

ROBERT TRENT JONES  
GOLF TRAIL



# TRAIL GUIDE

THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO ALABAMA'S ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL » 2021



# THIS IS *Alabama*

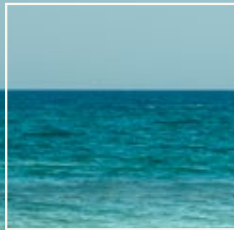
And from our Gulf Coast  
to the top of Cheaha Mountain,  
you can take it all in.

Sweet Home  
**Alabama**  
[www.Alabama.Travel](http://www.Alabama.Travel)



## *Watch*

the skies change from  
true blue to light blue



## *Smell*

the salty breeze  
off the Gulf



## *Listen*

to the waves crash  
on the shore



## *Feel*

the fine, sugar-white  
sand underneath





# OFF THE TRAIL

-----  
KAY IVEY,  
GOVERNOR,  
STATE OF  
ALABAMA  
-----

Greetings and welcome to Sweet Home Alabama! You have picked the ideal year to play Alabama's spectacular Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. Between playing rounds at the eleven destinations on the Trail, plan to encounter some of the state's remarkable geological sites during The Year of Natural Wonders.

The challenging Trail offers 468 holes on 26 courses at eleven sites where elevations range from a couple of feet above sea level to the mountains of North Alabama. The legendary golf course architect Trent Jones himself toured Alabama by helicopter and selected the unique golf course sites. Eight highly-ranked Renaissance and Marriott hotels offer quality resorts and retreats to serve as headquarters for your Trail adventures.

If you begin at the southernmost courses at the historic Grand Hotel in Point Clear, or Mobile's Magnolia Grove, you will discover the pristine white sand beaches at Gulf State Park. Bird watchers touring the Coastal Alabama Birding Trail in spring often encounter migrating birds which literally drop out of the sky after non-stop flights from Central America.

Cambrian Ridge Golf Course at Greenville is a geographical wonder of its own, with the Canyon Course's ninth hole encompassing a 200-foot drop. Near the middle of the state, the Capitol Hill courses at Prattville are only a few miles from the Wetumpka Crater, which was formed 83 million years ago. Prattville marks the southern end of the Appalachian Mountains and the beginning of the Coastal Plain that rolls to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Ross Bridge and Oxmoor Valley courses are nestled among mountains just northwest of Birmingham. The championship course at Ross Bridge, beyond 8,100 yards, is the fifth-longest course in the world.

Trent Jones himself proclaimed the Silver Lakes courses between Anniston and Gadsden among his most favorite water courses designed during his career. Not far away, Cheaha State Park, atop Alabama's highest peak, is surrounded by the Talladega National Forest.

Just east of Huntsville, the Trail's Hampton Cove Golf Course offers a Scottish-Links style course and the River course, the only RTJ course without a single bunker. In the northwest corner of Alabama near Muscle Shoals are two championship courses bordered by the Tennessee River. They overlook what was the highest single-lock dam in the world. The views of the river alone are worth the drive.

Play one course or the entire collection of 26 courses. Your party will brag about your adventures in Alabama for years!



Kay Ivey  
Governor



# TITO'S

TEE TIME

Try a Tito's Lemonade Tea!



\* [TitosVodka.com](http://TitosVodka.com) \* Crafted to be savored responsibly. DISTILLED & BOTTLED BY FIFTH GENERATION, INC. 40% ALC/VOL. © 2019 TITO'S HANDMADE VODKA.



# TRAIL GUIDE 2021



Legislator No. 9 at Capitol Hill

## 6 TRAILBLAZER: INSIGHTS FROM PLAYING ALL 11 RTJ SITES

Golf writer Tony Dear shares his experiences of playing all 11 sites along the Trail and what not to miss.

## 10 YOU CAN'T BEAT SPRING ON THE TRAIL

Golfers have been heading to the Trail from Texas since RTJ opened in 1992. Here is a sampling of courses to consider when planning your golf trip.

## 12 GOLF MEETINGS IN ALABAMA

Blending work and pleasure is a perfect mix along the RTJ Golf Trail. Learn examples of RTJ sites that are ideal for both, plus more current trends from the Trail's chairman.

## 16 HISTORIC HOSPITALITY

The RTJ Golf Trail's Resort Collection includes a mix of historic and modern properties. The Grand Hotel opened in 1947 and the Battle House in 1852.

## 24 ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL ARTIST

Praised internationally for his unique style, this acclaimed artist from Alabama simply goes by one name, Nall.

## 26 LIFE ON THE COURSE

With two residential golf communities, you can experience the Trail all year long.

## 30 PROFESSIONAL QUALITY, PUBLIC ACCESS

World Golf Hall of Fame golfers have competed on the Trail for years. See a list of past winners, plus what professional and public tournaments are coming in 2021.

## 34 RTJ APP

Download the free RTJ app and start planning your next trip to the Trail. The app's GPS, scoring, and other features will enhance your visit to the Trail.

## 36 A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO THE TRAIL

A detailed guide, map, and mileage chart to all 11 sites on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

---

### *On the cover »*

Cambrian Ridge in Greenville, Alabama  
*Golf landscape photography throughout  
by Michael Clemmer.*

---

# TRAILBLAZER

## INSIGHTS FROM PLAY

BY TONY DEAR, COLORADO AVID GOLFER





---

# BLAZER

## ING ALL 11 RTJ SITES



Ross Bridge



It was late, and the shiny surfaces below indicated rain. Indeed, the TV in the arrival lounge showed several inches had fallen on Birmingham, Alabama, over the last few days. It really didn't augur well for the next morning's plan was to play Ross Bridge...from the tips.

Ross Bridge had opened the year before, and was the last of the Robert Trent Jones Trail courses to come on board, meaning it was really Roger Rulewich and Bobby Vaughan that designed it (Old Man Jones had passed in 2000). The pictures were lovely and I'd heard good things about the place from a handful of friends. But at 8,191 yards from the back tees, it was one of the longest courses in the world, and with such wet turf all those yards were going to stretch even further.

Still, I've always been of the view that if it's 95° out it may as well be 120°. If I still have the light on reading or working at 1a.m., why not go until 2a.m.? It's all the same to me. So, if I was going to play a course this long, what difference would another couple of hundred yards make?

I was working on an article for a British mag about what it was like to play over 8,000 yards of golf which, in 2006 money, was an awful lot further than it is today. I mean, my driverhead was made of metal and my ball had a urethane cover, but it wasn't all dialed in like it is today.

I'd face this behemoth with Director of Golf Chip Purser. Chip introduced himself and asked if this really was what I still wanted to do. He then said no one in the 18 months the course had been open had been stupid enough to play every hole from the tips. "People play a few from all the way back, sure" he added, "but certainly not all of them." Even the senior pros lopped nearly 700 yards off the full distance for the Regions Charity Classic, played at Ross Bridge from 2006 to 2010.

To cut a very, very long story short, I had a bit of a nightmare. Really, the one highlight of the round was watching Chip's 3-wood approach from 275 yards at the 571-yard 16th (the shortest Par 5 on the course by 48 yards) carry the front bunker and roll to within a few feet of the hole. It was one of the best shots I've ever seen. "I remember that shot, and thanks for helping me relive it," Purser said in October after I reminded him of the round. "And do you remember how tired you were after playing the beast? I took a picture of you slumped over the cart like the ropes of a prize fight you barely survived." The photo is long gone sadly, but absolutely I recall collapsing onto the cart.

I bring all this up because it remains my most vivid memory from the RTJ Trail which I completed

last Spring, which is to say, I have now visited all 11 sites though certainly haven't played all 32 courses (standard, nine-hole, Par 3) and 468 holes.

We all know the story of this impressive project – in the late 1980s, Dr. David Bronner, CEO of the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA), sought to diversify the state pension fund's assets and, inspired by the movie 'Field of Dreams', and the line "Build it and he will come" in particular, hit upon the idea of creating a chain of affordable, public golf courses located close to the interstate system. Not only would it boost tourism, Bronner also hoped it would stimulate commercial activity and attract retirees.

Bronner enlisted Bobby Vaughan, a former Director of Golf from North Carolina, to procure the necessary land and form alliances with municipalities, corporations, and private developers. Together, they decided the course architect whose name would guarantee maximum exposure was Robert Trent Jones who had designed or redesigned over 500 courses around the world.

Having reached his mid-80s, however, Jones was semi-retired. He did manage to visit the sites and draw up routings, but he left the detailed work to Rulewich – his senior associate who had joined Jones's firm after graduating from Yale in 1958.

Besides doing myself harm on a long, humid day at Ross Bridge in 2006, what else do I remember from half a dozen trips over the last 13 years? Sweeping the dew shortly after dawn on the beautiful Backbreaker Nine at Silver Lakes in



Dr. David G. Bronner



Backbreaker No. 7 at Silver Lakes



2018 comes to mind, as does my first experience of Perry Maxwell holes at Lakewood which the RSA purchased in 1999, where Joe Lee added nine holes in 1967 and Ron Garl nine more in '86, and which Vaughan renovated in 2004 (I never did quite work out who built what at Lakewood, but the Maxwell holes definitely stood out). I remember playing perhaps the prettiest hole I ever saw – the 18th on Fighting Joe at the Shoals; battling a network TV segment-worthy downpour at Hampton Cove then walking through the steam as the hot sun emerged a few minutes later; the amazing opening hole on the Judge at Capitol Hill; some really firm, fast, and heavily-contoured greens at Grand National; the major undulations at Oxmoor Valley; the excellent Short Course at Magnolia Grove.

It's been fun. Despite all the courses being designed by the same guy (well, you know what I mean), and therefore having much in common, there are enough features peculiar to each site to distinguish them from each other. They are still affordable (\$65-\$130), can be as accommodating or taxing as you want (18-hole courses usually range from 4,500-7,500 yards, and while Ross Bridge might extend beyond most people's capabilities, you can play it from 5,312 yards if you wish) and if there isn't a top-quality hotel (Marriott/Renaissance) on-site, there are plenty of good options close by.

The RTJ Trail is a very tightly run ship whose impact on the Alabama economy is undeniable. Over 8,000 houses have been constructed around

the properties along with over five million square feet of commercial space generating hundreds of millions of tax dollars. The initial construction project generated 77,000 new jobs directly and indirectly, and today there are 54,000 more tourism jobs than there were before the Trail opened. It has been a major contributor to the state's soaring tourism income – \$2 billion in 1990 compared with over \$15 billion now.

That money is being spent by guys like Jim Ponciroli, John Kitzie, and George Blatt – guys from out of state who have been coming to play the Trail with their buddies or significant others for a decade or more.

Ponciroli, from St. Louis, comes for eight or nine days every year with his wife Karen and enjoys the Lakes Course at Grand National best of all, though he also has a soft spot for Ross Bridge and the Senator at Capitol Hill. "We used to play the Judge there a lot too," he says. "But it's too difficult for us now. Plenty of the other courses are easier to walk though, so we always find somewhere we enjoy. We usually start in Florence then make a loop thru Birmingham, Prattville, Opelika, back to Birmingham, then Huntsville before we drive back home."

Atlanta resident Kitzie has his system down too. "I've been coming every year since '99, and now come every April with four to eight buddies," he says. "It's ideal because we can play 36 holes a day and stay right on the course. We usually go for four days and play six rounds." After playing most of the

Trail courses, Kitzie's group now rotates between Opelika, Oxmoor/Ross Bridge, and Capitol Hill. "The logistics just work," he says.

Blatt, 72, now lives in Sarasota, Florida, and started visiting in 2006. He comes for a week every January and plays Magnolia Grove, Grand National, Capitol Hill, and his favorite Cambrian Ridge the most. He plays at least 36 every day, and oftentimes will get the first tee time in the morning and squeeze 45 in. "Playing in January, we can have the courses to ourselves," he says. "You can't beat it."

Though all three gentlemen are clearly fans of the RTJ Trail, it is Kitzie who emerges as its biggest cheerleader. "The service and conditioning are exceptional and consistent," he says. "It's great value, and the starters couldn't be nicer."

"And Melissa in reservations is the best," he adds, emphasizing the professionalism and efficiency of the almost-legendary Melissa Hawkins. "The RTJ Trail was a fabulous idea," he continues. "I had never been to Alabama before I played the Trail and now I've been more than 20 times. And it's been incredible to see the impact it has had on the state over the years."

He's not wrong. What the RTJ Trail has done for the state of Alabama is nothing short of phenomenal. Having seen all eleven facilities now, I've seen the effect it's had. It's staggering, mindboggling, implausible, inconceivable.

No, not inconceivable. David Bronner had a hunch it might work and, boy, was he ever right. ■



# YOU CAN'T BEAT SPRING on ALABAMA'S ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL

BY DAVID J. DAUBERT,  
for TEXAS INSIDE GOLFER  
and eSOUTHERNGOLF

It seems every state has some sort of golf trail, but the granddaddy and the very best in the USA is the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama, a collection of 26 jaw-dropping beautiful courses at 11 different sites from Muscle Shoals in the north to the Gulf Coast in the south.

The Trail was the final project for Robert Trent Jones Sr., one of America's most renowned golf course architects and father of Robert Trent Jones Jr. and Rees Jones, both accomplished architects in their own right. It was probably the largest single undertaking in the history of golf course architecture, and I am sure, that is what lured Senior, well into his 80's, out of retirement. The project included simultaneously building golf complexes each with at least 36 holes at seven locations throughout the state. The first four, each with two championship courses and one short course, opened in 1992; three more sites opened the next year.

Since then, three additional facilities have been built and one existing club near the Gulf of Mexico has been added.

I recently took a whirlwind tour of some of the locations and was overwhelmed by the sheer beauty and diversity of the courses, the hospitality of everyone associated with the Trail, and the incredible value for so much memorable golf.

In its 28 years, the Trail has dramatically increased its national and international profile. "By the end of the first quarter this year, golfers from all 50 states and over 30 countries will have visited and played the Trail," says John Cannon, Chairman of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

Dr. David Bronner, head of the Retirement Systems of Alabama, came up with the Trail concept - wooded Senior out of retirement - as a way to boost tourism in Alabama while funding the state's pension plan. About 15 million rounds have been played so far. When the Trail opened, Alabama was attracting about \$2 billion annually from tourism; that number is now close to \$15 billion.

I began my Trail experience at Hampton Cove in Huntsville, a 54-hole facility with two drastically different championship-caliber courses and an 18-hole par 3 course. The Highlands Course is a Scottish-Links-style design complete with flowing fescue bordering the fairways with two dynamic finishing holes. Highlands stretches out to 7,428 yards and has four sets of tees to make your links experience both enjoyable and memorable. An old mule barn was saved from destruction and adorns the 5th hole, a perfect photo-op. In complete contrast, the River Course laid out on a former soybean farm in the flood plain of the Flint River has 16 holes with water that comes into play. It's saving grace - zero bunkers - nada, nix, not a spec of sand. The River is a throwback to the bygone days when very little dirt was moved to construct a golf course. The Short Course is 18 par 3s with just as much thought and design from the RTJ team as its big brothers. "Short" is not the right word - "Captivating" is better.

My next stop was the RTJ Shoals site in Florence, tucked away in the remote northwest corner of the state with two monster golf courses, the Schoolmaster and Fighting Joe. The 7,971 yards Schoolmaster, named for President Woodrow Wilson, has narrow but receptive tree-lined fairways. With little water in play, the course seemed to blend into the countryside perfectly playing among soft elevation changes. Driving into the open side of the fairways provides good shots into the large contoured greens, and with a little study, you can master this one. The scenic finishing 18th is one of those Kodak moments. This uphill par 4 has a grand view of Wilson Lake with the beautiful clubhouse next to it. Fighting Joe was named after a Confederate General, who after the Civil War, became a General in the United States Army named Joe Wheeler. The golf course is one of the longest in the world at 8,092 yards, virtually timeless with water on 14 holes bordered by 3 feet long prairie grass rough. Play the right tee to make your experience an enjoyable round and if you play for safety rather than length, you can score well. The par 3 18th is probably the most scenic on the Trail. The downhill green overlooks the Tennessee River with the stately plantation-style clubhouse set high on a bluff above - another Kodak moment.

I stayed at the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa, overlooking the Wilson Dam on the Tennessee River. The 200-room hotel features Alabama's tallest attraction, the Renaissance Tower connected to the hotel with a revolving restaurant, the Four Diamond 360 American Grill. The surrounding

views and fine dining experience were a real treat. The lively Swampers Bar & Grill in the hotel celebrates the region's rich musical heritage with live entertainment from great musicians.

The Spa at the Marriott Shoals is a 6,000-square foot complete pampering facility with makeup, hair and nail services along with numerous personal treatments. I took full advantage of their services with a soothing pedicure and foot rub and finished off with a deep tissue massage. What a perfect delight after fighting with Joe. After the service, guests can use the steam room and whirlpool and enjoy some serenity in the quiet room.

The next day, I traveled to Auburn/Opelika to play at Grand National, another 54-hole complex and my personal favorite. With 12 holes hugging the shores of 600-acre Lake Saugahatchee, the 7,149 yards Lake Course has got to be the most scenic with a quartet of par threes as good as any in the country. The 230 yards, 15th is considered the prettiest hole on the Trail. The cornerstone is the Links Course at 7,311 yards, which is the toughest of the duo without a single weakness. The par four finishing hole is considered the strongest where your drive must carry a corner of the lake and your approach is played to a shallow pedestal green shored up by boulders. The 18-hole Short Course is a hybrid of its big brothers, beautiful, and demanding, and one of the best par 3 courses in the country.

I chose the adjacent Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa with 221 guest rooms including 19 luxury suites (perfect for those Auburn football games) and named the #1 location for public golf in the U.S. by *GolfWorld* readers. I needed further pampering, so I chose a heavenly message in the 3-story, 20,000 square foot Spa and Fitness Center. What a treat. Guests have use of a steam room, sauna, and huge whirlpool while relaxing in the quiet lounge. The Trail currently has 6 locations with full-service spas.

All the Trail clubhouses I visited were alike. They are spacious brick plantation-style buildings with a leisure sitting area, comfortable bar and grill with very good service, and well-stocked pro shop. They all had outdoor seating usually overlooking the closing holes. The impeccable service from the player staff made me feel right at home.

Five days and eight courses made for a busy week. My next trip I will allow for a little more down time to make my RTJ Trail play less exhausting.

If what I played is an example of the other 8 locations and 18 courses, you have got to check out the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. ■





Lake Course No. 2 at Grand National





River No. 4 at Hampton Cove



# GOLF MEETINGS in ALABAMA

BY MAC LACY, EDITOR,  
SMALL MARKET MEETINGS

Golf and meetings have always been complementary for me. Whether it's an afternoon spent on the course with a client or a best-ball scramble with dozens of players, golf has been my go-to for building business relationships. The same can be said for many meeting planners across the country.

In June 2019, I joined about a dozen golf writers traveling on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama. Meeting planners who have done business in Alabama know the story of this trail, which got its start in 1992. It was conceived by Dr. David G. Bronner to drive meeting and leisure business into the state to build wealth in the retirement systems he manages for public employees.

Almost 30 years later, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail has become perhaps Alabama's best-known travel generator. As I discovered, it's not just the golf courses that make an impression on visitors; it's also the splendid resorts along the Trail that accommodate golfers and nongolfers alike.

On our five-day trip, we visited courses and resorts in Huntsville, Florence, and Auburn/Opelika, and were able to enjoy other iconic Alabama destinations along the way. Muscle Shoals, Alabama's storied recording capital, and downtown Auburn were all on our itinerary. »

## RTJ HAMPTON COVE // HUNTSVILLE

We began our golf at Hampton Cove's River Course, one of three layouts on the site. This course is the only one of more than 30 courses on the Trail with no bunkers, a tribute to early-day courses that had none. The multilevel clubhouse follows the design of all the Trail clubhouses, with broad stairways on two or more sides leading up to the second-floor pro shop, bar, and restaurant. I have played in or hosted best-ball events at three RTJ Trail courses, and the personnel in these clubhouses are adept at handling corporate outings.

I should note that these RTJ Trail courses are difficult for many players. They are characterized by elevated greens protected by deep bunkers that require very good iron play. Even from forward tees, hitting these greens consistently demands solid shot-making by a fairly good golfer.

## RTJ SHOALS // FLORENCE

We spent two nights at Florence's Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa, which sits on a bluff overlooking the Wilson Dam on the Tennessee River. The 199-room property features 40,000 square feet of meeting space, a highly rated spa, and Alabama's only revolving restaurant — 360 Degrees — which sits atop an adjacent tower. We were guests of Florence/Lauderdale Tourism and were treated to a meal at 360 Degrees on a clear summer evening. Recreational boaters were wrapping up their days on the lake beneath us.

We played the Fighting Joe Course in Muscle Shoals, one of two courses on the property. I played with tourism bureau president Rob Carnegie, and we both had at least a few holes worth sharing a beer over. Most of the group went to the Marriott's spa that afternoon, a 6,000-square-foot complex that offers four treatment rooms and seven stations for hair, manicure, and pedicure services.

Selena Miller, the hotel's sales and marketing director, had her shuttle run me into Florence to see the Rosenbaum House, a Frank Lloyd Wright home there. Jeff Ford, its director, greeted me and showed me the acclaimed yet affordable home Wright built for a young couple in 1939.

Later that afternoon, I crossed an item off my bucket list when we visited Fame Recording Studios and Muscle Shoals Sound Studio in legendary Muscle Shoals. We stood in or near rooms where musicians like Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, and The Rolling Stones recorded, and we finished off the evening with a spirited dinner on the terrace at Champy's. I had fried everything — catfish, shrimp, you name it — in this local dining institution. For a music buff like me, this excursion was a must. I wouldn't plan a meeting in Florence without offering a trip to Muscle Shoals.

## RTJ GRAND NATIONAL // AUBURN/OPELIKA

We drove over to Auburn and played the Lakes Course at Grand National, site of the LPGA's Symetra Tour's Zimmer Biomet Championship held in May. After golf, we were treated to a spa visit at the 221-room Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National. The spa features eight treatment rooms and eight stations for hair, manicure, and pedicure services.

We visited the Red Clay Brewery and the John Emerald Distillery in Opelika before joining the staff of the Auburn/Opelika CVB for dinner at The Hound, an iconic Auburn Tiger hangout. Auburn's historic downtown features classic Southern architecture, and The Hound was buzzing, even though it was summer break.

We got up early and played Grand National's Links Course on the last day of our trip. Grand National has three layouts and is one of the jewels of the RTJ Trail. And true to Bronner's vision, many fans coming in for games against the Tigers arrive a day or two early to enjoy the resort and play its courses. »»



Ross Bridge

## **ADDITIONAL GOLF MEETING INSIGHTS** *from JOHN CANNON,* CHAIRMAN OF THE ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL

---

**For team/relationship building, golf is a mainstay. How has the concept of using golf for meetings and events evolved in recent years?** Golfers are looking for quality courses that are challenging, memorable, and competitive for golfers of various levels. As groups balance meetings with recreational activities, they want convenient golf experiences that meet the quality they demand. On the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail and its Resort Collection, we offer 26 quality golf courses and

eight resorts/hotels ideal for meetings with a golf element. For groups wanting an extensive golf experience, RTJ Ross Bridge in Birmingham offers one of the longest golf courses in the world at 8,191 yards from the tips and is just steps from the resort's lodging and meeting spaces. The proximity and multiple tee options appeal to these groups. In Point Clear, the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa is ideal for groups looking to blend meetings and golf. The two RTJ courses at the resort have been recently renovated and will host a USGA tournament in 2021. The practice facility at the Grand's Lakewood Club features innovative practice areas and great teambuilding opportunities in a fun setting.

At Ross Bridge, the Grand Hotel, and the other RTJ facilities, our golf and meeting professionals develop

customized golf experiences based on the client's specific needs. Each location also offers access to multiple golf courses. In recent years, we have renovated the golf courses and hotels to make sure they are of exceptional quality while incorporating a variety of activities for our group customers.

**What are today's groups looking for from resorts in terms of golf and recreation?** In addition to great lodging, meeting spaces, and dining, as in the past, today's meeting planners are looking for outdoor meeting options and a variety of recreational activities. In addition to refreshing our hotels and resorts, we have improved our golf courses, pools, tennis courts, spas, and grounds to improve the quality mix of indoor and outdoor options.





### How do your properties meet these needs?

The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail continues to improve the quality of its courses. From updating greens to significant course design updates, the RTJ Golf Trail continues to evolve and improve. The 26 courses on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail total 468 holes at 11 locations across Alabama. Open in 1992, the RTJ Golf Trail was the largest golf course construction project in history. To accompany our golf courses, the RTJ Resort Collection offers eight hotels as varied as our courses. From the country's top historic resort to modern, downtown hotels with connecting convention centers, we offer a variety of meeting options. The Trail's artfully designed and beautifully landscaped courses, according to *The New York Times*, are "some of the best public golf on earth." *The Wall Street*

*Journal* said the Trail "may be the best bargain in the country." *The Boston Globe* reported, "In Alabama, a genius in course design created 26 jewels for everyone to enjoy at one-third the rate of comparable facilities." *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* called the Trail "the finest public courses in the country."

**Can you provide examples of how groups are creatively or innovatively approaching golf and recreation for the purposes of building relationships?** From planning sessions to team building, the Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center at Capitol Hill is a premiere example of how golf and groups work together well. The hotel's six-suite Presidential Cottage and two eight-room golf villas allow groups to have their

own space without interruptions from other guests. A large courtyard connects these three lodging options and creates an exceptional outdoor meeting space. The hotel is adjacent to the 17th fairway of the Senator Course, which was renovated in 2020. Groups can play on the same course that has hosted both professional men's and women's golf tournaments over the years. Additionally, two other RTJ courses are part of the RTJ Capitol Hill complex. The private lodging options have recently been renovated, as well. This combination gives groups an option to have their own lodging facility with easy access to world-class golf. This privacy option has appealed to international corporations looking to mix business and recreation. The Presidential Cottage even offers its own private heliport. ■





Battle House Hotel





# OPPORTUNITY

*hospitality*





Susan Stein, Grand Hotel Historian





Opened in 1847, the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa's historian is ready to share stories about the "Queen of Southern Resorts" with longtime guests and first-time visitors. Across Mobile Bay, the Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa opened in 1852 and has an historian who started there in the early 1970s. Susan Stein and George Moore are exceptional hospitality ambassadors who bring the history of these iconic hotels to life. The Grand Hotel and the Battle House are part of the Resort Collection on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. Each of these eight hotels has an interesting history and nearby historic attractions for guests to explore. Stein and Moore are Alabama's only hotel historians and rank among the best in the country.

Of the thousands of employees who have brought the Grand Hotel to life, no one knows her better than Susan Stein, the hotel's historian. Having worked at the resort for 34 years, Stein earned the nickname "boss lady" from the late Bucky Miller - a legend at the resort. She has worked directly for nine general managers at the Grand Hotel during 25 years in the executive office before being named Grand Historian. Stein oversees the resort archives and is a primary storyteller for the property. She leads history tours and regularly speaks to local civic, community, and military organizations.

"From getting to know Bucky to working with the 40 associates who have worked at the Grand Hotel for more than 25 years to introducing the Grand's history to wide-eyed children visiting the resort for the first time, the Grand has so many stories to tell." Sharing copies of guests' signatures from Honeymoon Guest Registries which date back to 1951 is something she especially enjoys doing. This type of service and hospitality from Stein and the other Grand associates has not gone unnoticed. Historic Hotels of America named the Grand Hotel the top large historic hotel in the country in 2019. *USA Today* and *Southern Living* honored the Grand as one of the top resorts in the country for the second year in a row. Stein was a finalist for Historic Hotel's Historian of the Year in 2019.

Before closing in the 1970s, George Moore worked at the Battle House and knew its traditions

and place of prominence. Through tough economic times, the hotel doors closed for more than 30 years. However, once renovated and preparing to reopen, Moore was one of the first people hired to bring "Mobile's Living Room" back to life. He is known by hotel associates and guests alike as Mr. George.

Named Ambassador of the Year in 2013 by Historic Hotels of America, Mr. George is an enthusiastic, dedicated ambassador that exudes Southern Hospitality. His performance has always displayed levels of professionalism and thoroughness, which are truly "a cut above." As the hotel's historian, he has toured thousands of guests through the historic Battle House. Mr. George goes above and beyond in everything he does. So much so, the hotel's gift shop was named after him. From helping royalty during Mardi Gras to listening to elderly women reminisce about their proms at the hotel to welcoming international business leaders, Mr. George has done it all and done it well. In a time and age of emails and instant contact, Mr. George reminds us of a time that many may not know of or have long since forgotten. He is a teacher of historic hospitality and the art of conversation.

While the other six hotels/resorts along the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail may not have official historians, associates will quickly share historic facts about the hotels and the area. The Marriott Shoals top luxury suites are named after Helen Keller

and W.C. Handy, two locals who made a difference internationally. All music played throughout the Marriott Shoals was recorded locally and the hotel has live music every night. Muscle Shoals has an active music industry and you never know what up and comer or music legend you will pass in the hallways at the Marriott.

While relatively new, the Equal Justice Initiative sites in Montgomery have quickly made a name for themselves. From A-list celebrities to school children studying the quest for justice and equality, the EJI attracts thousands of guests each year, many of whom stay nearby at the Renaissance Montgomery. The National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum, plus civil rights sites related to the Selma to Montgomery March, the Rosa Parks Museum, and Dr. Martin Luther King's church are in historic downtown near the Renaissance. Many of these visitors also will visit Birmingham's civil rights district and stay at the Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa.

Whether you are visiting for a meeting, special occasion, or to play the RTJ Golf Trail, each of these hotels blend history with hospitality and local flavor. The Trail's eight hotels and resorts exceed international luxury standards and are dedicated to safely welcoming guests. To enhance your visit, historic highlights from each of the hotels are highlighted. These hotels and resorts are ready for your arrival. »

---

## NORTH ALABAMA AND BIRMINGHAM REGION

### MARRIOTT SHOALS HOTEL & SPA

Florence, Alabama // [marriottshoals.com](http://marriottshoals.com)

[facebook.com/marriottshoals](https://www.facebook.com/marriottshoals)

[twitter.com/marriottshoals](https://twitter.com/marriottshoals)

---

Overlooking the Tennessee River and historic Wilson Dam in Florence, Alabama, the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa continues to be a Marriott leader for exceptional golf, spas, dining, hotel rooms, and guest satisfaction. The 199 guest rooms, including seven suites, have private balconies and waterfront views. The resort features Alabama's only revolving restaurant and more than 30,000 square feet of versatile meeting space.

The Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa is a short distance from two Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses – Fighting Joe and Schoolmaster. In addition to great golf, the Shoals area is internationally known for its music. Swampers Bar & Grille celebrates the area's rich musical heritage. Artists such as The Rolling Stones, Cher, Etta James, Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, and hundreds more recorded in the Shoals. The area still has many songwriters and active recording studios. For upscale dining, the revolving 360 Grille restaurant offers remarkable cuisine and amazing views of the Tennessee River. The 6,000-square-foot European-style spa and salon help make the Marriott the premier resort in the Tennessee River Valley.

---

**Historic Highlight:** The jukebox located in the hotel's lobby is filled with hits recorded in Muscle Shoals. To kick off happy hour each afternoon, a designated guest selects the song of the day which plays throughout the property.

### RENAISSANCE BIRMINGHAM ROSS BRIDGE GOLF RESORT & SPA

Birmingham, Alabama // [rossbridgeresort.com](http://rossbridgeresort.com)

[facebook.com/rossbridgeresort](https://www.facebook.com/rossbridgeresort)

[twitter.com/renrossbridge](https://twitter.com/renrossbridge)

---

Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa is designed to provide a unique environment of stylish comfort and sophistication. *GOLF Magazine* named Ross Bridge one of the top 100 golf resorts and top 25 buddy trips in North America for 2019.

*Golf Digest* editors named Ross Bridge one of their favorite golf resorts for the past four years. This Four Diamond resort has 259 guest rooms, with balconies overlooking one of the longest golf courses in the world at 8,191 yards from the tips. Between Ross Bridge and nearby Oxmoor Valley, golfers have access to 54 holes of golf. Ross Bridge offers luxurious pampering in a 12,000-square-foot European spa. The resort has multiple restaurants including fine dining with a Mediterranean influence in Brock's. The Clubhouse offers a variety of burgers, salads, sandwiches, soups, and tacos plus plenty of cold beverages. For meetings or special events, Ross Bridge has 20,000 square feet of function space ranging from a large ballroom to a smaller, distinctive boardroom.

---

**Historic Highlight:** Listen for the bagpiper playing each evening at sunset and enjoy a Scottish tradition with a Southern twist. Scottish by heritage, the Ross family lived on this land in the 1800s.

## CENTRAL ALABAMA AND MONTGOMERY REGION

### MONTGOMERY MARRIOTT PRATTVILLE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER AT CAPITOL HILL

Prattville, Alabama // [marriottcapitolhill.com](http://marriottcapitolhill.com)

[facebook.com/marriottcapitolhill](https://www.facebook.com/marriottcapitolhill)

[twitter.com/marriottcaphill](https://twitter.com/marriottcaphill)

---

Minutes from downtown Montgomery, the Marriott hotel and its 96 guest rooms recently completed a massive renovation. Two, eight-room luxury villas have living areas for informal gatherings and are ideal for golfing groups. The 10,000-square-foot Presidential Cottage features five executive suites, private balconies, a lush garden, and a private heliport. The hotel was the first to be built directly on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail and overlooks the 54 holes of championship golf at Capitol Hill. *GolfWorld* readers named RTJ Capitol Hill the number 2 site for public golf in the country. The Marriott's Oak Tavern offers dining with an extraordinary view overlooking the 17th fairway of the newly renovated Senator Course. The hotel features 20,000 square feet of event space, including 13 venues, a new ballroom and pre-function area, and a covered terrace.

Capitol Hill will host the Symetra Tour's Guardian Championship in September 2021.

---

**Historic Highlight:** To salute the area's history, a gin shop whistle blows each afternoon at 4 p.m. to signal the end of the workday and the start of happy hour. Prattville was once the home to the country's largest cotton gin factory.

### RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL & SPA AT THE CONVENTION CENTER

Montgomery, Alabama // [renaissancemontgomery.com](http://renaissancemontgomery.com)

[facebook.com/renaissancemontgomeryhotel](https://www.facebook.com/renaissancemontgomeryhotel)

[twitter.com/renaissancemgm](https://twitter.com/renaissancemgm)

---

The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center is a great cultural, culinary, and corporate hub for Alabama's capital city. The hotel features 345 luxurious rooms and suites, several restaurants, bars, and a European-style spa. Located near the Alabama River, Renaissance Montgomery is a part of the city's downtown revitalization. The Renaissance Montgomery includes a newly renovated and expanded convention center and an 1,800-seat performing arts center. The hotel complex has more than 140,000 square feet of meeting space. The Renaissance Montgomery is approximately 10 minutes from RTJ Capitol Hill. For cultural experiences, the Renaissance Montgomery is steps away from great museums. Experience the Equal Justice Initiative sites. Tour the Rosa Parks Museum, Dexter Avenue, Dr. Martin Luther King's church, the Hank Williams Museum, and other historic locations near the Renaissance.

---

**Historic Highlight:** A replica of Freeny's bell rings daily at 5 p.m. on the hotel's Exchange Bar patio. The Marquis de Lafayette, the last surviving general of the Revolutionary War, arrived in Montgomery on this spot in 1825 on his grand tour of the United States.

### AUBURN MARRIOTT OPELIKA RESORT & SPA AT GRAND NATIONAL

Opelika, Alabama // [marriottgrandnational.com](http://marriottgrandnational.com)

[facebook.com/marriottgrandnational](https://www.facebook.com/marriottgrandnational)

[twitter.com/GrandNat\\_Hotel](https://twitter.com/GrandNat_Hotel)

---

Named an Editors' Choice Golf Resort by *Golf Digest* for the past four years, the Marriott is the ideal





Marriott Shoals



Ross Bridge



Montgomery Marriott Prattville



Renaissance Montgomery





Auburn Marriott Opelika



Renaissance Riverview



Grand Hotel



stay for golfers playing RTJ Grand National. The Auburn Marriott Opelika added a three-story spa and renovated its restaurant and bars in 2018. In 2017, the Marriott doubled the number of rooms to 221 guest rooms, including 19 luxury suites. With the resort pool complex, spa, tennis courts, RTJ golf courses, dining options, luxury rooms, and other amenities, the hotel has been officially designated a Marriott resort. Named the #1 location for public golf in the country by *GolfWorld* readers, the Auburn Marriott Opelika is situated perfectly for golf. The hotel is just 10 minutes from Auburn University. This nationally renowned retreat is the region's premier golf destination and lakeside resort with 54 holes of Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail golf. Many guest rooms in this luxury resort overlook Grand National's Lake golf course, the pools, tennis complexes, and Lake Saugahatchee. This resort has 15,000 square feet of technology-equipped event space, a business center, and a 96-seat amphitheater.

**Historic Highlight:** Paying tribute to Opelika's railroad history, a guest conductor is selected each afternoon to blow the resort's train whistle and begin happy hour at the Splash Bar or Southern Oak Bar.

## MOBILE BAY REGION

### The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa

Mobile, Alabama // [renaissancebattlehouse.com](http://renaissancebattlehouse.com)

[facebook.com/battlehouse](https://www.facebook.com/battlehouse)

[twitter.com/renbattlehouse](https://twitter.com/renbattlehouse)

Originally built in 1852 and closed in the mid-1970s, the Battle House in Mobile has been restored to all its original grandeur. The Battle House reopened in 2007 and was named as one of the "Top 500 Hotels in the World" by *Travel + Leisure*. Consistently named Mobile's best hotel and best spa, the hotel was refurbished in 2019. Both the Battle House and its Trellis Room restaurant have received Four Diamond ratings from AAA. The Trellis Room updated its menu in 2019 to feature Italian and local favorites in a welcoming environment. This pet-friendly hotel has also been named one of *National Geographic Traveler's* "Top Places to Stay" in North America and was named a favorite by *Coastal Living*. The 238 gracious guest rooms,

new spa, historic lobby, restaurant, and ballrooms make the Battle House the perfect urban retreat for business and leisure guests with an affinity for the finer things in life. The hotel has 35,000 square feet of meeting space and is connected to the RSA Battle House Tower.

**Historic Highlight:** Mobile is home to America's original Mardi Gras. After the history tour each afternoon at 4 p.m., the cocktail ritual in the lobby and flag raising along Royal Street share a bit of Mardi Gras spirit each day. Located directly on the parade route, the Battle House is a great Mardi Gras choice. On New Year's Eve, come witness MoonPie Over Mobile in a one-of-a-kind celebration.

### Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

Mobile, Alabama // [renaissanceriverview.com](http://renaissanceriverview.com)

[facebook.com/riverviewplaza](https://www.facebook.com/riverviewplaza)

[twitter.com/riverviewplaza](https://twitter.com/riverviewplaza)

Named Marriott Hotel of the Year for 2019, the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza sits along Mobile Bay in the heart of downtown. A prime location with a covered walkway to the Mobile Convention Center makes the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza a favorite for business guests. Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza, a Four Diamond hotel, also is a short walk from the city's Carnival Museum, the Museum of Mobile, and the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center. Passengers on the Carnival cruise ship enjoy the park and cruise packages offered by the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza. Currently under renovation, the 373 plush guest rooms are as popular as the hotel's spectacular views of Mobile Bay. The Harbor Room restaurant features fresh seafood. Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza features 32,000 square feet of versatile meeting, banquet, and exhibit space. Mardi Gras parades pass in front of the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza during Carnival season.

**Historic Highlight:** Adjacent to Mobile Bay, the Alabama State Docks, and international shipbuilders, Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza is surrounded by nautical influences. At 5 p.m. each day a ship horn sounds to start happy hour. The nearby GulfQuest National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico offers insights into the area's key industries. Other historic attractions are nearby.

### Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa

Point Clear, Alabama // [grand1847.com](http://grand1847.com)

[facebook.com/thegrandhotel](https://www.facebook.com/thegrandhotel)

[twitter.com/grandhotel1847](https://twitter.com/grandhotel1847)

Since 1847, the Grand has maintained a gracious tradition of Southern hospitality on historic Mobile Bay. In 2018, the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa completed transformation and joined the Autograph Collection Hotels, an upscale Marriott brand. Cited by *USA Today* as one of the top five historic hotels in the country in 2019 and 2020, the Grand's transformation blends the beloved resort traditions with modern upgrades. The Grand Hotel is a Four Diamond, family-friendly resort. It has received national praise from *Travel + Leisure*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Garden & Gun*, *Successful Meetings*, *Meetings Today*, *Southern Living*, and other publications.

A schedule of activities and special weekends is particularly attractive to families. Groups appreciate the superlative meeting facilities. With 405 luxurious guest rooms and having some of Marriott's best spas, golf courses, and pools, the Grand Hotel is now grander than ever. The Dogwood Course completed a massive renovation in 2018 and the Azalea Course reopened in November 2019. The resort's 37,000 square feet of meeting space were completely renovated. The Grand's 550 acres feature giant live oak trees, multiple beaches, and lush landscaping. In addition to world-class golf and the 20,000-square-foot spa, the resort has a variety of activities including eight rubico tennis courts, a croquet lawn, horseshoes, cornhole, bikes, kayaks, sailboats, and other watercrafts for the guests' enjoyment.

**Historic Highlight:** Honoring its ties to American freedom, the Grand Hotel's unique history is celebrated each day at 3:45 p.m. with a procession that commences by the Main Lobby fireplace and culminates with a Civil War-replica cannon firing on the edge of Mobile Bay. In Grand tradition, the resort proudly honors the military each day. ■



*ON DISPLAY* From the fireplace lobby of the Grand Hotel to a museum at Troy University dedicated to his work, Nall's artwork is exhibited across Alabama and beyond.







## ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL ARTIST

BY LENORE VICKREY,  
ALABAMA LIVING MAGAZINE

Few Alabamians are known by only one name, but then very few can command the international reputation of the artist Nall. Born Fred Nall Hollis in Troy in 1948, he has been creating art in a variety of genres for more than 50 years, from paintings, mosaics, and line engravings to sculpture, glassware, and jewelry. He grew up in Troy and earned a degree in art, political science, and abnormal psychology from the University of Alabama. He studied at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris and was mentored by Salvador Dali. His work has been exhibited in France, Italy, Switzerland, New York, Miami, and many other museums, and he has been an artist in residence at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Miami-Dade College, and Troy University. After living several years in France and setting up his N.A.L.L. Art Foundation for students, he returned to Alabama, where he now operates out of his studio in Fairhope. He has a permanent art gallery in the International Arts Center on the Troy campus.

### ARTISTS FEATURED IN THE RTJ RESORT COLLECTION

Judith Amanda, Jennifer Antoline, Margaret Barber, Ann Mottershead Betak, Sloane Bibb, Sue Blackshear, Xander Booker, Julia Bradshaw, Neal Brantley, Kyle Braund, Edward Brummal, Chip Cooper, Nan Cunningham, J J Gaudel, Sybil Gibson, Sarita Gish, Russell Goodloe, Nancy Goodman, Erin Fitzhugh Gregory, Jim Gunter, Anton Haardt, Amber Hall, Mike Handley, Baba Hendricks, Marty Hoerr, Stacey Howell, Carrie Johnson, Robert Harold Johnston III, Robert

**Your work is well known to many Alabamians who've seen it in the hotels and properties of the Retirement Systems of Alabama. Do you still supply new artwork to the RSA hotels and buildings?**

Working with the RSA has been a great part of my career. It gives you a lot of exposure. People go to luxury hotels much more than they go to museums. I met Dr. David G. Bronner (CEO of the Retirement Systems of Alabama) through (Troy University Chancellor) Jack and Janice Hawkins. It's all like a family. They're wonderful, super people. I did all the pieces at the Grand Hotel, and loaned them in 2002 when they did a major renovation. Having completed a massive transformation in 2018, they gave back 1,500 pieces of my art, so now when I go to someone's home I take a little piece of art instead of a bottle of wine. Everybody won! For the Grand's transformation, the resort added a Nall Suite and a connecting gallery overlooking the historic main lobby. I also created large camellia prints for the reception desk wall. Other new pieces are in guest rooms and other locations throughout the resort.

**At your studio in Fairhope, do you still work with apprentices?**

I'm still working with them, using a lot of students from the high school mostly. Every now and then I'll get one who wants to apprentice for three or four months. That's what I'm looking for. They're helping me, and that is learning (for them) because they're in a professional environment. We paint and frame, learn about inventories, giving interviews with the press, how to make yourself available. I'm teaching them everything I know about everything. How to be a teacher is taught in school. How to be an artist is not. There's a world of difference. First of all, you can't count on any income when you're 65. That's essential to know when you want to become an artist. You follow your own rules, and express from your heart, not your intellect.

Johnston, Ryan Clifford Keller, Mary Riser Kennedy, Christy Rhodes Kirk, Bruce Larsen, Charlie Lucas, Michael Mastro, Betty Sue Matthews, Jim Morris, Maya Morland, Christopher Moses, Haardt Moses, Melanie H O'Keefe, Herbert "Mannie" Pair, Heather Pettersen, Donna Pickens, Tigo Price, Barbara Reed, Bradley Robertson, Natalyn Havenick Rose, Conrad and Janice Ross, Jayne Rushin, Stephen Savage, Kate Seawell, Michael Simpson, David M. Spears, Joan White-Spunner, Susan Starr, Steve Strickland,

**You've worked in so many different media. Do you have a favorite?** All are my favorite at the time I'm working on them. When I'm working, I'm so concentrated on that, it's absorbing. I have a wonderful ability to have a one-track mind on whatever I'm doing. I can be working and talking on the phone and doing something else at the same time, and still be right there with the work. It's a gift.

**Frames have been an important part of your signature look.** Absolutely. It's the framework on the pieces that really makes some of them. Whatever you see, you see the framework with it. So, if you put an 18th century gilded frame around a drawing, the drawings are going to look a heck of a lot better. And if you put a drawing or little painting with tacky little frames, you wouldn't want it. It's an important thing I try to teach my kids. What you're giving the public is an image. The image is inseparable from the frame around it. If you want to have a filthy house with the bed unmade and the curtains ragged and falling down, the house might be great but people who are going into the house will say, "This is awful." It's the same thing with a painting or somebody's clothes.

**What are your current projects?** I've got three books going on. It's wonderful to be able to change and concentrate on something else. The N.A.L.L. Foundation is going to publish my memoirs. Plus, I'm building a museum down here in Fairhope. I've been told by a spiritual advisor that if you write your memoirs, it's the best way to increase your memory. If I'd known that, I'd have started them 10 years ago. ■

### GALLERY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT »

414 Equality Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532.  
For more information visit [artistnall.com](http://artistnall.com).

George Taylor, Les Thompson, Langley Tolbert, Annie Tolliver, Lynda Smith Touart, Melissa Tubbs, Mary Catherine Watson, Susan Downing White, Dave Willmart, Devlin Wilson, and Robert Zimmerman.

**Artists** Paul Looney, Ann Morland, Kate Seawell, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, and Yvonne Wells also have works on consignment in the Renaissance Montgomery.

**Deceased artists** in permanent collection include: Steve Skidmore, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, Mose T, and Flemming Tyler Wilson.





RTJ RESORT COMMUNITIES OFFER  
GREAT HOMES AND GOLF YEAR-ROUND

Living a golf lifestyle is a dream for so many of us. Two residential developments located along the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Auburn/Opelika and Fairhope are turning dreams into reality! Upscale, new construction homes are for sale in these award-winning communities where residents enjoy resort amenities year-round with golf as the main attraction.

# LIFE *on the* COURSE

The master-planned communities at The Colony at The Grand in Fairhope near Mobile Bay and National Village in Auburn/Opelika at RTJ Grand National feature golf course and lake views for a truly stunning setting. With new phases of development underway, both communities are growing faster than the 419 Bermuda grass planted along the fairways of the Azalea course in Fairhope and the Lake Course in Auburn/Opelika! From golf course lots for custom-built homes to golf cottages, you'll find a variety of different sized single-family homes at National Village and The Colony at The Grand. Whether you are seeking life in an SEC university town or desire a more coastal feel with a flair for the arts, the communities associated with the RTJ Golf Trail offer unprecedented access to great golf and resort amenities all year long. Collectively, they offer 90 holes of world-class golf, 18 tennis courts, 4 pickle ball courts, eight pools, endless miles of hiking and biking trails, and much more.

## THE COLONY AT THE GRAND

Fairhope, Alabama » [colonyatthegrand.com](http://colonyatthegrand.com)

**MAJESTIC OAKS. RESORT LIVING. GRAND TRADITIONS.** Perhaps the only things more spectacular than the new homes at The Colony at The Grand are the community's majestic oak trees. From young families with children to retirees looking for a coastal climate, The Colony at The Grand offers homes to fit a variety of lifestyles with some of the most popular homes designed by *Southern Living*.

Residents can work on their golf game at The Lakewood Club's practice facility, the Grand Golf Experience, and play two RTJ courses onsite. Families can dive into the club's resort pools, play tennis on grass and clay courts, and squeeze in a workout at the fitness center—all within walking distance!

Looking for less strenuous options? Set sail into Mobile Bay, watch spectacular sunsets, celebrate happy hour at the historic Grand Hotel, or browse in Fairhope's boutiques.

Since opening in 1847, the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa has long been known as the "Queen of Southern Resorts" where the guest experience is rooted in Southern hospitality. History lovers will enjoy the daily military salute and cannon firing followed by a traditional afternoon tea in the Grand's lobby. Culinary lovers can join the monthly culinary weekend classes and enjoy great steaks and seafood all year long.

Exploring The Colony at The Grand doesn't end at the front gate of this private community. The quality

of life in Fairhope is legendary. Explore the boutiques, galleries, and restaurants or spend your day along the Alabama Coastal Birding Trail. The area has gained notice in *The Wall Street Journal* as one of the top 10 places in the United States to retire. The Colony at The Grand is an easy drive from these Southern cities: New Orleans (166 miles), Baton Rouge (224 miles), Jackson (209 miles), Birmingham (266 miles), Mobile (23 miles), and Atlanta (336 miles). Perhaps it is time you take a look.

» **PLEASE CALL** Deborah Rogers and Dale Barker for more information at 251.990.9951 or visit online at [www.colonyatthegrand.com](http://www.colonyatthegrand.com).



**BATTLES TRACE:** Neatly sitting along a 150-year-old grove of oak trees, Battles Trace is now in its sixth phase of development with new home designs from the \$400's to the \$900's. These upscale homes offer a great sense of community and easy access to The Lakewood Club and its amenities.

**Starting in the mid \$400's.**

**AZALEA:** The Azalea neighborhood features six lots overlooking the 10th hole of the Azalea Course

at The Lakewood Club and a new lake. With only two homes remaining available, these craftsman coastal homes feature great porches and the latest designs focused on luxury and relaxation. **Priced from the high \$600's.**

**BAYVIEW:** Featuring 56 condominium units, Bayview overlooks Sweetwater Lake and offers a breathtaking panorama at every floor with views of oak-draped parks and walking trails. Low

maintenance makes these units popular for people on the go. **SOLD OUT.**

**GRAND MANOR:** An addition to the Lakewood neighborhood, Grand Manor is a small colony of three duplexes with six homes. Emulating the home styles of the original neighborhood, the duplexes have been modernized to today's trends and finishes. Only one home remains available. **Priced from the mid \$800's.**



## NATIONAL VILLAGE

Auburn/Opelika, Alabama » [nationalvillage.com](http://nationalvillage.com)

### SPECTACULAR HOMES. AUBURN TRADITIONS. RESORT ACCESS.

The golf resort community of National Village skirts RTJ Grand National, a 1500-acre, 54-hole golf facility that includes the Lake Course along Lake Saugahatchee. Adjacent to the Marriott Resort, RTJ Grand National has quickly become a favorite among professional and amateur golfers alike, and residents at National Village have ready access to its three courses. With more than 232 homes sold to date in the 700-acre community, National Village offers five distinct neighborhoods with a sixth opening in Fall 2020. One of the newest neighborhoods is The Yards, a boutique collection of 21 uniquely crafted cottage homes with close

proximity to the amenities of the hotel, private fishing lakes, and 10 miles of walking and biking trails. From young professional buyers to retirees, National Village residents typically love golf and have a strong admiration for Auburn University.

The on-site Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National recently doubled the number of resort guest rooms and added a new three-story spa. The hotel won Marriott Hotel of the Year in 2017 and was named one of the top golf resorts by the editors of *Golf Digest* for the past four years. The hotel's outdoor resort pool complex and bar have been very popular with National Village residents. When not on the golf course or in the pool, look for our residents on the tennis and pickle ball courts. With both cardio and weight training equipment, consider the hotel's fitness center as your personal gym. All of these amenities and many more are available to National

Village residents. The resort and golf courses also overlook a 600-acre lake. Auburn University offers a variety of athletic and cultural programs within a short drive from National Village.

The Auburn/Opelika area was named one of the "Top 10 Places to Retire for Golf" by *US News & World Report*. Readers of *Golf World* named Opelika the No. 1 site for public golf in the country. *Golf Digest* named the RTJ Trail the top value for golf in the country and number 8 for quality. National Village is an easy drive from these Southern cities: Atlanta (95 miles), Birmingham (112 miles), Chattanooga (215 miles), Mobile (214 miles), and Montgomery (57 miles).

» **FOR MORE INFORMATION**, please contact Gail Smith and Amy Sparks at 334.749.8165 or visit [www.nationalvillage.com](http://www.nationalvillage.com).



**EAGLE BEND:** These 3-bedroom golf cottages feature craftsman style design. Lots overlooking hole 4 of the RTJ Grand National Lake Course are now available. The Cottages at Eagle Bend offer seven different home styles with floor plans ranging from 1,585 to more than 1,800 square feet. **Priced from the \$300's.**

**QUAIL RIDGE:** The perfect blend of arts and crafts and cottage designs, Quail Ridge offers 3-and

4-bedroom homes. The National Village trail surrounds the rear perimeter of Quail Ridge and is located near a National Village post office. **Priced from the high \$300's.**

**THE YARDS:** Treasures are often times hidden in special places. Such is the case for The Yards, a pocket neighborhood with a thoughtful design by Larry Garnett, the nationally-known home designer. A gated neighborhood, The Yards offers 21 two-

and three-bedroom cottages minutes away from the resort for easy access to its luxury amenities. **Priced from the high \$200's.**

**STONELAKE:** The ever popular first neighborhood in National Village, Stonelake now has an expansion of 27 lots for sale featuring some wonderfully designed home plans with signature Craftsman details ranging from 1,800 to more than 3,000 square feet. **Priced from the mid \$500's.**



Lexi Thompson



Aaron Baddeley



Scott Piercy





Stacy Lewis

## PROFESSIONAL QUALITY, PUBLIC ACCESS

The list of professionals who have competed on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail is like a Who's Who of the World Golf Hall of Fame. Lorena Ochoa and Si Ri Pak won on the RTJ Golf Trail three times each. Karrie Webb lifted a trophy in Mobile. Other World Golf Hall of Famers who have competed along the Trail include Seve Ballesteros, Ben Crenshaw, Laura Davies, Hubert Green, Juli Inkster, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Bernhard Langer, Nancy Lopez, Gary Player, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Annika Sorenstam, Curtis Strange, Lee Trevino, Tom Watson, and others. These Hall of Fame golfers competed in professional tournaments on RTJ Golf Trail courses since 1992. When not hosting professional tournaments, the world-class RTJ courses are open to the public all year long.

Professional golf was played along the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail for 23 consecutive years. These events included PGA TOUR, LPGA Tour, PGA Champions Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, and Symetra Tour tournaments. While two professional tournaments were scheduled on the Trail in 2020, those were cancelled due to the pandemic like many other events. The tradition of professional golf on the Trail returns in 2021. The Symetra Tour's Guardian Championship will be played September 20 – 26, 2021, at RTJ Capitol Hill on the newly renovated Senator Course.

From World Golf Hall of Fame members to up-and-coming professionals, here are the professional golf tournaments played on the RTJ Golf Trail and their winners. »

# PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS

PLAYED ON THE ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL

## 2019

**WEB.COM TOUR'S ROBERT TRENT JONES  
GOLF TRAIL CHAMPIONSHIP** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Lanto Griffin

**SYMETRA TOUR'S ZIMMER BIOMET CHAMPIONSHIP  
HOSTED BY NANCY LOPEZ** // Grand National  
**WINNER** Nuria Iturrios

**SYMETRA TOUR'S GUARDIAN  
CHAMPIONSHIP** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Laura Restrepo

## 2018

**SYMETRA TOUR'S GUARDIAN  
CHAMPIONSHIP** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Kendall Dye

## 2017

**PGA TOUR'S BARBASOL  
CHAMPIONSHIP** // Grand National  
**WINNER** Grayson Murray

**SYMETRA TOUR'S GUARDIAN  
CHAMPIONSHIP** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Linsley Weaver

## 2016

**YOKOHAMA TIRE LPGA CLASSIC** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Ariya Jutanugarn

**PGA TOUR'S BARBASOL  
CHAMPIONSHIP** // Grand National  
**WINNER** Aaron Baddeley

## 2015

**YOKOHAMA TIRE LPGA CLASSIC** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Kris Tamulis

**PGA TOUR'S BARBASOL  
CHAMPIONSHIP** // Grand National  
**WINNER** Scott Piercy

## 2014

**AIRBUS LPGA CLASSIC** // Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Jessica Korda

**YOKOHAMA TIRE LPGA CLASSIC** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Mi Jung Hur

## 2013

**MOBILE BAY LPGA CLASSIC** // Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Jennifer Johnson

## 2012

**MOBILE BAY LPGA CLASSIC** // Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Stacy Lewis

**NAVISTAR LPGA CLASSIC** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Stacy Lewis

## 2011

**AVNET LPGA CLASSIC** // Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Maria Hjorth

**NAVISTAR LPGA CLASSIC PRESENTED  
BY MONACO RV** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Lexi Thompson

## 2010

**REGIONS CHARITY CLASSIC** // Ross Bridge  
**WINNER** Dan Forsman

**BELL MICRO LPGA CLASSIC** // Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Se Ri Pak  
*World Golf Hall of Fame member*

**NAVISTAR LPGA CLASSIC PRESENTED  
BY MONACO RV** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Katherine Hull

## 2009

**REGIONS CHARITY CLASSIC** // Ross Bridge  
**WINNER** Keith Fergus

**NAVISTAR LPGA CLASSIC PRESENTED  
BY MONACO RV** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Lorena Ochoa  
*World Golf Hall of Fame member*

## 2008

**REGIONS CHARITY CLASSIC PRESENTED BY  
BRUNO'S SUPERMARKETS** // Ross Bridge  
**WINNER** Andy Bean

**BELL MICRO LPGA CLASSIC** // Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Angela Stanford

**NAVISTAR LPGA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY  
MAXXFORCE** // Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Lorena Ochoa  
*World Golf Hall of Fame member*

## 2021 PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC EVENTS

ON THE TRAIL

**MACKENZIE TOUR (CANADIAN Q SCHOOL)**  
Highland Oaks // March 8-13

**COUPLES CHALLENGE**  
Magnolia Grove // April 23-25

**FATHER/SON CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Cambrian Ridge // May 29-30

**KORN FERRY (PGA TOUR) PREQUALIFYING**  
Capitol Hill // August 30-September 3

**COUPLES CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Shoals // September 3-5

**U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Lakewood Club // September 10-15



---

## 2007

---

**REGIONS CHARITY CLASSIC PRESENTED BY  
BRUNO'S SUPERMARKETS //** Ross Bridge  
**WINNER** Brad Bryant

**NAVISTAR LPGA CLASSIC //** Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Maria Hjorth

**THE MITCHELL COMPANY  
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Paula Creamer

## 2006

---

**REGIONS CHARITY CLASSIC PRESENTED BY  
BRUNO'S SUPERMARKETS //** Ross Bridge  
**WINNER** Brad Bryant

**THE MITCHELL COMPANY  
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PRESENTED  
BY KATHY IRELAND //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Lorena Ochoa  
*World Golf Hall of Fame member*

## 2005

---

**NATIONWIDE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP //** Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** David Branshaw

**THE MITCHELL COMPANY  
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PRESENTED  
BY KATHY IRELAND //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Christina Kim

## 2004

---

**NATIONWIDE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP //** Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Nick Watney

**THE MITCHELL COMPANY  
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PRESENTED  
BY KATHY IRELAND //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Heather Daly-Donofrio

## 2003

---

**NATIONWIDE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP //** Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Chris Couch

**MOBILE LPGA TOURNAMENT  
OF CHAMPIONS //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Dorothy Delasin

## 2002

---

**MOBILE LPGA TOURNAMENT  
OF CHAMPIONS //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Se Ri Pak  
*World Golf Hall of Fame member*

**BUY.COM TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP //** Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Patrick Moore

## 2001

---

**AFLAC CHAMPIONS PRESENTED BY  
SOUTHERN LIVING //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Se Ri Pak  
*World Golf Hall of Fame member*

**BUY.COM TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP //** Capitol Hill  
**WINNER** Pat Bates

## 2000

---

**AFLAC CHAMPIONS PRESENTED BY  
SOUTHERN LIVING //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Karrie Webb  
*World Golf Hall of Fame member*

**BUY.COM TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP //** Highland Oaks  
**WINNER** Spike McRoy

## 1999

---

**AFLAC CHAMPIONS PRESENTED BY  
SOUTHERN LIVING //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Akiko Fukushima

**NIKE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP //** Highland Oaks  
**WINNER** Bob Heintz

## 1998

---

**NIKE HUNTSVILLE OPEN-NIKE TOUR //** Hampton Cove  
**WINNER** Dennis Paulson

**LIFETIME'S AFLAC TOURNAMENT  
OF CHAMPIONS //** Grand National  
**WINNER** Kelly Robbins

**NIKE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP //** Magnolia Grove  
**WINNER** Bob Burns

## 1997

---

**NIKE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP //** Grand National  
**WINNER** Steve Flesch

---

**SYMETRA TOUR'S GUARDIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Capitol Hill // September 13-19

**KORN FERRY (PGA TOUR) Q SCHOOL STAGE 1**  
Magnolia Grove // September 19-24

**KORN FERRY (PGA TOUR) Q SCHOOL STAGE 2**  
Highland Oaks // October 17-22

**COUPLES CLASSIC**  
Grand National // November 5-7

**BRING YOUR OLD BUDDY SCRAMBLE**  
All RTJ sites // December 5

More information on each of these events can be found on the tournament section of [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com).

---

Hoover realtor Greg Clark stays busy on his phone. When not updating listings and talking with clients, he uses it to help improve his golf game. Clark is one of more than 10,000 golfers who have downloaded the free RTJ app.

“When playing the Ridge Course at Oxmoor Valley, I pull out my phone on almost every hole and use the GPS feature on the RTJ app,” said Clark. “It is helpful to see yardage to help plan shots. I try to keep the ball away from the bunkers and the app definitely helps me navigate the water hazard on the 6th hole.” Clark has been playing the Trail for more than 10 years and easy access to the Oxmoor Valley and Ross Bridge courses helped him select where to live. He sees the app as the latest tool to improve his experience at RTJ. “As soon as I saw the updated app was available, I downloaded it. I have used it on multiple courses and have been very pleased.”

---

RTJ APP »»

ENHANCES »

GOLF EXPERIENCE

---



THE APP DOES MUCH MORE THAN JUST HELP PLAN YOUR GOLF SHOTS, IT CAN HELP SCHEDULE TEE TIMES AND OTHER ASPECTS RELATED TO RTJ. HERE ARE SOME POPULAR FEATURES. »

**GOLF GPS** » The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail app is equipped with a full tee-to-trouble golf GPS mapping, not just to the center of the green. With this user-friendly interface, you can measure your shot to determine club selection and strategy.

**STATS TRACKER** » Automatically track statistics like average score, scoring trend, how often you birdie/par/bogey, and more. Tracking real stats will help improve your game.

**INTERACTIVE SCORECARD** » Keep score during your round through the RTJ app. It is easy to share your score with friends after your round or post your score to your handicap.

**BOOK TEE TIMES** » The mobile app allows you to book tee times at the click of a button. Anytime, anywhere, you will have access to all the available tee times at various RTJ courses. *The Lakewood Club is not included in the app features.*

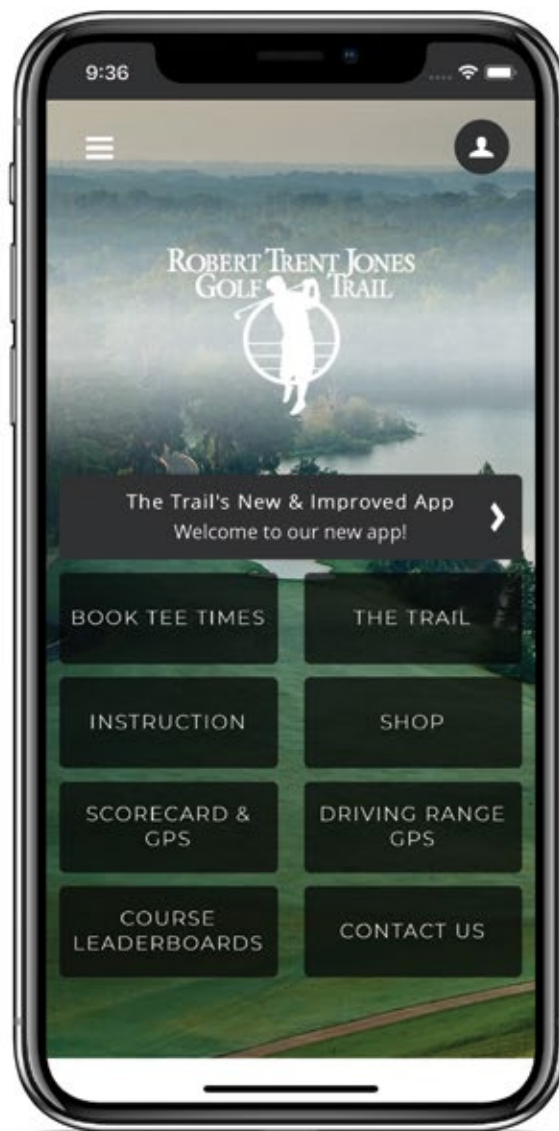
**EXCLUSIVE DEALS & OFFERS** » View the offer locker for exclusive in-app deals and rewards. Make sure to set your profile up with a valid email and you may have an offer waiting for you. The app also has a shop section for purchasing RTJ Golf Trail merchandise.

**LATEST NEWS** » With the new mobile app, you can keep up-to-date on the latest news and events along the Trail. From special rates to course closures, you will always be in the know.

“An enhanced app launched in 2020 to keep our golfers better connected with the Trail,” said Jonathan Romeo, Vice President of Marketing and Advertising for the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. “From keeping live scoring during tournaments to helping individuals make tee times and track their shots, the app is an important tool to improve the RTJ experience for our golfers. We will continue to update and improve the app for our guests, just as we continue to enhance the quality of our golf courses.”

THE FREE RTJ APP IS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FOR BOTH APPLE AND ANDROID PLATFORMS.

# RIENCE



## A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO THE TRAIL

Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail is a collection of 468 holes of championship golf on 11 sites across Alabama. Most are near an interstate or federal highway and directions are easily marked by green highway signs.

The eight Resort Collection hotels on the Trail all fly the Marriott, Renaissance, or Autograph Collection flags and are top in their class for luxury, golf, and spa experiences.

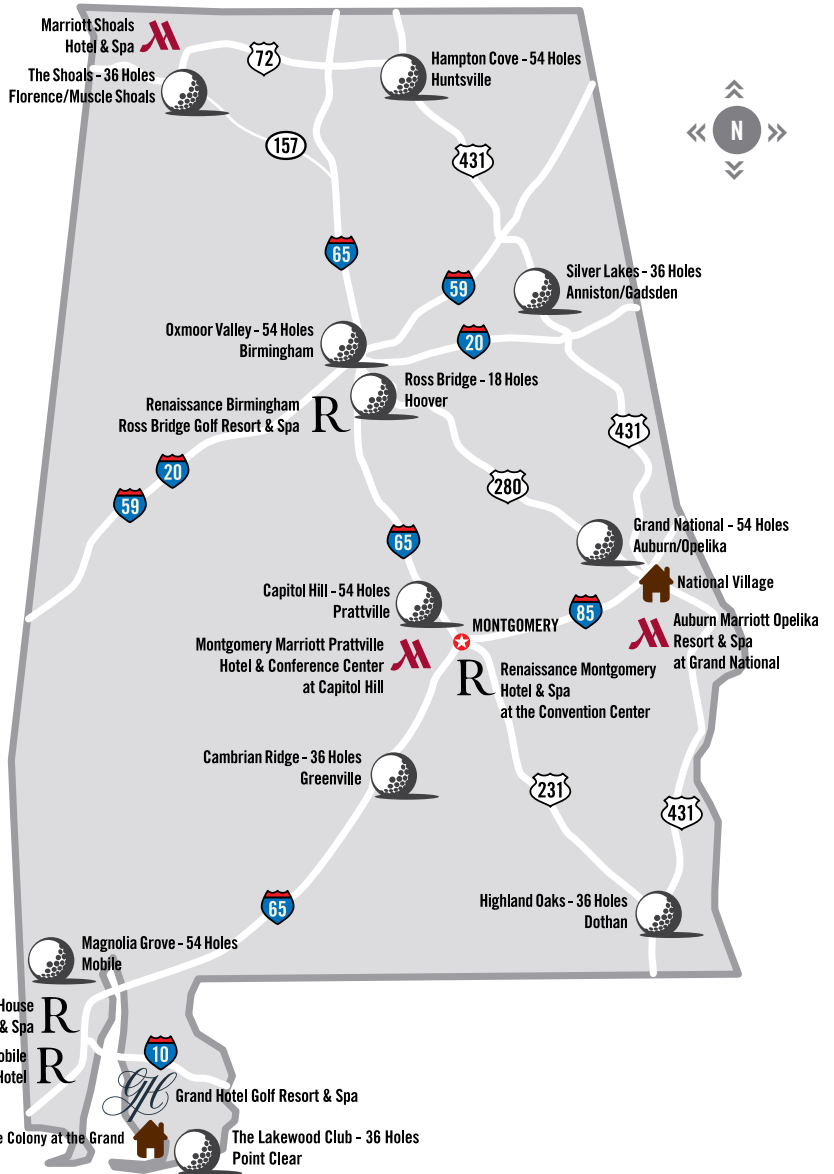
*The Wall Street Journal* said the Trail "MAY BE THE BIGGEST BARGAIN IN THE COUNTRY" and *The New York Times* called the Trail "SOME OF THE BEST PUBLIC GOLF ON EARTH."

Please use the map and the mileage chart on this page for guidance or contact any of our Reservations Specialists at **800.949.4444 FOR MORE INFORMATION** or for tee times, pricing, and reservations. You may also visit us online at [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com).



### FIND US » FOLLOW US

facebook.com/rtjgolf  
twitter.com/rtjgolf



## MILEAGE BETWEEN TRAIL SITES

	CAPITOL HILL	CAMBRIAN RIDGE	GRAND NATIONAL	HAMPTON COVE	HIGHLAND OAKS	MAGNOLIA GROVE	LAKEWOOD G.C.	OXMOOR VALLEY	ROSS BRIDGE	SILVER LAKES	SHOALS
CAPITOL HILL	—	57	78	193	114	183	185	86	85	155	212
CAMBRIAN RIDGE	57	—	114	245	99	137	139	138	137	207	264
GRAND NATIONAL	78	114	—	189	131	240	242	121	120	112	242
HAMPTON COVE	193	245	189	—	310	372	374	122	123	81	77
HIGHLAND OAKS	114	99	131	310	—	201	217	201	200	233	328
MAGNOLIA GROVE	183	137	240	372	201	—	39	264	263	333	364
LAKEWOOD G.C.	185	139	242	374	217	39	—	284	283	353	384
OXMOOR VALLEY	86	138	121	122	201	264	284	—	2	88	140
ROSS BRIDGE	85	137	120	123	200	263	283	2	—	89	141
SILVER LAKES	155	207	112	81	233	333	353	88	89	—	135
SHOALS	212	264	242	77	328	364	384	140	141	135	—



## FIGHTING JOE COURSE

Black 8,092/78.7/138; Purple 7,126/74.0/135; Orange 6,628/71.5/130; White 6,154/69.3/123;  
Teal 4,978/69.0/122; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	611	466	478	426	236	497	607	477	236
<b>PURPLE</b>	567	413	416	360	193	468	537	406	190
<b>ORANGE</b>	540	388	396	326	175	432	524	375	157
<b>WHITE</b>	512	370	373	313	160	408	467	332	145
<b>TEAL</b>	394	302	320	279	137	325	408	283	101
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>BLACK</b>	489	413	716	223	476	466	483	592	200
<b>PURPLE</b>	460	371	622	184	417	397	437	537	151
<b>ORANGE</b>	428	345	581	163	403	352	423	483	137
<b>WHITE</b>	412	332	498	153	369	326	385	473	126
<b>TEAL</b>	256	310	441	136	244	260	304	377	101
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3

## SCHOOLMASTER COURSE

Black 7,971/78.0/143; Purple 7,294/74.7/134; Orange 6,778/72.2/128; White 6,160/69.1/124;  
Teal 5,249/70.3/121; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	453	238	477	632	472	265	459	509	681
<b>PURPLE</b>	421	196	450	568	452	231	400	445	645
<b>ORANGE</b>	382	178	421	549	409	208	366	406	604
<b>WHITE</b>	337	135	393	504	373	178	339	369	562
<b>TEAL</b>	311	131	337	478	315	158	268	325	488
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>BLACK</b>	226	589	618	455	417	447	197	443	393
<b>PURPLE</b>	202	559	568	424	390	414	157	409	363
<b>ORANGE</b>	168	521	527	402	368	395	146	390	338
<b>WHITE</b>	147	489	501	353	333	347	135	347	318
<b>TEAL</b>	122	381	479	307	265	267	101	283	233
<b>PAR</b>	3	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	4



## THE SHOALS

FLORENCE/MUSCLE SHOALS  
36 HOLES » OPENED 2004

The Fighting Joe Course at The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at The Shoals opened August 2004 and was the first Trail course to break 8,000 yards, measuring some 8,092 yards from the black tees. It's long, really long, and this links-style course is simply good, straight-forward golf. You can see where you're going. The question is...can you get there?

Some say the spectacular 17th hole is the signature hole on the course, but the 18th green overlooking Wilson Lake on the Tennessee River will distract you with its beauty, if not its treachery. *Travel + Leisure Golf* named Fighting Joe one of the top new courses in 2004 for good reason. Long-hitters here will experience a test of champions; but from the correct tee box, all players will enjoy world-class golf.

The second course, the Schoolmaster (named for President Woodrow Wilson who was responsible for getting Wilson Dam built on the river and was known as The Schoolmaster of Politics) opened in the summer of 2005. This tree-lined course is more traditional golf with every hole in keeping with the natural topography along the Tennessee River. It is wooded, rolling, and spectacular.

The Schoolmaster may be a tougher course than Fighting Joe, but only time will tell. One thing's for sure, it's a shot-maker's golf course with narrower fairways, tree-lined greens, and still a length of nearly 8,000 yards! It's hard to beat the beauty that the 18th hole holds on the high bluffs over the river, but the waterfall on the 2nd hole sure comes close. Make sure you've done your homework well, for the Schoolmaster will certainly test all of your skills.

The 2021 Couples Championship is September 3-5 and is limited to the first 56 teams.

## ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT THE SHOALS

990 Sunbelt Parkway · Muscle Shoals, AL 35661 · 256.446.5111

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjtheshoals](https://www.facebook.com/rtjtheshoals)



## HAMPTON COVE

HUNTSVILLE

54 HOLES » OPENED 1992

The Northern gateway to the Trail is Hampton Cove in Huntsville, a 54-hole facility with terrain that drastically changes from one side of the property to the other.

Renovated in 2008, the Highlands Course has been restored to its original Scottish-Links design. Long waving grasses frame beautiful rolling terrain and create beautiful golf holes. The finishing holes on the Highlands Course are among the most scenic and challenging on the Trail. One of the most recognizable landmarks on the Trail is the old mule barn beside the fifth hole.

Completely opposite in design is the River Course, the only Robert Trent Jones layout without a single bunker. The River Course is laid out on former soybean fields in the flood plain of the Flint River. The River Course is a throwback to the way courses were built long ago, where dirt was merely pushed up to create the greens and tees, leaving all else, including massive oak trees, as is. With water on 16 of the 18 holes, the River Course will challenge your shot making ability.

The Short Course at Hampton Cove is open and links-like, with water in play on 11 holes. It is a great venue for golfers of all skill levels and alternating tees allow golfers to hit every club in their bag.

### ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT HAMPTON COVE

450 Old Hwy 431 South - Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763 - 256.551.1818

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjhamptoncove](https://www.facebook.com/rtjhamptoncove)

## HIGHLANDS COURSE

Purple 7,428/76.0/132; Orange 6,806/69.9/123; White 6,070/69.9/123;

Ladies' Teal 4,951; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	409	403	550	215	412	435	453	238	526
<b>ORANGE</b>	394	372	518	183	378	406	424	190	511
<b>WHITE</b>	372	330	452	165	334	381	387	158	444
<b>TEAL</b>	309	303	377	94	273	336	318	94	361
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	461	206	435	415	414	539	259	621	437
<b>ORANGE</b>	434	177	347	391	382	520	211	570	398
<b>WHITE</b>	371	154	308	336	342	470	161	541	364
<b>TEAL</b>	257	108	265	319	298	390	101	475	304
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	5	4

## RIVER COURSE

Purple 7,668/77.8/136; Orange 6,764/72.8/134; White 6,111/69.7/128;

Ladies' Teal 5,278/70.4/119; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	556	207	467	447	476	214	433	627	438
<b>ORANGE</b>	505	186	404	375	388	196	393	566	394
<b>WHITE</b>	463	165	347	342	350	158	360	540	348
<b>TEAL</b>	431	135	267	299	285	135	305	499	318
<b>PAR</b>	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	572	437	454	421	208	600	187	451	473
<b>ORANGE</b>	535	398	418	382	186	519	176	378	365
<b>WHITE</b>	486	353	379	314	165	494	163	350	334
<b>TEAL</b>	428	293	340	276	112	426	132	314	283
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4

## SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,635; Orange 3,007; White 2,480; Teal 1,861; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	192	184	222	149	201	257	190	215	199
<b>ORANGE</b>	161	167	189	110	182	184	175	173	153
<b>WHITE</b>	124	152	154	95	149	145	144	145	128
<b>TEAL</b>	83	109	72	78	83	109	114	126	111
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	177	193	184	222	205	247	159	232	207
<b>ORANGE</b>	161	152	174	185	170	184	143	168	176
<b>WHITE</b>	115	131	144	156	143	137	115	151	152
<b>TEAL</b>	98	83	124	105	115	95	85	128	143
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3



## MINDBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,642; Purple 3,432/36.8/146; Orange 3,199/35.9/146; White 3,010/35.0/136;  
Teal 2,376/32.1/105; Ladies' White 38.3/149; Ladies' Teal 33.9/117; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	546	226	408	207	556	434	420	454	391
<b>PURPLE</b>	546	177	361	189	531	408	406	423	391
<b>ORANGE</b>	505	165	345	180	515	389	362	387	351
<b>WHITE</b>	475	157	345	169	492	370	320	358	324
<b>TEAL</b>	403	96	296	123	376	279	280	317	206
<b>PAR</b>	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4

## HEARTBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,814; Purple 3,480/36.7/133; Orange 3,290/35.9/128; White 3,011/34.6/125;  
Teal 2,474/32.5/109; Ladies' White 37.5/142; Ladies' Teal 34.5/120; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	568	466	455	431	215	452	550	229	448
<b>PURPLE</b>	532	414	427	404	174	412	521	198	398
<b>ORANGE</b>	481	375	402	404	165	394	506	165	398
<b>WHITE</b>	481	335	381	357	136	343	479	146	353
<b>TEAL</b>	431	290	329	312	109	301	375	67	260
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4

## BACKBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,808; Purple 3,537/37.7/140; Orange 3,198/35.9/128; White 2,992/34.5/127;  
Teal 2,369/32.0/113; Ladies' White 38.0/148; Ladies' Teal 34.9/126; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	455	206	455	458	231	401	623	445	534
<b>PURPLE</b>	426	159	425	451	194	371	578	399	534
<b>ORANGE</b>	406	143	399	400	167	346	496	342	499
<b>WHITE</b>	360	132	350	355	129	346	496	342	482
<b>TEAL</b>	293	92	294	292	99	212	369	287	431
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	5

## SHORT COURSE

Purple 1,946; Orange 1,450; White 1,276; Teal 798; Par 27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	232	192	225	236	199	254	186	211	211
<b>ORANGE</b>	137	155	166	171	160	167	170	169	155
<b>WHITE</b>	123	133	146	156	130	138	147	150	153
<b>TEAL</b>	90	81	100	94	99	94	94	85	61
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3



## SILVER LAKES

ANNISTON/GADSDEN  
36 HOLES » OPENED 1993

Relax in the beauty of Northeast Alabama's stunning landscape as you explore 36 holes of forests, wetlands, grasslands, and dramatic elevation changes. The Heartbreaker, Backbreaker, Mindbreaker, and Short Course provide a challenging and scenic variety of holes to play.

Surrounded by the Appalachian foothills and Lee's Lake, Silver Lakes features the most unique and aptly named courses on the Trail, and all 36 greens boast Champion Ultradwarf putting surfaces.

The Backbreaker features wide fairways, demanding greens, and spectacular views of the surrounding foothills, while the Heartbreaker provides a unique mix of great golf holes and unequalled character with the final three holes showcasing elevation changes and dramatic lake vistas. The Mindbreaker is an unforgettable blend of shorter, elusive holes set in a beautiful sanctuary of woods, water, and wetlands. The Short Course provides a relaxing trip around Lee's Lake and offers magnificent views of surrounding landscape.

## ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT SILVER LAKES

1 Sunbelt Parkway · Glencoe, AL 35905 · 256.892.3268

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjsilverlakes](https://www.facebook.com/rtjsilverlakes)



## OXMOOR VALLEY

BIRMINGHAM

54 HOLES » OPENED 1992

Centrally located in the state and just minutes from the newly revitalized downtown Birmingham area, this 54-hole facility was built on former mining land owned by U.S. Steel. Sculpted from the peaks and valleys of the Appalachians, the courses offer scenic forests, numerous creeks, and challenging elevation changes.

The Ridge Course offers numerous elevation changes, heavy tree cover, and is incredibly photogenic. As a tribute to the area's mining past, the green at the par-5 3rd hole is buttressed by a shelf of exposed shale rock.

The Valley is considered a more traditional layout, dotted with numerous sand bunkers and picturesque lakes and streams. It stretches two miles downrange along a slender valley. The par-5 12th hole offers the most intimidating of tee shots, with a large lake looming in front of the player, letting the best of golfers bite off as much as they can chew.

The Short Course at Oxmoor Valley is a delightful collection of 18 pure one-shotters. It is listed by *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play" as one of the nation's Great Value courses in the public category.

### ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT OXMOOR VALLEY

100 Sunbelt Parkway · Birmingham, AL 35211 · 205.942.1177

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjoxmoorvalley](https://www.facebook.com/rtjoxmoorvalley)

## RIDGE COURSE

Purple 7,055/74.3/141; Orange 6,527/72.1/136; White 6,148/70.3/133; Teal 4,974/64.9/120;

Ladies' Orange 78.6/141; Ladies' White 76.4/137; Ladies' Teal 69.4/122; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	449	528	539	389	179	447	379	176	421
<b>ORANGE</b>	404	513	520	382	146	405	346	159	384
<b>WHITE</b>	364	500	506	356	123	389	317	129	393
<b>TEAL</b>	297	458	451	286	85	291	232	77	227
<b>PAR</b>	4	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	414	446	483	189	389	390	205	440	592
<b>ORANGE</b>	379	393	465	162	348	366	172	411	572
<b>WHITE</b>	361	373	440	137	333	353	165	396	543
<b>TEAL</b>	279	305	410	92	251	321	145	304	463
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5

## VALLEY COURSE

Purple 7,162/74.9/146; Orange 6,592/72.1/139; White 6,052/69.4/129; Teal 4,927/64.0/113;

Ladies' Orange 78.8/145; Ladies' White 75.4/144; Ladies' Teal 68.6/119; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	440	204	435	188	415	400	564	433	561
<b>ORANGE</b>	415	174	391	171	375	369	509	396	541
<b>WHITE</b>	393	153	363	145	327	334	475	358	513
<b>TEAL</b>	367	100	285	109	265	290	401	268	428
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	5
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	475	363	506	207	552	407	178	400	441
<b>ORANGE</b>	420	322	504	177	527	381	165	359	393
<b>WHITE</b>	393	279	490	147	502	335	120	337	363
<b>TEAL</b>	284	229	461	107	441	295	81	302	210
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	4

## SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,360; Orange 3,037; White 2,556; Teal 1,871; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	170	224	203	208	135	155	163	204	161
<b>ORANGE</b>	152	206	183	185	126	147	150	188	130
<b>WHITE</b>	122	195	138	142	113	139	131	170	119
<b>TEAL</b>	79	141	103	108	98	93	103	144	103
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	195	215	182	137	253	211	192	174	178
<b>ORANGE</b>	179	191	154	135	225	192	160	164	170
<b>WHITE</b>	166	158	144	127	141	153	137	129	132
<b>TEAL</b>	69	114	95	124	123	91	124	83	76
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

» *The Valley Course* will begin a renovation in April 2021.

» *The Ridge Course* was ranked **No. 5** by **GOLF WEEK** in 2020 for best courses you can play in Alabama.



## ROSS BRIDGE COURSE

Black 8,191/78.5/135; Purple 7,446/74.9/127; Orange 6,783/71.3/118; White 6,200/68.7/117;  
Teal 5,312/70.2/123; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	620	467	470	226	469	207	619	502	518
<b>PURPLE</b>	573	430	445	202	417	194	561	447	410
<b>ORANGE</b>	543	395	422	155	380	185	519	408	377
<b>WHITE</b>	511	322	392	146	337	174	484	376	341
<b>TEAL</b>	463	278	366	140	303	110	458	311	285
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>BLACK</b>	477	208	454	698	239	458	571	501	487
<b>PURPLE</b>	454	184	429	614	219	415	538	467	447
<b>ORANGE</b>	417	167	408	540	176	366	511	411	403
<b>WHITE</b>	387	133	357	519	163	341	477	382	358
<b>TEAL</b>	273	120	326	403	130	293	410	334	309
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	4



## ROSS BRIDGE

HOOVER

18 HOLES » OPENED 2005

Beautifully carved into the rolling terrain of Shannon Valley, these 18 holes will challenge even the best golfers. Ross Bridge was named one of the top golf resorts in North America by *GOLF Magazine* in 2019 and has been a favorite of *Golf Digest* editors for the past four years.

The course meanders through indigenous landscape and around the 259-room Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa. Ross Bridge is the fifth longest course in the world but offers multiple tees for golfers of all levels. Symbolic of an old parkland style course, ten holes play along the banks of two significant lakes connected by a spectacular waterfall dropping 80 feet between the 9th and 18th greens. A gristmill added to the waterfall reflects the history of this old mining site. The beauty and challenge of each hole leads many to believe there is not one signature hole but possibly eighteen.

Like many other Trail courses, the par-three holes are incredible. Considerable elevation changes combine with water or other natural obstructions to get your attention. Large putting surfaces provide many tempting pin locations that will test golfers' approach shots.

Number 17, a long par 4, plays to a small, well-guarded green. Water frames the right side of this down-sloping hole. In the background is a picturesque view of the 9th and 18th holes with the waterfall tumbling between. The 7th hole offers a par five that traverses a ridge high above the rest of the course. The 9th will leave you speechless as it is time to decide how daring you are off the tee. A split fairway allows for either a short challenging route along the water's edge or opt for safer play leaving a longer, more difficult approach to the green. Regardless if it is a par 3, 4, or 5, Ross Bridge stands ready for your game!

### ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT ROSS BRIDGE

4000 Grand Avenue · Birmingham, AL 35226 · 205.949.3085

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjrossbridge](https://www.facebook.com/rtjrossbridge)

» *Ross Bridge* was ranked **No. 3** by **GOLF WEEK** in 2020 for best courses you can play in Alabama.



## GRAND NATIONAL

AUBURN/OPELIKA  
54 HOLES » OPENED 1992

Both the Links Course and the Lake Course were in the top 10 of *Golf Digest's* list of "America's Top 50 Affordable Courses," and all three courses at Grand National are listed among the nation's 40 Super Value courses by *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play." Grand National, by all reports, was the single greatest site for a golf complex Robert Trent Jones, Sr. had ever seen. Grand National is built on 600-acre Lake Saugahatchee with 32 of the 54 holes draped along its filigreed shores. National Village, a golfing community on the Trail, is adjacent to these courses and the Marriott Resort.

Named a favorite golf resort by the *Golf Digest* editors for the past four years, the cornerstone of the complex is the Links Course, which is without a single weakness. The par-4 18th is without a doubt the strongest finishing hole on the Trail. The drive must carry a corner of the lake, while the approach is played to a shallow pedestal green shored up by boulders.

With 12 holes hugging the shore, Grand National's Lake Course is every bit as scenic as the Links. Not only is the quartet of par threes on the Lake Course as good as any in the nation, the 230-yard, island green 15th may be the single prettiest hole on the Trail. The Lake Course hosted professional events in previous years.

The Short Course, while overshadowed by the two main tracts, is a thing of beauty, with more than half the holes touching the lake. This 18-hole course of one-shotters might be the finest anywhere in the country.

The 2021 Couples Classic will be November 5-7 and will be limited to the first 96 teams.

### ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT GRAND NATIONAL

3000 Robert Trent Jones Trail · Opelika, AL 36801 · 334.749.9042

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjgrandnational](https://www.facebook.com/rtjgrandnational)

## LAKE COURSE

Purple 7,289/74.3/136; Orange 6,488/71.3/126; White 5,948/68.7/117; Teal 4,910/68.7/117;  
Ladies' White 74.4/133; Ladies' Teal 68.0/119; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	390	428	197	527	431	455	557	213	430
<b>ORANGE</b>	364	381	178	480	396	381	521	182	379
<b>WHITE</b>	319	361	168	447	385	352	477	148	339
<b>TEAL</b>	285	308	92	399	308	295	418	103	276
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	434	445	522	470	545	230	334	205	476
<b>ORANGE</b>	397	387	493	388	510	182	297	174	398
<b>WHITE</b>	353	356	459	361	488	160	285	143	357
<b>TEAL</b>	276	239	391	343	384	93	247	126	327
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	3	4

## LINKS COURSE

Purple 7,311/75.1/135; Orange 6,574/72.3/129; White 6,015/69.6/119; Teal 4,843/69.6/113;  
Ladies' White 75.5/139; Ladies' Teal 70.4/120; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	423	556	206	425	456	544	472	345	204
<b>ORANGE</b>	396	509	182	409	375	499	446	319	170
<b>WHITE</b>	366	470	165	384	342	460	409	299	133
<b>TEAL</b>	313	385	110	262	275	412	318	234	119
<b>PAR</b>	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	363	260	575	418	467	516	181	429	471
<b>ORANGE</b>	326	195	500	378	422	467	152	402	427
<b>WHITE</b>	289	151	493	343	372	451	118	368	402
<b>TEAL</b>	242	69	426	272	338	362	93	312	301
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	4

## SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,328/56.7; Orange 2,798/55.2; White 2,476/53.7; Teal 1,715/51.9;  
Ladies' White 55.4; Ladies' Teal 53.2; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	188	201	171	173	187	173	152	216	250
<b>ORANGE</b>	170	166	151	152	147	137	119	193	234
<b>WHITE</b>	148	148	128	131	124	137	119	174	211
<b>TEAL</b>	93	106	83	92	102	97	89	119	71
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	161	187	231	185	138	204	202	155	154
<b>ORANGE</b>	131	172	179	151	108	184	173	110	121
<b>WHITE</b>	108	139	179	98	104	156	156	110	106
<b>TEAL</b>	85	95	119	58	72	143	108	77	106
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

» *The Links Course* will begin a renovation in **May 2021**.

» *The Lake Course* was ranked **No. 2** by **GOLFWEEK** in 2020 for best courses you can play in Alabama.



## LEGISLATOR COURSE

Black 7,477/76.9/149; Purple 6,836/74.0/143; Orange 6,366/71.4/139; White 5,901/69.4/131;

Teal 5,253/66.1/117; Ladies' White 74.3/133; Ladies' Teal 70.4/121; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	631	434	177	481	603	198	425	488	420
<b>PURPLE</b>	554	404	163	421	577	174	401	429	405
<b>ORANGE</b>	541	366	147	391	509	151	375	405	366
<b>WHITE</b>	490	330	136	355	490	137	361	374	338
<b>TEAL</b>	435	310	115	325	426	115	297	347	311
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>BLACK</b>	412	207	387	538	478	407	182	585	424
<b>PURPLE</b>	369	170	367	504	434	364	160	552	388
<b>ORANGE</b>	350	148	348	494	407	343	148	512	365
<b>WHITE</b>	337	126	331	467	382	313	124	480	330
<b>TEAL</b>	245	105	302	451	343	270	110	451	295
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4

## SENATOR COURSE

Black 7,654/77.4/132; Purple 6,941/74.1/125; Orange 6,410/70.9/126; White 5,831/68.1/121;

Teal 5,137/64.7/110; Ladies' White 73.6/123; Ladies' Teal 69.6/116; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	427	230	419	426	611	420	231	558	437
<b>PURPLE</b>	395	204	385	390	563	385	195	530	402
<b>ORANGE</b>	365	165	364	363	539	349	167	496	376
<b>WHITE</b>	329	139	322	339	500	326	129	453	343
<b>TEAL</b>	281	121	290	282	442	301	110	393	290
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>BLACK</b>	616	435	496	203	459	448	222	559	457
<b>PURPLE</b>	543	400	434	169	426	416	181	515	408
<b>ORANGE</b>	528	370	400	154	394	389	147	475	369
<b>WHITE</b>	484	358	374	138	358	334	115	456	334
<b>TEAL</b>	460	317	326	116	333	307	84	376	308
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4

## JUDGE COURSE

Black 7,813/78.5/147; Purple 7,082/75.1/142; Orange 6,517/71.7/131; White 5,910/68.7/128;

Teal 4,951/64.7/115; Ladies' White 74.4/137; Ladies' Teal 68.4/123; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	415	459	187	617	423	229	675	466	430
<b>PURPLE</b>	400	416	166	579	386	190	625	452	387
<b>ORANGE</b>	379	379	155	548	342	148	589	425	362
<b>WHITE</b>	347	350	129	486	326	133	575	396	330
<b>TEAL</b>	296	305	112	402	273	120	351	344	271
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>BLACK</b>	711	478	231	427	469	552	256	430	358
<b>PURPLE</b>	563	400	215	405	424	529	223	384	338
<b>ORANGE</b>	543	370	179	358	385	500	170	364	321
<b>WHITE</b>	503	340	110	313	371	457	153	327	264
<b>TEAL</b>	421	268	94	261	352	413	126	288	254
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4



## CAPITOL HILL

PRATTVILLE

54 HOLES » OPENED 1999

Named the #2 public golf site in the country by *Golf World* readers, Capitol Hill in Prattville continues to get praises from golfers and golf writers alike. *Golf Magazine* called the Judge Course one of the 10 public courses in America worthy of hosting the U.S. Open and the *Zagat* Survey of America's Top Golf Courses ranked it among the top 50 courses in America. The Senator was named among the Top 10 New Courses in the nation by *Golf Magazine* and hosts the Symetra Tour's Guardian Championship September 13-19.

Located in Prattville, approximately 8 miles north of Alabama's state capitol, Capitol Hill features three 18-hole championship courses. With more than 1,500 acres of golf and nature, the pure magnitude of this facility is amazing and allows each course to be drastically different from the others. Capitol Hill also features an innovative circular driving range 400 yards in diameter.

The Senator, a Scottish-Links style course holds more than 160 pot-hole bunkers and mounds 20 to 40 feet in height, hiding the cart path or any other hole from the fairway. TifEagle Ultradwarf greens were installed on the Senator course in 2020.

The Legislator, a more traditional course, plays in and out of pine trees and along the bluff. The view riding down the "Sky Bridge" for six holes laid out in a native cypress swamp will impress as you are led back up the bluff to finish the course at the spectacular clubhouse.

The Judge offers stunning vistas along the 200-acre backwaters of the Alabama River. The first tee lies 200 feet above the fairway overlooking the river and the Montgomery skyline. With 14 holes adjoining the water and a bulkhead island green, the Judge is described as simply magnificent.

## ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT CAPITOL HILL

2600 Constitution Avenue · Prattville, AL 36066 · 334.285.1114

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjcapitolhill](https://www.facebook.com/rtjcapitolhill)

» *The Judge Course* was ranked **No. 4** by **GOLFWEEK** in 2020 for best courses you can play in Alabama.



## CAMBRIAN RIDGE

GREENVILLE

36 HOLES » OPENED 1993

Known by avid golfers as one of the most beautiful and most challenging stops on the Trail, Cambrian Ridge in Greenville lies just 40 miles from Montgomery. It is well worth the ride for any golfer looking for 36 holes of jaw-dropping golf.

Since being named by *Golf Digest* as the third best new public course in America in 1994, Cambrian Ridge has not rested on its laurels. 2016 saw the culmination of a three-year total renovation of the original 27 championship holes set upon the most spectacular setting for golf in the state of Alabama. The Loblolly and Sherling nines were completed in 2013 and 2014. The Canyon nine redesign and reconstruction were completed in 2016. The greens themselves have been redesigned to accommodate the higher greens speeds associated with our installation of the latest-generation of Ultradwarf Bermuda grass. However, this major renovation did not stop with the new greens. Many of the holes have been totally redesigned to open up views of Sherling Lake, deliver a challenging test of golf while providing players of all skill levels a variety of ways to play each hole and enjoy the experience.

This year on Memorial Day weekend, May 29-30, Cambrian Ridge will host the annual Father/Son Championship, one of the most popular events on the Trail.

### ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT CAMBRIAN RIDGE

101 Sunbelt Parkway · Greenville, AL 36037 · 334.382.9787

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjgolf](https://www.facebook.com/rtjgolf)

## SHERLING COURSE

Purple 3,522/37.4/67; Orange 3,264/36.3/65; White 2,905/34.9/62; Teal 2,339/33.7/60;

Ladies' Teal 34.3/57; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	546	209	420	169	360	390	437	636	355
<b>ORANGE</b>	531	167	388	128	345	367	412	601	325
<b>WHITE</b>	490	146	355	120	330	294	354	514	302
<b>TEAL</b>	417	91	270	65	224	253	322	460	237
<b>PAR</b>	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	5	4

## CANYON COURSE

Purple 3,578/38.0/74; Orange 3,339/36.7/72; White 3,030/34.5/70; Teal 2,397/34.4/68;

Ladies' Teal 34.4/59; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	501	175	585	444	383	418	522	190	360
<b>ORANGE</b>	477	155	553	421	353	374	499	175	332
<b>WHITE</b>	432	135	478	366	330	366	464	152	307
<b>TEAL</b>	371	105	409	297	272	259	336	108	240
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	4

## LOBLOLLY COURSE

Purple 3,528/36.6/66; Orange 3,316/35.6/63; White 2,928/34.7/61; Teal 2,384/33.4/58;

Ladies' Teal 33.5/54; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	497	421	418	159	418	222	503	447	443
<b>ORANGE</b>	469	397	390	136	413	196	474	423	418
<b>WHITE</b>	457	346	334	121	367	138	434	366	365
<b>TEAL</b>	342	322	249	84	301	112	369	321	284
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	4

## SHORT COURSE

Purple 1,640; Orange 1,415; White 1,116; Teal 745; Par 27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	156	187	211	147	173	159	231	185	191
<b>ORANGE</b>	136	155	187	123	142	141	210	162	159
<b>WHITE</b>	118	121	151	79	109	123	123	151	141
<b>TEAL</b>	81	71	94	66	76	75	76	93	113
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

» **Cambrian Ridge** was ranked **No. 5** by **GOLFWEEK** in 2020 for best courses you can play in Alabama.



## HIGHLANDS COURSE

Black 3,892/38.7/71; Purple 3,580/37.5/69; Orange 3,285/36.0/72; White 2,966/34.5/69;  
Teal 2,554/34.8/60; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	493	458	457	256	430	206	561	435	596
<b>PURPLE</b>	442	415	437	225	390	178	523	409	561
<b>ORANGE</b>	410	371	388	181	362	169	507	372	525
<b>WHITE</b>	392	341	354	127	336	145	422	352	497
<b>TEAL</b>	367	253	294	115	327	120	339	305	434
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	5

## MARSHWOOD COURSE

Black 3,812/38.7/72; Purple 3,502/37.4/72; Orange 3,204/35.3/71; White 2,849/34.0/68;  
Teal 2,531/34.7/60; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	411	564	406	205	456	701	448	199	422
<b>PURPLE</b>	370	521	364	178	441	660	421	167	380
<b>ORANGE</b>	334	483	327	147	418	616	382	149	348
<b>WHITE</b>	304	453	311	126	380	544	302	113	316
<b>TEAL</b>	276	406	266	114	351	435	287	94	302
<b>PAR</b>	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4

## MAGNOLIA COURSE

Black 3,701/38.1/66; Purple 3,415/36.7/67; Orange 3,141/34.8/63; White 2,862/33.8/61;  
Teal 2,471/34.2/57; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BLACK</b>	392	205	577	546	416	481	195	437	452
<b>PURPLE</b>	371	166	545	516	377	441	176	409	414
<b>ORANGE</b>	330	147	520	480	352	396	150	373	393
<b>WHITE</b>	296	110	476	457	317	363	136	341	366
<b>TEAL</b>	252	81	392	413	291	307	111	297	327
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	5	5	4	4	3	4	4

## SHORT COURSE

Purple 1,809; Orange 1,539; White 1,229; Teal 874; Par 27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	199	241	216	172	174	188	232	178	209
<b>ORANGE</b>	164	215	181	149	137	141	197	175	180
<b>WHITE</b>	121	184	133	127	101	113	159	136	155
<b>TEAL</b>	85	108	94	83	73	76	106	113	136
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3



## HIGHLAND OAKS

DOTHAN

36 HOLES » OPENED 1993

Located in the southeast corner of Alabama, Highland Oaks offers three nine-hole championship courses. The Highlands/Magnolia combination was named by *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play" as one of the nation's Great Value courses. This 36-hole complex features some of the longest and most classically designed holes on the Trail. Each nine has a different personality. Highlands, the core nine, is relatively open with several lakes in play. The peninsula green at the par-3 6th has an elusive, beckoning quality.

Marshwood has been made famous (or notorious) by its behemoth par-5 6th, which stretches to 701 yards from the tips. The 422-yard par-4 9th, a left to right dogleg, is arguably the best hole at the site and has a tilted green elevated above a swathe of wetlands. The Magnolia nine is well-named: specimen magnolia trees dot the higher ground, which is reached via a 1,000-foot long wooden bridge spanning a marsh filled with lichen-dappled trees. The feature hole is the 416-yard 5th, where a split-level fairway offers an option off the tee. The Short Course, a nine-hole par 3, has demanding bunker placements, three water holes, and possibly the best putting Bermuda greens in the South.

TifEagle Ultradwarf greens were recently added in 2020. The chipping green at the driving range and the putting green near the clubhouse have been enlarged. An 8,000 square-foot putting green has also been added.

## ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT HIGHLAND OAKS

904 Royal Parkway · Dothan, AL 36305 · 334.712.2820

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjhighlandoaks](https://www.facebook.com/rtjhighlandoaks)

» *The Mackenzie Tour Q-School* will be held  
March 8-15.

» *The Korn Ferry Q-School* is also being planned  
for 2021.



## MAGNOLIA GROVE

MOBILE

54 HOLES » OPENED 1992

The new Magnolia Grove features two renovated golf courses. Each championship course received extensive renovations in the past three years. Golfers will find more “player friendly” qualities without compromising the integrity of Robert Trent Jones’ original design.

Magnolia Grove, the most southern location on Alabama’s Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, was recently named one of the “Top 50 Public Courses” by *Golf World Magazine* readers. The Crossings and Falls courses are also listed in *Golf Digest’s* “Places to Play” as two of the nation’s Great Value courses and as “America’s Top 50 Affordable Courses.”

The topography at Magnolia Grove features creeks, marshland, and lakes with each of the 54 holes carved through indigenous hardwood and pine. The new Crossings Course, which has hosted the LPGA Tour, provides an open parkland type ambiance. Several water features and crushed oyster shell waste areas were added to provide an exciting new look. All 18 greens have been redesigned and planted with the newly acclaimed Mini Verde Ultradwarf Bermuda grass.

The renovated Falls Course reopened in October 2010 as the only par-71 golf course on the Trail. The main tract at Magnolia Grove is characterized by large, liberally contoured Mini Verde greens and massive cloverleaf bunkers. Several holes were entirely redesigned giving the course a brand new look.

*Golf Digest* named the Short Course at Magnolia Grove as the best par-3 course in America. The Short Course, also recently renovated, features several newly designed greens and all new putting surfaces with the acclaimed Champion Ultradwarf Bermuda grass. This course is as good as any collection of one-shotters on a championship course.

The Couples Challenge will be held April 23-25, 2021.

### ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT MAGNOLIA GROVE

7001 Magnolia Grove Parkway · Mobile, AL 36618 · 251.645.0075

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtjmagnoliagrove](https://www.facebook.com/rtjmagnoliagrove)

## CROSSINGS COURSE

Purple 7,212/73.6/125; Orange 6,652/70.8/123; White 6,157/68.6/114;

Ladies’ Teal 5,261/67.8/113; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	422	185	385	540	430	528	412	219	406
<b>ORANGE</b>	387	168	347	511	392	500	385	192	381
<b>WHITE</b>	342	135	317	496	378	484	369	163	349
<b>TEAL</b>	275	101	279	478	331	425	314	122	316
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	417	398	421	559	195	423	596	226	450
<b>ORANGE</b>	386	364	392	524	172	400	535	201	415
<b>WHITE</b>	374	334	371	508	157	354	476	168	382
<b>TEAL</b>	348	273	285	430	99	282	425	134	344
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	3	4

## FALLS COURSE

Purple 7,158/74.6/142; Orange 6,674/71.4/135; White 6,119/69.5/126; Teal 5,049/68.1/124;

Ladies’ Teal 70.4/124; Par 71

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	448	195	430	407	582	190	446	417	420
<b>ORANGE</b>	406	179	413	367	522	173	410	393	386
<b>WHITE</b>	370	152	380	345	506	143	390	372	349
<b>TEAL</b>	345	111	308	335	415	91	340	296	279
<b>PAR</b>	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	570	206	423	169	444	445	426	388	552
<b>ORANGE</b>	552	188	405	157	398	407	414	373	531
<b>WHITE</b>	523	161	370	137	369	364	351	325	512
<b>TEAL</b>	393	106	324	117	264	328	295	282	420
<b>PAR</b>	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	5

## SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,140; Orange 2,734; White 2,279; Teal 1,829; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	174	180	189	215	137	135	190	178	160
<b>ORANGE</b>	160	170	165	189	107	126	152	153	140
<b>WHITE</b>	119	137	124	155	91	100	127	140	126
<b>TEAL</b>	93	102	90	136	71	80	90	110	118
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	173	192	195	205	190	110	192	155	170
<b>ORANGE</b>	151	174	170	175	164	99	161	135	143
<b>WHITE</b>	132	132	142	143	144	85	138	111	133
<b>TEAL</b>	117	108	128	121	103	70	122	80	90
<b>PAR</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

» **The Korn Ferry** Q-School Stage 2 is being planned for 2021.

» **The Falls Course** was ranked **No. 7** by **GOLFWEEK** in 2020 for best courses you can play in Alabama.



## AZALEA COURSE

Purple 7,202/74.4/131; Orange 6,573/71.8/127; White 6,066/69.4/123; Teal 5,272/65.7/110;  
Red 4,539/65.5/109; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	578	396	425	176	355	578	220	466	334
<b>ORANGE</b>	524	362	396	147	312	527	198	425	319
<b>WHITE</b>	500	330	351	134	284	486	184	401	283
<b>TEAL</b>	418	296	319	121	241	397	153	354	256
<b>RED</b>	359	242	303	62	205	355	117	298	221
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	423	503	431	195	538	193	479	474	438
<b>ORANGE</b>	389	484	408	177	484	151	429	425	416
<b>WHITE</b>	374	461	383	152	474	134	353	385	397
<b>TEAL</b>	346	394	351	129	412	106	295	347	337
<b>RED</b>	299	323	317	108	374	63	277	319	297
<b>PAR</b>	4	5	4	3	5	3	4	4	4

## DOGWOOD COURSE

Purple 7,104/73.7/136; Orange 6,511/71.2/130; White 5,949/68.5/126; Teal 5,179/64.5/112;  
Red 4,436/61.6/105; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>PURPLE</b>	532	441	217	404	510	426	310	201	405
<b>ORANGE</b>	483	396	183	380	477	415	286	177	361
<b>WHITE</b>	425	375	146	362	455	386	258	162	328
<b>TEAL</b>	385	318	132	338	397	347	228	117	294
<b>RED</b>	335	266	105	239	346	324	216	99	237
<b>PAR</b>	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>PURPLE</b>	380	464	543	238	451	437	564	209	372
<b>ORANGE</b>	347	433	517	191	428	407	521	176	333
<b>WHITE</b>	316	380	482	170	392	372	472	157	311
<b>TEAL</b>	296	336	390	154	312	311	398	139	287
<b>RED</b>	267	295	334	135	273	246	374	119	226
<b>PAR</b>	4	4	5	3	4	4	5	3	4



## THE LAKEWOOD CLUB

POINT CLEAR

36 HOLES » OPENED 2004

The Dogwood and Azalea courses at the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa have seen a lot in their days. They've hosted President Gerald Ford, Dr. Billy Graham, and Bob Hope, to name a few of the more famous players.

They've been through renovations and hurricanes and still remain a showcase for great golf in the South. First built in 1947, The Lakewood Club at the Grand Hotel showcases fairways lined with 200-year-old oaks. Recently renovated, the new designs lend themselves to superb conditioning year round. With the addition or expansion of ten water features over the span of the 36 holes as well as other interesting architectural features, golfers are faced with decisions at every corner.

Lakewood's two 18-hole courses alternate openings between Grand Hotel guests and Trail Card Holders, and The Lakewood Club members. The varying degree of difficulty promises a memorable golf experience for both the novice and the experienced golfer alike. With five sets of tees per hole, your decision should be rather easy.

Funded by the Retirement Systems of Alabama, the Dogwood Course renovation was completed in 2018. The Azalea Course was renovated and reopened in November 2019. The Lakewood Club has been named several times to *Golf Magazine's* "Best Golf Resorts in America."

The Experience practice facility at Lakewood offers an innovative design to help improve your game in a fun, time-efficient way.

### LAKWOOD GOLF CLUB

One Grand Boulevard · Point Clear, AL 36564 · 251.990.6312

Visit [rtjgolf.com](http://rtjgolf.com) for more information

[facebook.com/rtlakewood](https://www.facebook.com/rtlakewood)

» *The USGA's U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship* will be held at Lakewood September 10-15.

Michelob **ULTRA**

# ENJOY LIKE A PRO

OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF

ROBERT TRENT JONES  
GOLF TRAIL



2.6 CARBS SUPERIOR LIGHT BEER 95 SEFAC

ENJOY RESPONSIBLY

© 2020 Anheuser-Busch, Michelob Ultra® Light Beer, St. Louis, MO KOI  
95 calories, 2.6g carbs, 0.6g protein and 0.0g fat, per 12 oz.

