto East 126th Street for 3.5 miles and the destination will be on the right.

HARRISON HILLS GOLF CLUB

413 E New St., Attica, IN 47918 Website: www.harrisonhills.com

HICKORY BEND GC

60 S. C.R. 900E, Zionsville, IN 46077 Website: hickorybendgolf.com

Par: 36/72

Directions: Located west of U.S. 421, at the corner of State Road 32 and C.R. 900E.

HICKORY STICK GC

4422 Hickory Stick Pkwy., Greenwood, IN

Website: hickorystickgolf.com

Par: 71

Slope/Rating: 127/73.0

Directions: From I-465 on the southside of Indianapolis, take State Road 37 south 10 miles and turn left onto State Road 144. At the roundabout take the third exit and continue onto West Whiteland Road. Turn left onto Thompson Boulevard and the destination will be on the left.

HULMAN LINKS GOLF COURSE

990 Chamberlain St, Terre Haute, IN 47803 Website: www.terrehaute.in.gov/departments/parks

IDLE CREEK GOLF COURSE

53535 Ryanne Marie Lane, Terra Haute, IN

IRONWOOD GOLF CLUB

10955 Fall Road, Fishers, IN 46037 Website: ironwoodgc.com

Par: 72

Directions: Take I-69 north from I-465 and take exit 204 onto 106th Street. Continue on 106th Street for 2.3 miles and turn left onto Fall Road.

LEGENDS OF INDIANA GOLF CLUB

2555 Hurricane Rd., Franklin, IN 46131 Website: thelegendsgolfclub.com Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 139/74.0

Directions: Take I-65 south from Indianapolis to exit 95 and turn left onto Whiteland Road. Then turn right onto Hurricane Road.

MAPLE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

Semi-Private Course 10501 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, 46229 Website: maplecreekgc.com

Slope/Rating: 141/72.7

MATTHEWS PARK GOLF CLUB

1647 N. Seventh St., Clinton, IN 47842 https://matthewsparkgolf.com/contact-us

MOHAWK HILLS GOLF CLUB

1042 Golfview Drive, Carmel, IN 46032

MORNINGSTAR GOLF CLUB

271 S. Mitthoeffer Road, Indianapolis, 46229

Website: morningstargc.com

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 108/67.9

Directions: Take Washington Street east out of Indianapolis on the eastside from I-465 and turn right on Mitthoeffer Road.

OLD HICKORY GOLF COURSE

N. U.S. 231, Greencastle, IN 46135

OAK RIDGE GOLF COURSE

9784 N County Rd 300 E, Brazil, IN 47834 Website: https://www.oakridgegc.com

OAK TREE GC

4712 E. State Road 40, Plainfield, IN

Website: oaktreegolf.net

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 124/71.8

Directions: Located 10 minutes west of the Indianapolis International Airport on U.S. 40.

PARKE COUNTY GOLF COURSE

1640 US-41, Rockville 47872

PITTSBORO GOLF COURSE

2227 E. U.S. 136, Pittsboro, 46167 Website pittsborogolfcourse.com

Par: 34

Slope/Rating: 98/34.2

Directions: Take I 74 to exit 58 for State Road 39. Turn right for a 1/2 mile and turn left onto U.S. 136. The destination will be on the right after 3.5 miles.

PLEASANT RUN GC

601 N. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis, 46219 Website: prssgolf.com

Par: 71

Slope/Rating: 111/67.7

Directions: Take I-70 east to Emerson Avenue, south on Emerson to 10th Street, and go east on 10th Street to Arlington. Turn south and the destination will be on the left.

PLUM CREEK GOLF CLUB

12401 Lynnwood Blvd., Carmel, IN 46033 Website: plumcreekgolfclub.com

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 127/72.5

Directions: Take Keystone Avenue to 126th Street in Indianapolis, go east for one mile past Gray Road.

PRAIRIE VIEW GC

7000 Longest Drive, Carmel, IN 46033 Website: prairieviewgc.com Slope/Rating: 138/74.5

Directions: From I-465 Take Keystone Avenue north to 126th Street, east to River Road, north to 131st Street and exit off 131st Street onto Longest Drive. Continue east to the course.

RAVINES GOLF COURSE

8525 Division Rd, West Lafayette, IN

Website: https://ravinesgolfcourse.com

RIVERCREST GOLF CLUB

14 Club House Drive, Covington, IN 47932 Website: rivercrestgc.com

ROCKY RIDGE GOLF CLUB

3965 N 625 E, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

SADDLEBROOK GC

5516 Arabian Run, Indianapolis, 46208 Website: saddlebrookgolf.com

Par: 71

Slope/Rating: 124/70.0

Directions: Take Georgetown Road to 56th Street, then east one mile to sign on right.

SAHM GOLF COURSE

6800 E. 91st St., Indianapolis, 46250 Website: sahmgolf.com

Par: 70

Slope/Rating: 105/69.2

Directions: Take I-465 to exit Allisonville Road, north to 91st, east on 91st, second stop sign, turn right into park

SARAH SHANK GC

2607 S. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis,

Website: prssgolf.com Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 122/70.5

Directions: Take I-65 south from Indianapolis, exit Keystone Avenue, go left, course is on the right

SOUTH GROVE GOLF COURSE

1800 W. 18th St., Indianapolis, 46202 Website: southgrovegolf.com

Slope/Rating: 107/69.4

Directions: West on 16th Street, north on Riverside Drive for two blocks and the course is on left

SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF COURSE

8220 S. Tibbs Ave., Indianapolis, 46217 Website: southerndunesgolfcourse.com

Par: 70

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Slope/Rating: 129/72.1

Directions: From I-465 on the southwest side of Indianapolis take exit 4 for State Road 37. Continue on State Road 37 south for 3.9 miles and turn right onto Wicker Road. In a

1/2 mile, turn right onto Tibbs Avenue and continue to the destination.

STONY CREEK GOLF CLUB

11800 E. 166th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 Website: stonycreekgolfclub.com

Par: 71/27

Slope/Rating: 121/71.3

Directions: I-69 to exit 10, go west two miles to Summer Road, go north 1.5 miles

TIGER POINT GOLF & EVENT CENTER

37 N. U.S. 231, Greencastle, IN 46135 Website: www.tigerpointgolf.com

THE TROPHY CLUB

3887 N. US Highway 52, Lebanon, IN 46052

Website: thetrophyclubgolf.com

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 138/75.3

Directions: Take State Road 32 to Lebanon and go north on I-65 to exit 141 for U.S. 52. Continue on U.S. 52 for two miles and the destination will be located on the left.

TURKEY RUN GOLF COURSE

7951 E. State Road 47, Waveland, IN 47989

Website: turkeyrungolf.com

TWIN BRIDGES GC

1001 Cartersburg Road, Danville, IN 46122 Website: twinbridgesgoflclub.com

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 135/74.1

Directions: Take U.S. 36 to Danville and turn south on Tennessee St at the third stop sign. Turn left and after the railroad tracks the course will be located on the left.

WEST CHASE GOLF CLUB

4 Hollaway Blvd., Brownsburg, IN 46112 Website: west-chasegolf.com

Par: 72

Slope/Rating: 134/73.1

Directions: Take U.S. 136 east through Pittsboro and turn north onto C.R. 550E for one mile to course.

WHISPERING HILLS GOLF COURSE

10751 Brookville Road, Indianapolis, 46239 Par: 34

Slope/Rating: 97/31.2

Directions: Take I-465 to Brookville Road and go east for three miles to course.

WINDING RIVER GC

8015 S. Mann Road, Indianapolis, 46221 Website: windingrivergc.com

Par: 71

Slope/Rating: 123/64.2

Directions: Take I-465 south to Mann Road, go left for 3.5 miles. The destination will be on the left.

ZIONSVILLE GOLF COURSE

10799 E. C.R. 550S, Zionsville, IN 46077 Website: zionsville-in.gov

Par: 36

Slope/Rating: 118/69

Directions: From I-465 take Michigan Road



Golf tips for beginners

Golf courses are serene settings that allow people to enjoy the great outdoors while simultaneously engaging in the thrill of competition. Those factors undoubtedly motivate people to hit the links and play a round of golf, which remains a wildly popular sport. In fact, a recent report from the National Golf Foundation found that roughly 119 million people followed golf on television or online, read about the game, or listened to a golf-related podcast in 2022.

Golf can certainly be a fun sport to follow, but it's just as fun to play. Golf is a challenging sport, and it can be especially difficult for newcomers. Patience is paramount when learning to play golf, and the following are some additional strategies beginners can keep in mind as they learn to golf.

- Work with a pro. Golf pros at local courses or even private coaches typically have extensive experience teaching the game. That experience is invaluable. Beginners can learn the basics from a seasoned pro, who can instruct students on fundamentals such as stance, grip and swing so they enjoy their first round that much more.
- Purchase a good set of clubs. The right clubs can make the game that much easier. Adults who are not sure if they want to fully commit to playing can get by with secondhand clubs, while parents can do the same as they try to teach their children the game. Once a commitment has been made, a new set of custom fitted clubs can be a worthy

investment that lets golfers take their game to the next level. Using clubs that are too small or too large can affect performance, as can other factors like grip size. Custom fitted clubs can be expensive, so beginners may want to wait until they catch the golfing bug before they make such an investment.

- Golf with a friend. The buddy system makes numerous recreational activities more fun, and golf is no exception. Beginners can ask a friend who already plays to tag along, but it also can be fun to learn the sport along-side another novice. Friends with experience may be willing to offer some tips to becoming a better player, while two beginners can share a few laughs as they navigate their way through rounds that end up well over par.
- Choose the right courses. Certain courses are more challenging than others. Par-3 courses can be perfect for beginners because they include only par 3 holes, which feature shorter distances from tee to cup and tend to be flatter and easier for novices. Par-3 courses also tend to be just nine holes, which can be ideal for beginners. When playing a traditional course, beginners can look for one with a reputation for being less challenging so they are not discouraged by their final scores.

Millions of people enjoy playing the game of golf. As beginners introduce themselves to the game, they can keep various strategies in mind to ensure their day on the links is fun and fruitful.



Master golf terminology

Golf is a fun game that is not without its challenges. Getting a tiny ball from a tee box into a small hole that's several hundred yards away requires considerable skill and a lot of patience. But novices know that mastering the game is not the only challenge on the course.

Like most sports, golf has its own unique terminology. Confusion can set in when beginners arrive at a course and feel as though they're surrounded by people speaking a different language. This glossary of golf terms, courtesy of the PGA of America, can help beginners master the lingo of the links.

- Par: The score an accomplished player is expected to make on a hole. Holes are either a par three, par four or par five.
- Birdie: A score of one-under-par on a hole.
- Eagle: A score of two-underpar on a hole.
- Double eagle: A score of three-under-par on a hole.
- Bogey: A score of one-overpar on a hole.
- Double bogey A score of two-over-par on a hole.
- Green: The area at the end of each hole where grass is cut especially short.
- Fairway: The area of short grass between the tee and cor-

responding green.

- Rough: The area of longer grass around the fairway and the green.
- Hazards: Obstacles, including water, between a tee and a green.
- Bunker: Sometimes referred to as a "sand trap," the bunker is a hollow comprised of sand or grass or both that exists as an obstacle and, in some cases, a hazard.
- Divot: The turf displaced when a club strikes the ball on a descending path.
- Fore: An exclamation golfers yell to warn others that they have hit a bad shot.
- Ranger: A course employee who drives around the course ensuring golfers are following the rules and playing at a reasonable speed.
- Range: Sometimes referred to as the "golf range," this is a facility where players can practice their full swings and, in some cases, their short games.
- Pin: The flag on the green that indicates to players where the hole is.
- Shank: When the ball is struck on the hosel of the club, usually sending it shooting off to the right.
- Slice: A ball that curves from left to right after being struck. Left-swinging players will slice right to left.

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