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THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO ALABAMA'S ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL » 2022 EDITION



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# OFF THE TRAIL

**GREG REED,**  
SENATE PRO TEMPORE,  
ALABAMA SENATE



Welcome to the beautiful state of Alabama, home to the legendary Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. The Trail consists of more than two dozen premier golf courses ranging from the Gulf Coast in the South, all the way to the breathtaking mountains in the North, and the numerous different landscapes in between.

The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail is world famous. Golfers travel from all over the world to play these exceptional golf courses, so don't be surprised when you hear a few international accents mixed in with the Southern draws!

The Trail offers 468 holes on 26 courses at 11 sites, and boasts an impressive diversity of different landscapes and geographic features at each course that reflects the uniqueness of that specific location. While you're enjoying the breathtaking sites and the high-quality golf the Trail has to offer, you will also have the benefit of enjoying high-end comfort at the eight luxurious Renaissance and Marriott resorts on the Trail to keep you well rested as you make your golf journey.

The roots of the strong golf tradition of the Trail largely comes from its famous architect, the renowned Robert Trent Jones, Sr. As this legendary golf architect traveled across the state and studied the landscapes and locations that would provide the best golf experiences possible, he selected the Trail's course locations and got to work designing what is now the Trail's remarkably beautiful, challenging, and memorable 468 holes of golf.

With many confined to their homes during the coronavirus pandemic, the importance of enjoying the Great Outdoors and the beautiful scenery mother nature has to offer has become increasingly more important and valuable to many.

There are few places in the Southeast that lend themselves to this natural beauty and outdoor experience more than the Robert Trent Golf Trail. While you enjoy your time in Alabama, I hope that your experience is elevated by the premiere golf that the Trail has to offer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg F. Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Greg Reed  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
Alabama Senate

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING »

**TOP 100 VALUE** Grand National's Lake and Links courses were named Top 100 Value Courses in the U.S. for 2021 by *GOLF.com*.

**TOP GOLF RESORTS** *GOLF Magazine* named both Ross Bridge and Grand National Top Golf Resorts in the country - for two years in a row.

**TOP 10 IN ALABAMA** Grand National (Links) was named a Top 10 Course in Alabama for 2021-2022 by *Golf Digest*.

**8 OUT OF 10 BEST** *Golfweek's* Best Courses You Can Play in Alabama included eight RTJ Golf Trail courses in the Top 10.

**TOP HOTELS** *US News & World Report* ranked The Battle House (#1), Grand Hotel (#2), and Marriott Shoals (#4) as Top Alabama Hotels for 2021.

**#1 AND #2** *Golf World* readers voted Capitol Hill #1 and Grand National #2 in the country.

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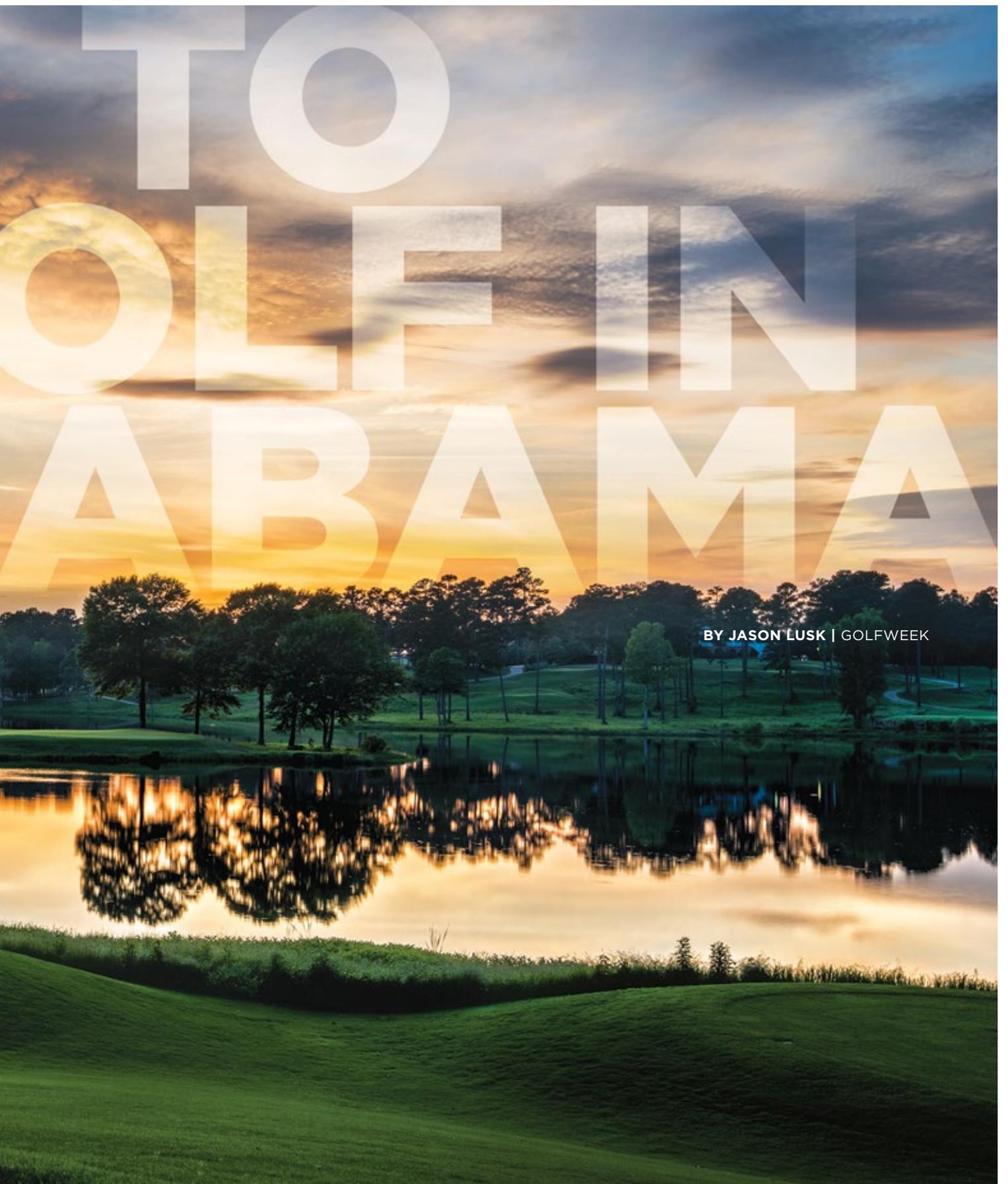
Judge No. 1 at Capitol Hill  
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Lake No. 15 at Grand National



# TO OLE IN ABAMA

BY JASON LUSK | GOLFWEEK

Conecuh Sausage has taken over Alabama. You'll find it at breakfast next to the eggs on your plate and in the white gravy. It's there again on your lunch flatbread. You can wrap up a long day of golf with a serving of sausage in your shrimp and grits. Name a recipe, and the cooks in Alabama will find a way to inject a little Conecuh Sausage. Vegans beware.

The sausages are made in the small town of Evergreen in the southern reaches of this very Southern state, and the brand has become an icon of civic pride. Judging from my recent week of golf in Alabama, it would be safe to say the little bundles of meat make up a sizable percentage of the entire state's total caloric intake. I sampled nine meals on the trip that didn't come through a drive-through window, and seven of them included at least one Conecuh Sausage concoction on the plate.

About the only thing more prevalent in Alabama than the sausage is the tasty golf along the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. With 26 courses at 11 sites stretched across the state – 468 holes in all – the Trail pretty much dominates the golf scene in the state. Eight of the top 10 courses on *Golfweek's* "Best Courses You Can Play" list of top public-access layouts in the state are part of the Trail.

Many of the best of those stretch across the middle of the state, beginning with the Lake Course at Grand National in Opelika, which ranks No. 4 on *Golfweek's* Best 2021 list for Alabama. Take Interstate 85 southwest to Prattville near Montgomery for the Judge at Capitol Hill, which is No. 3 in the state. Then jump onto I-65 for the ride north to Hoover near Birmingham for 36 more at No. 2 Ross Bridge and No. 6 Oxmoor Valley's Ridge Course.

That was the majority of my itinerary in early January as I set out to lay eyes on the best of public-access golf in the state, all with the burning intent of settling this question: Where should I play golf in Alabama? There were scenic mountain holes, lakeside par 3s, incredibly long layouts for those foolish enough to play from the wrong tees, even a few birdie putts that found the cup. Did I mention the Conecuh Sausage? It really is everywhere.

## GRAND NATIONAL: THE LAKE

Dr. David Bronner, CEO of the Retirement Systems of Alabama, conceived the Trail as a way to boost economic growth and diversify the state's pension fund. Famed course architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. and his team of designers – which included much lead detail work by Roger Rulewich – reshaped Alabama into a prime golf destination with initial plans that included 378 holes at eight sites across the state.

The concept has only grown since its introduction in the 1980s. Hotels, restaurants, shops, merchandise – the Trail is an enterprise-level effort that makes it easy to bounce from site-to-site, playing golf across multiple landscapes without ever leaving the Trail system. It was rapidly recognized as a perfect setup for buddies trips, with miles of green fairways to keep groups of any size swinging, always with more holes to play.

Four of the sites opened in 1992 to widespread acclaim, including Grand National at Opelika near Auburn. This story begins there.

In keeping with the buddies theme, I recruited a friend, Matt Matin of Winter Garden, Florida. A single-digit handicapper and golf nut, Matin would help keep the focus on the core tenet of the Trail: more golf. Also, he's a sucker for a press.

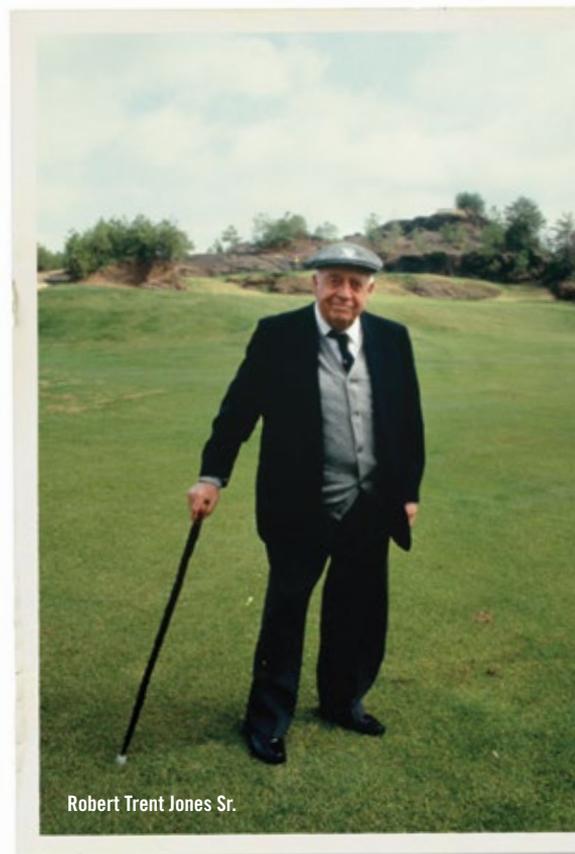
After an easy drive from Florida and a night in the Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National, Matin and I woke up early to a breakfast of eggs and a side of – what else? – Conecuh Sausage at the onsite Southern Oak restaurant. The view out the back windows focuses not on golf but on pool fun – it was easy to surmise this stop on the Trail is more than a golf site. Outdoor food and bar, multiple pools, and all the trappings of a day in the sun would make it easy to forget there are 36 full-size holes and par-3 course beyond the

pool deck. The resort added a three-story spa and upgraded its restaurants in 2018. The hotel features 19 luxury suites.

But we were there in January, like so many others searching for a golf escape in the relative safety of a car during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the pool deck was empty. Didn't matter. The No. 4 public-access course in Alabama was waiting, and this 18's name said it all.

The Lake Course – formerly the home of the PGA Tour's Barbasol Championship – hugs the shores of Lake Saugahatchee, and it took just three holes for a theme to develop: scenic but difficult par 3s over or alongside dominating water hazards. The Lake Course features four of them ranging from 197 to 230 yards off the back tees. That theme holds up all along the Trail, with the one-shotters often set above the most compelling water features and stealing the show.

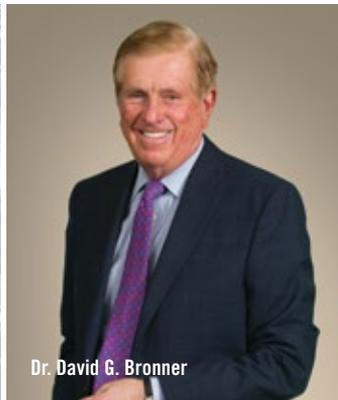
The best of them at the Lake Course might be No. 15, with its green set on a peninsula above the water. I say this not only because I hit the green and made a casual par to flip a press with Matin, but because the tee shot to the peninsula is stunning.



Robert Trent Jones Sr.



Judge No. 9  
at Capitol Hill



Dr. David G. Bronner



Senator No. 3 at Capitol Hill

Pretty as they are, the steady drumbeat of watery par 3s on the Trail might not be for everyone, as they become a bit familiar after a couple of rounds – architecture aficionados might lift their chins at so many forced carries. I sometimes cringe when courses advertise their “best set of par 3s around,” because I know I am likely to face several long, penal challenges with few reasonable bailouts. But the fact is, these watery Trail holes tend to be stunners when each is considered on its own. So while the theme might become a bit familiar, at least it’s a familiarity with beauty.

When not hugging the shoreline, the Lake Course moves through wonderfully rolling terrain. The shortish, uphill par-5 fourth was a favorite, offering several options both off the tee and from the fairway, with a multi-level green that easily can lead to one of the most frustrating terms in golf: three-putt par.

Likewise, the downhill par-4 11th stood out. The terrain provides all the challenge off the tee, as the hole plays much narrower than its corridor through the trees might suggest, with not a single fairway sand trap needed to make the tee shot interesting. The second shot is slightly back uphill to a beast of a green that slopes back to front with a severe roll-off to the right. This hole proves the point that there are more ways to grab attention than with heavy bunkering or water – great ground can do the job nicely.

All in all, a great start to five days of golf: solid, fun, and challenging, not a snoozer on the scorecard. Even after Matin pitched in on No. 18 from an impossibly short-sided lie to grab the match by a shot, it was all smiles for the 80-minute drive to Prattville after the round. Game on.

## CAPITOL HILL: THE JUDGE AND THE SENATOR

While the Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National is a great non-golf spot for family trips, with its expansive pool deck and outdoor activities, the Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center at Capitol Hill is perfect for a buddies stay. After a recent renovation, it overlooks several of the 54 holes of golf that lie just beyond.

Large groups can skip the main lodge altogether. This property features two eight-room villas and a 10,000-square-foot Presidential Cottage with a private helicopter landing pad. The villas would be perfect for a group of golfers to stay under one roof, keeping the laughs going long after the day’s golf is finished. And the Presidential Cottage, with its secluded outdoor patio, is a natural fit for wedding parties or corporate retreats. Something for everyone.

Another feature at Capitol Hill that any golfer should enjoy: the view from the first tee of the Judge, which is No. 3 among *Golfweek’s* “Best Courses You Can Play in Alabama.” The tee sits more than 100 feet above the lake-lined fairway below, providing one of the most inspiring opening tee shots found anywhere. It’s not just awe-inspiring; it’s also fear-inspiring. We were supposed to hit that ribbon of fairway, and the target looks incredibly skinny from high above – only after reaching the fairway do you realize there’s slightly more room available than what appears from the tee.

And so it was off to the races on a very difficult track through the backwaters of the Alabama River. The par 3s again stand out, with three of the four equally suited to cameras as to golf clubs, perched as they are in beautiful waterside settings.

The most difficult of the short holes – and I use the word “short” with a smile when it comes to this 7,813-yard course – that day proved not to be the 229-yard, island-green sixth, but the 231-yard 12th that is all carry to one of the toughest targets you would ever want to four-putt, as Matin proved.

The yardages for the Judge mentioned above bring up an important point: Do not even consider tackling the wrong tee boxes on these Trail courses. Robert Trent Jones Sr. had no apprehensions about building difficult golf courses, and it’s no fun to shoot a high score and play slow. Each course offers a slew of teeing grounds, and if you’re looking to play from a yardage that’s in between posted options, move up to the shorter boxes. Come to think of it, move up anyways.

The 18th is the shortest par 4 on the Judge and packs a lot into a small package. It plays 358 off the back to an uphill green, and after fighting for pars most of the day, my birdie there put me back on the proper side of the ledger against Matin. We were scheduled for a quick lunch and another 80-minute drive to the next course.

But the Senator vetoed that early car ride, demanding attention before we slid off our spikes.

All the courses at Capitol Hill have official-sounding names – the Judge, Senator, and Legislator – as the state capital is just eight miles away. But as the wintry breezes kicked up a bit under clear, sunny skies, it wasn’t the name but the terrain that grabbed our attention.

The Senator is nothing like the Judge. On higher land with a Scottish-links theme, the Senator is wide open, barely a tree in play. Yellow grasses danced in the wind as we

weighed our options: get to the next hotel early and hang out, or play more golf. That was an easy call.

The Senator – the former host site of the Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic – does not, of course, play exactly like a true links course. But it did recently receive a makeover with TifEagle Ultradwarf greens that play impressively fast and firm, sitting high and dry above the lakeside setting of the Judge course below. And while the Senator is not in the top 10 on *Golfweek's* "Best Courses You Can Play in Alabama," it certainly could be. Because it's a blast.

Laced with more than 160 pot bunkers amid 20- to 40-foot mounds, the Senator in a breeze presents dozens of ways to play most of its holes, which is liberating after 18 on the more-demanding Judge. Matin and I raced the sun's descent, finishing just before dark and thrilled to have seen two such different layouts at one site on the same day.

## ROSS BRIDGE AND OXMOOR VALLEY

We've established that the Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National is a premium family destination and the Marriott at Prattville is perfect for a buddies golf trip or corporate retreat. The AAA Four Diamond Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa steps up the opulence a bit, making it a prime location for a special trip with a spouse. Think chandeliers and luxurious suites – a special anniversary-type setting, no doubt.

After jumping from hotel to hotel on back-to-back nights, Matin and I were scheduled for two nights at the Renaissance, and it was great to unpack a bit. As an added bonus, the hotel serves two sites on the Trail, with Oxmoor Valley just minutes away and Ross Bridge out the back windows.

Oxmoor Valley's Ridge Course ranks No. 6 on *Golfweek's* Best 2021 list for public-access courses in the state, with holes climbing and diving through tree lines and 150 feet of Appalachian Mountain elevation changes. The hilly setting doesn't feature much water and doesn't need it to create interest.

A favorite hole was the par-4 14th, which tops out at 389 yards on the card but plays longer. The fairway makes excellent use of the terrain, doglegging left around a 40-foot hill dotted with three bunkers. The tee shot dares you to cut the corner, but that hill has a mind of its own, blocking shots and obscuring sight lines after a misplaced drive. The green sits at the hole's highest point and needs no bunkers to provide an interesting approach shot. It's a beautiful use of topography without exaggerated hazards.

After our morning 18, Matin and I were scheduled for an afternoon off. But what fun is that? We darted five minutes back down the road to the Renaissance and tried to squeeze in a bonus 18 at Ross Bridge, the No. 2 public-access course in Alabama. With the early winter twilight, we fought a losing battle against nightfall.

But it didn't take long to appreciate Ross Bridge. The parkland setting takes full

advantage of two lakes, and the scale of the place sets it apart. Wide fairways, perfectly rolling terrain, great green complexes, and chipping surrounds – it's completely understandable how Ross Bridge jumped to the No. 2 spot in Alabama in 2021.

Again, the par 3s are brutes, with two of them – Nos. 4 and 14 – requiring forced carries over water. The other two par 3s lack the water but also necessitate long carries over inclines to reach the greens. No. 6 was especially gorgeous in the evening light, with long views and open sky.

We didn't get to finish the round that night, stopping after No. 13 to dash over to play the closer in the near darkness. We had another round on Ross Bridge planned the next day, and as we dined at the nearby Front Porch restaurant – try the candied bacon bombs if you need a break from all the Conecuh Sausage – we turned a wary eye to the next day's weather forecast. It wasn't going to be pretty.

Wind and storms rolled in that night as a cold front blasted Alabama. We figured there would be no chance to play and happily ate breakfast – eggs with a side of Conecuh Sausage, of course – safely inside the hotel. Resolved to our fate of no golf that day, we retreated to our rooms.

Then came a break in the clouds, plus a breakdown in our thinking. Ross Bridge is one of the five longest courses in the world, stretching 8,191 yards off the back tees, and there was nobody out there as the skies briefly parted. I goaded Matin into giving it a try as the temperature neared 40 degrees, and with no other groups to hold up, I declared an added challenge: Let's play the tips. It would be an adventure, I promised, and anyways, we could always go back inside if the weather got nasty.

I was half right. The weather soon closed back in around us, but instead of retreating, I cajoled Matin into playing onward from tees that stretched the course about 1,500 yards beyond our skills. With gusts surpassing 30 mph and rain sometimes coming in sideways, Matin and I aimed tee balls to any point of safety around Ross Bridge, clearly outgunned by this behemoth and trying to not lose too many balls on the forced carries into the tempest. We're both low-handicap players





Ross Bridge

and managed to beat it around in fewer than 90 strokes, and after several weeks to reflect on the experience, I can recognize it as an error while still fondly recalling all the bogeys and handful of pars.

But I wouldn't recommend such an adventure to anyone. Our idiotic attempt to play one of the world's longest courses in the freezing wind and rain proved nothing if not this: Pick the right tees.

I can promise that if Ross Bridge had not been such a beautiful golf course, even in

that rain, I would have spent the afternoon ignoring emails in my hotel room.

So that was the first four days of golf on this Alabama itinerary, with rounds played on the four highest-ranked courses on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail plus one other. What more could anyone ask for?

That's the great thing about the best public-access golf in Alabama: There's something for everyone.

Mountain courses? Check.

Long, hard courses? Plenty of those.

Easier, wider courses? Yep.

Beautiful lakeside par 3s that belong in a painting? They're everywhere.

So back to the question that triggered this quest: Where's the best place to play golf in Alabama? All these top-ranked courses in the state are worthy, and altogether they make for an easy trip across the center of the state. *Golfweek's* raters have spoken. Now it's your turn to enjoy the drive and see them all. ■

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# AMERICA'S BEST GOLF

THE ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL » FROM MOBILE TO AUBURN

BY ZEPHYR MELTON [GOLF.com](http://GOLF.com)

Crossings No. 8 at Magnolia Grove



# F ROAD TRIPS

When you think of golf road trips, Alabama might not be the first destination that comes to mind. But with a plethora of terrific public-access courses, the state has routes that stack up with some of the best drives in golf. From the Gulf Shores heading north, this journey features a stunning and diverse set of courses, and attractions for everyone from sports fans to history buffs. The best part? It can all be done on a single tank of gas. So, pack your golf shoes and your driving gloves, and get ready to hit the Trail — the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, that is. »

**START POINT:** RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT MAGNOLIA GROVE, MOBILE, ALA.  
**END POINT:** RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT GRAND NATIONAL, AUBURN, ALA.  
**DAYS: 4 » COURSES: 4 » MILES: 263**

AT JUST 263 MILES FROM START TO FINISH, YOU CAN EASILY DO THIS TRIP ON JUST ONE TANK OF GAS.

**DAY 1** (morning)  
**RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT  
MAGNOLIA GROVE**

**MILEPOST: 1**

The morning and afternoon of your first day can be easily interchanged, but for our purposes, we'll have you starting at the Crossings Course at Magnolia Grove, a multiple-time host for the LPGA Tour. With a routing that meanders through pines and marshlands, this serene layout isn't short on scenery, and recent renovations have added waste areas of crushed oyster shells for even more ambiance. Your round here is a worthy kickoff to the journey that awaits.

**DAY 1** (afternoon)  
**RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT  
MAGNOLIA GROVE**

**MILEPOST: 1**

No need to travel for your afternoon festivities, as your next destination sits on the same property as your morning 18. After lunch to recharge, head out for some hit-and-giggle fun on Magnolia Grove's Short Course, which was named one of *GOLF*'s 25-best par-3 courses in the world. Recent renovations have only enhanced it. A mixture of challenging tee shots and cleverly placed pins will require your A-game if you want to end your first day on the winning end of skins.

**DAY 2** (morning)  
**RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT  
CAMBRIAN RIDGE**

**MILEPOST: 131**

A short drive up Interstate 65 takes you to Cambrian Ridge. This 36-hole facility is one of the most challenging stops on the Trail, and you won't be disappointed by the views either. Mix and match between the Canyon, Loblolly, and Sherling nines for some of the most breathtaking scenery in Butler County.

If you want to keep the driver in the bag, swing by the Short Course for nine holes of leisurely play.

**DAY 2** (afternoon)  
**U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS  
TRAIL**

**MILEPOST: 187**

After your morning at Cambrian Ridge, it's on to Montgomery for an afternoon of education. The state capital holds a significant place in civil rights history, as the Alabama Capitol Building was the endpoint for the third march for voting rights, which began in Selma. Other local landmarks of the Civil Rights Movement include Dexter Avenue King Memorial Church, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. served as pastor; the site of Rosa Parks' arrest; and the courthouse of Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr., whose pivotal rulings helped end legal segregation in the South. All three of these towering figures spent significant portions of their lives in Montgomery, and their legacies are preserved in the capital city. Time spent learning about those who risked everything for their principles — and for the wellbeing of others — is time well spent.

**DAY 3** (morning)  
**RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT  
CAPITOL HILL**

**MILEPOST: 198**

A quick drive northwest of the city sets you up for a round at one of Capitol Hill's three championship courses: the Judge, Legislator, and Senator. Each has a look and personality all its own, and there's no wrong whichever you choose. The Judge has amazing views along the Alabama River, while the Legislator weaves in and out of pine trees and marshland for a more traditional feel. The Senator can satisfy your craving for

a links-style layout, and the test will be stern. As the host of several Korn Ferry Tour events — most recently in 2019 — it's a true championship track.

**DAY 3** (afternoon)  
**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

**MILEPOST: 255**

With the capital city in your rearview mirror, head east to Auburn, and the university that shares the city's name, to stroll the grounds of a proud SEC school. Head to Toomer's Corner, at the intersection between downtown Auburn and the Auburn University campus, and then pop into Toomer's Drugs for some fresh-squeezed lemonade and a bite to eat. If you time your trip correctly, you're pretty much required to attend a game at Jordan-Hare Stadium. A post-game drink at a bustling nearby campus bar is optional, but highly recommended. War Eagle!

**DAY 4** (morning)  
**RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT  
GRAND NATIONAL**

**MILEPOST: 263**

As long as your hangover isn't too severe, make the quick drive over to Grand National for your grand finale. As at the other RTJ Golf Trail properties, you'll have options. On the Lake Course, more than half of the holes hug Lake Saugahatchee, and the vistas on its routing can't be beat. The course also plays host to the Symetra Tour, giving you yet another chance to test your game where the pros play. The Links Course is the cornerstone of Grand National and features four par-3s that can befuddle even the most experienced players. Finish the trip off with a drink by the pool at the on-site Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National, and make a toast to yourself on a trip well played (and well planned). ■

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Sherling No. 4 at Cambrian Ridge



# HISTORIC



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 a 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 along 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. »»

# HOSPITALITY



Susan Stein, Grand Hotel Historian

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 35 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 its 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 RTJ Golf Trail may not have official historians, associates will quickly share historical 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 Hotel & Spa was recorded locally and the hotel has live music every night. Muscle Shoals has an active legendary music industry. You never know what legend or newcomer you may pass in the hallways.

While relatively new, the Equal Justice Initiative sites in Montgomery have quickly made a name for themselves. From A-list

celebrities to schoolchildren studying the quest for justice and equality, the EJI attracts thousands of guests each year, many of whom stay nearby at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at The Convention Center. 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 Jr.'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 Alabama hotels and resorts are ready for your arrival. »



## NORTH ALABAMA AND BIRMINGHAM REGION

### Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa

» FLORENCE, AL

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Overlooking the Tennessee River and historic Wilson Dam in Florence, 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 and 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, AL

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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

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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 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. RTJ Capitol Hill will host the Symetra Tour's Guardian Championship in September 2022.

**Historic Highlight:** To salute the area's history, a gin shop whistle blows each afternoon at 4 p.m. and signals 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, AL

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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 hotel 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 location downtown is approximately 10 minutes from RTJ Capitol Hill. For cultural experiences, the hotel is steps away from great museums. Experience the Equal Justice Initiative sites. Tour the Rosa Parks Museum. Dexter Avenue, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s church, the Hank Williams Museum, and other historic locations are near the Renaissance.

**Historic Highlight:** A replica of Freney'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, AL

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Named an Editors' Choice Golf Resort by *Golf Digest* for the past four years, the resort is the ideal stay for golfers playing RTJ Grand National. The Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National added a three-story spa and renovated its restaurant and bars in 2018. In 2017, the resort 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 Resort & Spa at Grand National 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 Links 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.

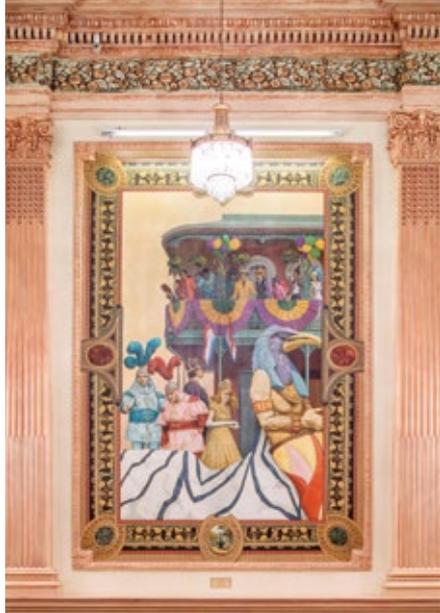
**MOBILE BAY REGION**

**The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa**

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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, and 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, 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.



Grand Hotel

## Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

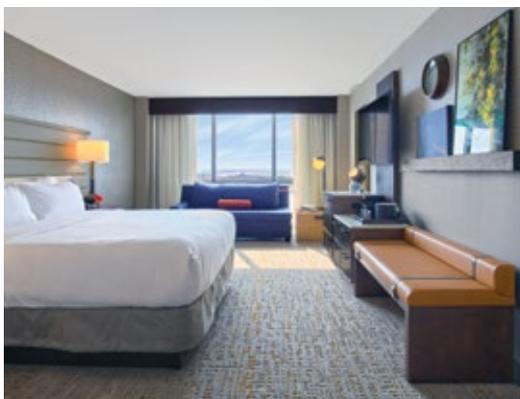
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Named Marriott Hotel of the Year for 2019, the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel sits along Mobile Bay in the heart of downtown. A prime location with a covered walkway to the Mobile Convention Center makes the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel a favorite for business guests. A Four Diamond hotel, this urban retreat 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 recently renovated hotel, which features 32,000 square feet of versatile meeting, banquet, and exhibit space. The 373 plush guest rooms at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel are as popular as the hotel's spectacular views of Mobile Bay, and Mardi Gras parades pass in front of the hotel during Carnival season.



**Historic Highlight:** Adjacent to Mobile Bay, the Alabama State Docks, and international shipbuilders, Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel 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, AL

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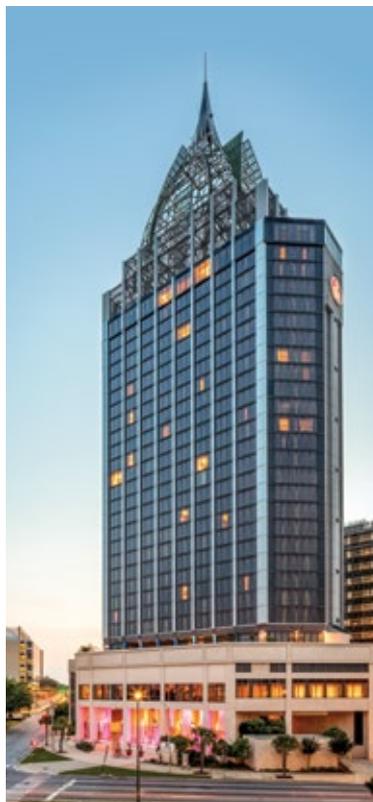
Since 1847, the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa has maintained a gracious tradition of Southern hospitality on historic Mobile Bay. In 2018, the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa completed a transformation and joined the Autograph Collection Hotels, an upscale Marriott brand. Cited by *USA Today* as one of 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 Golf Resort & Spa is a Four Diamond, family-friendly resort.

A full 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 watercraft for the guests' enjoyment.

❖ **Historic Highlight:** Our **Grandeur, Grit & Glory** honors our 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. ■



# CLUBHOUSE EATS:

## **RENAISSANCE BIRMINGHAM ROSS BRIDGE GOLF RESORT & SPA'S GOLF TEA IS A REFRESHING PICK-ME-UP AFTER A LONG ROUND**

Venture 240 miles northeast of this week's PGA Tour venue, the Country Club of Jackson, to the Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa, and you'll find a truly unique dose of southern hospitality.

As one of GOLF's Top 100 Resorts in North America, Ross Bridge has all of the luxurious sophistication you would expect: 259 beautifully appointed guest rooms (all of which include balconies), an onsite spa, and close proximity to the amenities of downtown Birmingham.

Additionally, the resort boasts one of the marquee courses on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. At 8,191 yards from the tips, Ross Bridge is among the longest courses in the country, and after enduring such a staunch test, The Clubhouse, the course's onsite restaurant, has an equally formidable cocktail at the ready.

**Golf Tea**, a delicious blend of sweet tea vodka, simple syrup, muddled mint, fresh lemon juice, and a traditional southern sweet tea topper, is the perfect way to cap a long day on the course. The popular post-round refresher is similar to a traditional alcoholic Arnold Palmer, but sans lemonade.

Pair it with one of The Clubhouse's modern takes on Southern cuisine, like macaroni and pulled pork, and you have a dynamic and satisfying duo that will suitably fortify you for another day's play. ■



## COMPLIMENTS FROM THE COACHES

In the heart of the football-hungry South, hospitality becomes game-prep when hosting collegiate athletes, coaches, and staff. The resorts and hotels on the Trail have had the pleasure of serving teams from across the region and take that role to heart. Massive appetites, dietary restrictions, and strict schedules are all part of the game. These are some of the compliments given to our team at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at The Convention Center after playing host to SEC football powerhouse **Texas A&M University**.

*“This is by far the best pre-game meal we have ever had.”* » **Mike Elko**,  
Defensive Coordinator

*“Best steak in probably 3 years staying at hotels.”* » **Tiffany Illten**,  
Dietician & Nutritionist

*“Thank you for the pre-arrival. It was great to see 20 managers welcoming the team. You don’t see that at other hotels. Keep up the good work.”* » **Mark Robinson**,  
Associate Athletic Director for Football

*“You are so organized, I might be out of a job.”* » **Pat Biondo**,  
Assistant Director of Football Operations



## MEMORIES MADE ON THE TRAIL

*The Trail hosts golfers from all over the country, and it is always our goal to make memorable experiences for our guests.*

*Of course, when we get it right, we like to hear about it. So when we received the kind of positive feedback we got from this foursome, we felt the need to share.*

We are a group of four golfers from Minnesota. We had heard many good things about the Trail from friends and decided to try one for our spring golf outing.

The choice of Silver Lakes could not have been better. From the time of our arrival, we were treated so well by some of the most hospitable people we have met.

From checking our bag at the drop, to the pro shop, starters, staff in the restaurant, and everyone we came in contact with, we were all impressed with how welcoming they all were.

There was an amateur tournament going on when we arrived and it was very busy, but everything went so smoothly, everything was very organized, and we had a chance to meet the director of golf, Jason, who was out front with the bag drop crew. Even though he was busy with the tournament, he took a little time to welcome us and give us some first-hand info on the course (although it did not help our scores on this day, the course was awesome.) We started out on the Short Course, and it was a perfect

way to start, with some target practice at a beautiful and FUN nine!! We took a short break and headed out to the Mindbreaker and Heartbreaker to some more incredible golf. WOW, all those elevated greens, more than what we were ready for, but a challenge that we all agreed was fair. We left in awe and excited to come back on Sunday.

We were greeted the same way, the course was outstanding, and we went away with this statement from all of us. That the golf was just wonderful, challenging, and in great shape, beautiful, and so much fun. But the staff was just as spectacular as the course, and we will definitely be back.

Thank you so much to Jason and all the folks that work there. You will always be a big part of our memories of this incredible place, because you folks made it so!!!!

Wayne Stang  
Jim Ralph  
Paul Springer  
Dell Young



## 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

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, Tigjo 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,

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.

# 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.

*Gallery open to the public at:  
414 Equality Street, Fairhope, AL 36532.  
For more information visit [artistnall.com](http://artistnall.com).*

**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.

**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. ■

**LIVE WHERE YOU LOVE TO PLAY GOLF »**





Living along Alabama's RTJ Golf Trail is a dream for so many of us. Two residential developments 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.

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 offer a variety of single-family homes—all beautifully designed and built.

Whether you seek life in an SEC university town or desire a more coastal feel with a flair for the arts, the communities associated with the 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, four pickleball courts, eight pools, miles of hiking and biking trails, and much more. »



# THE COLONY AT THE GRAND »»

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## 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 various lifestyles with some of the most popular dwellings designed by *Southern Living*. From your first glimpse of the beautiful homes at The Colony, you'll understand why the community was awarded Gold by the National Association of Home Builders this year.

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 splendid 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,

**AZALEA:** The Azalea neighborhood features six homes overlooking the 10th hole of the Azalea Course at The Lakewood Club and a new lake. These craftsman coastal homes feature great porches and the latest designs focused on luxury and relaxation, priced from the \$700's with only two available homes.

**BATTLES TRACE:** Neatly sitting along a 150-year-old grove of oak trees, Battles Trace is now in its seventh 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 upper \$400's.

**BAYVIEW:** Featuring 56 condominium units, Bayview overlooks Sweetwater Lake and offers a breathtaking panorama on every floor with views of oak-draped parks and walking trails. Low maintenance makes these units popular for people on the go. Sold out, but resales are available.

**CAMELLIA:** An intimate collection of seven golf cottages designed with a coastal flair situated alongside the Azalea Golf Course at The Lakewood Club. The well-appointed homes feature screened-in porches perfect for entertaining, with beautiful views of the golf course, priced from the \$600's.



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 many resort pools, play tennis on grass and clay courts, and squeeze in a workout at the state-of-the-art fitness center with expanded hours—all within walking distance! Are you looking for less strenuous options? Set sail into Mobile Bay, watch spectacular sunsets, celebrate happy hour at the historic Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, or browse in Fairhope's boutiques.

galleries, 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).

To learn more, please call Deborah Rogers and Walter Billups at 251.990.9951 or visit online at [colonyatthegrand.com](http://colonyatthegrand.com). ■





## NATIONAL VILLAGE »

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**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 Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort and Spa at Grand National, RTJ Grand National has quickly become a favorite among professional and amateur golfers alike. Residents at National Village have ready access to its three courses. With more than 260 homes sold to date in the 700-acre community, National Village offers four distinct neighborhoods, with a fifth opening in Fall 2022. One of the newest neighborhoods is Phase II of Stonelake, a collection of 27 uniquely crafted cottage homes with proximity to the hotel's amenities, private fishing lakes, and 10 miles of walking and biking trails. Another perk of living at National Village is 100% high-speed fiber optic, clocking some of the fastest internet speeds in the country thanks to being in Opelika—Alabama's first Gig City.

The onsite 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 pool, look for our residents on the tennis and pickleball courts. With both cardio and weight training equipment, consider the hotel's fitness center as your 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 eight 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 [nationalvillage.com](http://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 ten different home styles with floor plans ranging from 1,500 to more than 2,000 square feet, priced from the high \$300's.

**QUAIL RIDGE:** The perfect blend of arts and crafts and cottage designs, Quail Ridge offers three-and four-bedroom homes with limited availability as only five homes remain in this section. The National Village trail surrounds the rear perimeter of Quail Ridge and is located near a National Village post office, priced from the high \$400's.



**STONELAKE:** A new section of Stonelake, our first neighborhood, is now open. This custom-home neighborhood features some new wonderfully designed home plans with signature Craftsman details ranging from 1,800 to more than 3,000 square feet, priced from the mid \$600's.

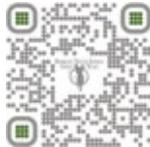
**THE YARDS:** A pocket neighborhood with a thoughtful, open design by nationally known designer Larry Garnett, The Yards is a clustered group of cottages placed around a shared green space, with beautifully landscaped common areas and deep front porches, providing residents ample settings to gather. A gated neighborhood, The Yards offers 21 two-bedroom cottages minutes away from the resort for easy access to its luxury amenities. Priced from the mid \$300's.

# 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.

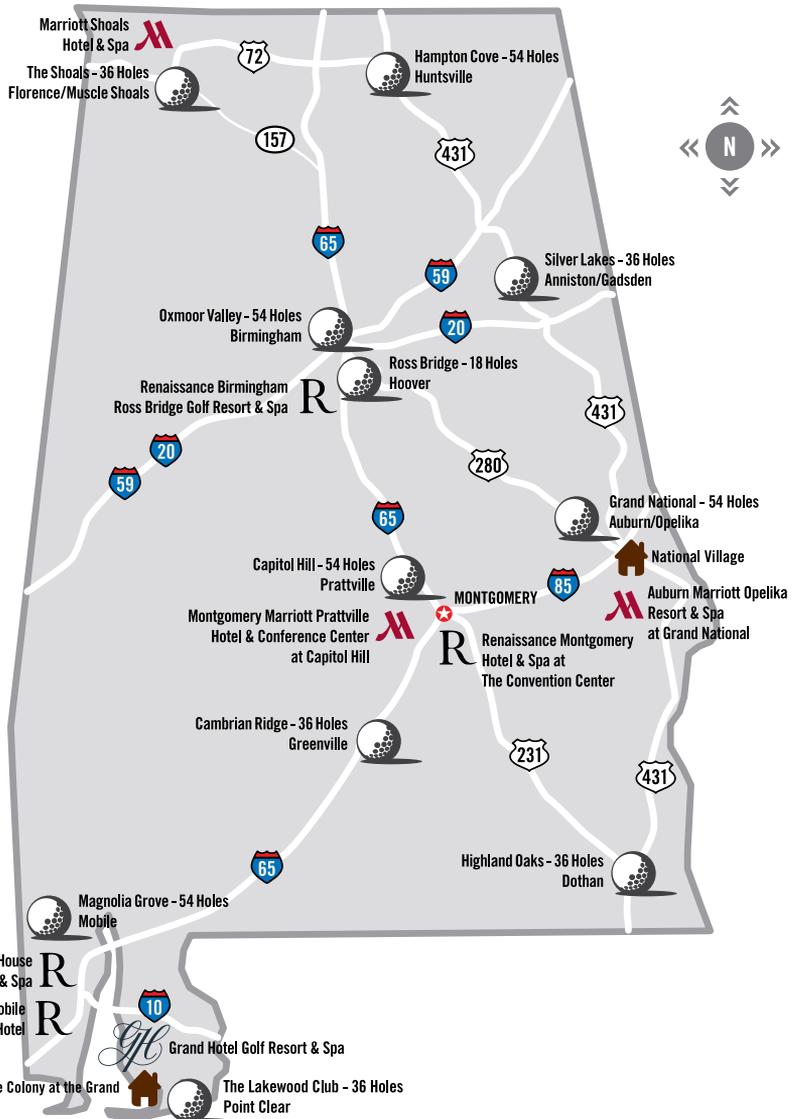
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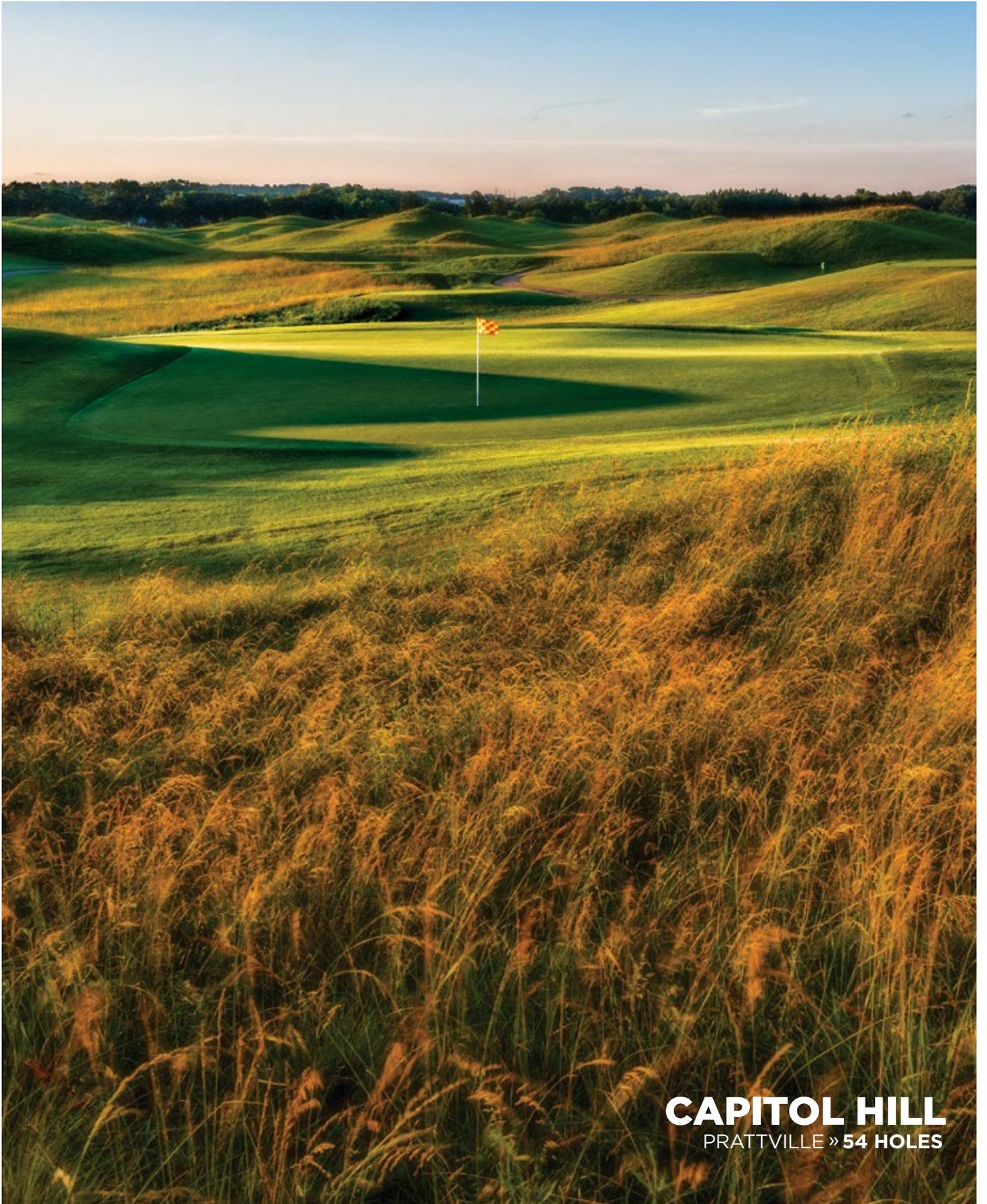


The Wall Street Journal said the Trail  
**“MAY BE THE BIGGEST  
BARGAIN IN THE COUNTRY.”**

The New York Times called the Trail  
**“SOME OF THE BEST PUBLIC GOLF ON EARTH.”**

## 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	—



**CAPITOL HILL**  
PRATTVILLE » 54 HOLES

# CAPITOL HILL

PRATTVILLE » 54 HOLES » OPENED 1999

THE JUDGE COURSE was ranked No. 4 by *GOLFWEEK* in 2021 for best courses you can play in Alabama.

Named the #2 public golf facility in the country by *Golf World* readers, Capitol Hill continues to get praise 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 LPGA's Symetra Tour Guardian Championship each September.

Located in Prattville, just 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 360 degree driving range 400 yards in diameter.

The **Senator**, a Scottish-Links style course, holds more than 140 pot-hole bunkers and mounds 20 to 40 feet in height, hiding the cart path or any other hole from view. New 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 a bluff overlooking the Alabama River. Enjoy the view riding down the "Sky Bridge" for six holes laid out in a native cypress swamp as you are led back up the bluff to finish the course at the spectacular clubhouse.

The **Judge** offers stunning vistas along 200-acres amongst the 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 bulkheaded island green, the Judge is described as simply magnificent.

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### SENATOR COURSE

Black 7,643/77.4/132; Purple 7,022/74.1/125; Orange 6,442/70.9/126; White 5,862/68.1/121; Gold 5,347/64.7/110; Teal 5,028/64.7/110; Ladies' White 73.6/123; Ladies' Teal 69.6/116; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	427	230	419	426	611	420	231	558	437	616	435	490	203	459	448	222	559	457
PURPLE	395	204	385	390	563	385	195	530	402	578	400	467	182	426	416	181	515	408
ORANGE	365	165	364	363	539	349	167	496	376	5438	370	406	156	394	389	156	475	369
WHITE	329	139	332	339	442	326	133	453	343	528	358	372	154	358	338	139	445	334
GOLD	308	121	295	309	395	306	129	428	317	484	321	328	136	338	330	117	376	309
TEAL	281	92	285	282	389	294	110	393	290	460	313	323	116	330	307	82	376	305
PAR	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4

### LEGISLATOR COURSE

Black 7,546/76.9/149; Purple 6,953/74.0/143; Orange 6,455/71.4/139; White 6,013/69.4/131; Gold 5,480/66.1/117; Teal 4,975/66.1/117; Ladies' White 74.3/133; Ladies' Teal 70.4/121; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	631	434	177	481	603	198	425	488	420	412	207	387	514	478	410	182	585	424
PURPLE	597	404	163	421	577	174	401	455	405	369	180	367	504	434	402	160	552	388
ORANGE	541	366	147	391	536	151	375	429	380	350	164	348	481	407	364	148	512	365
WHITE	490	351	136	355	490	137	338	411	366	325	148	331	451	382	343	124	505	330
GOLD	436	324	115	330	426	115	297	374	338	300	126	316	413	349	336	112	478	295
TEAL	376	310	93	318	426	87	277	347	311	245	105	302	378	335	239	95	454	277
PAR	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4

### JUDGE COURSE

Black 7,807/78.5/147; Purple 7,151/75.1/142; Orange 6,577/71.7/131; White 6,120/68.7/128; Gold 5,215/64.7/115; Teal 4,854/64.7/115; Ladies' White 74.4/137; Ladies' Teal 68.4/123; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	415	459	187	617	417	229	675	466	430	711	478	231	427	469	552	256	430	358
PURPLE	400	416	166	579	397	199	625	452	387	582	405	215	405	449	529	223	384	338
ORANGE	379	371	158	514	342	183	589	430	362	543	380	179	368	424	500	170	364	321
WHITE	347	350	155	486	326	156	575	404	345	503	351	160	330	385	457	153	327	310
GOLD	296	303	129	402	280	139	330	355	324	415	322	108	313	365	435	131	304	264
TEAL	296	297	112	402	273	120	351	344	271	405	268	90	261	352	413	123	288	254
PAR	4	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4

# CAMBRIAN RIDGE

GREENVILLE » 36 HOLES  
OPENED 1993

Known by avid golfers as one of the most beautiful and challenging stops on the Trail, Cambrian Ridge in Greenville lies just 40 miles from Montgomery. It is well worth

CAMBRIAN RIDGE was ranked No. 5 by *GOLFWEEK* in 2021 for best courses you can play in Alabama.

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 have been redesigned to accommodate the higher greens speeds associated with our installation of the latest generation of Ultradwarf Bermuda grass. Additionally, many of the holes have been totally redesigned to open up views of Sherling Lake and 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 28-29, Cambrian Ridge will host the annual **Father/Son Championship**, one of the most popular events on the Trail.

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### LOBLOLLY COURSE

Purple 3,524/37.0/142; Orange 3,288/36.0/137; White 3,041/34.7/127; Gold 2,759/33.4/123;  
Teal 2,363/31.6/116; Ladies' Gold 35.7/131; Ladies' Teal 33.5/121; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	497	421	418	155	418	222	503	447	443
ORANGE	469	397	390	136	384	196	474	423	419
WHITE	445	382	369	121	367	166	434	392	365
GOLD	418	346	332	106	350	138	369	366	334
TEAL	342	322	250	84	301	112	344	324	284
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	4

### SHERLING COURSE

Purple 3,571/37.5/147; Orange 3,277/36.1/142; White 3,038/34.8/138; Gold 2,769/33.5/131;  
Teal 2,339/31.5/124; Ladies' Gold 35.84/128; Ladies' Teal 33.4/118; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	568	209	428	169	366	390	437	636	368
ORANGE	531	167	395	140	345	367	412	570	350
WHITE	494	146	376	128	330	309	386	544	325
GOLD	488	132	355	120	224	280	354	514	302
TEAL	417	91	270	65	224	253	322	460	237
PAR	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	5	4

### CANYON COURSE

Purple 3,564/37.3/152; Orange 3,331/36.3/150; White 3,038/34.9/130; Gold 2,393/33.3/125;  
Teal 2,393/31.9/118; Ladies' Gold 36.3/125; Ladies' Teal 34.6/117; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	477	175	585	444	383	418	522	190	370
ORANGE	460	155	528	421	353	394	499	175	346
WHITE	432	130	478	366	330	366	464	152	320
GOLD	375	130	451	328	290	299	391	141	300
TEAL	365	105	409	299	272	259	336	108	240
PAR	4	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	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
PURPLE	156	187	211	147	173	159	231	185	191
ORANGE	136	155	187	123	142	141	210	162	159
WHITE	118	121	151	79	109	123	123	151	141
TEAL	81	71	94	66	76	75	76	93	113
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

# GRAND NATIONAL

AUBURN-OPELIKA

54 HOLES » OPENED 1992



**THE LAKE COURSE** was ranked No. 2 by *GOLFWEEK* in 2021 for best courses you can play in Alabama.

**THE LINKS COURSE** was ranked No. 9 by *GOLFWEEK* in 2021 for best courses you can play in Alabama.

Voted the #1 public golf facility in America by the readers of *Golf World*, Robert Trent Jones, Sr. is on record saying that Grand National was the single greatest natural site for golf he 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.

With countless awards and recognition from every major golf publication, Grand National stands out as perhaps the only property in the country to host the following events and tours: NCAA D1 Men's and Women's National Championships; LPGA Tour; Symetra Tour (LPGA); Korn Ferry Tour (PGA TOUR); PGA TOUR.

The cornerstone of the complex is the newly renovated **Links Course**, which is without a single weakness. Featuring new tees, bunkers, and the very best TiffEagle Ultradwarf greens, the Links Course is a definite must-play along the Trail. 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 massive 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 **Short Course**, not to be overshadowed by the two championship 18's, is a thing of beauty, with more than half the holes touching the lake. This 18-hole course of par 3's might be the finest anywhere in the country.

The **2022 Couples Classic** will take place in the fall and will be limited to the first 96 teams.

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### LINKS COURSE

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	423	556	206	425	465	560	472	345	215	370	260	582	424	467	530	195	438	471
ORANGE	396	520	182	409	413	532	446	319	170	326	194	532	378	422	500	168	404	427
WHITE	366	470	151	360	375	499	409	299	146	309	160	493	352	372	467	144	368	385
GOLD	274	436	139	305	275	412	351	263	122	289	135	426	331	315	424	120	347	344
TEAL	235	385	110	262	234	384	318	234	91	242	69	370	257	285	362	93	312	301
PAR	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	4

### LAKE COURSE

Purple 7,314/73.9/132; Orange 6,648/70.6/122; White 6,018/68.2/115; Gold 5,432/65.7/110; Teal 4,873/63.0/105; Ladies' Orange 77.5/139; Ladies' White 74.3/128; Ladies' Gold 71.3/121; Ladies' Teal 67.8/119; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	390	428	197	536	431	442	557	213	430	434	445	522	472	545	230	352	214	476
ORANGE	364	381	178	517	396	418	521	182	379	397	387	493	427	510	192	334	174	398
WHITE	319	361	155	480	345	365	489	159	351	365	356	459	361	474	174	297	143	365
GOLD	290	314	133	427	335	343	462	139	329	341	298	418	348	390	103	285	131	346
TEAL	285	302	92	399	308	295	418	103	276	276	239	391	332	378	86	247	119	327
PAR	4	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	3	4

**SHORT COURSE** Purple 3,189/56.7; Orange 2,753/55.2; White 2,294/53.7; Teal 1,624/51.9; Ladies' Orange 57.2; Ladies' White 55.4; Ladies' Teal 53.2; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	188	201	171	173	187	173	152	193	211	131	187	179	185	138	204	202	160	154
ORANGE	170	166	151	152	147	137	134	174	170	115	172	161	151	108	184	173	150	138
WHITE	148	148	128	131	124	112	119	147	120	108	139	140	98	104	143	156	110	119
TEAL	93	106	83	93	102	97	89	119	71	85	95	119	58	72	60	108	77	97
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

# 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.

The **Highlands Course** is one of the most picturesque and playable courses on the Trail. Long waving grasses frame dramatically rolling terrain and beautiful bent grass greens. One of the most recognizable landmarks on the Trail is the old mule barn beside the fifth hole, while the finishing holes on the Highlands Course are among the most scenic and challenging on the Trail.

Completely different from the Highlands is the **River Course**, the only Robert Trent Jones layout in the world designed 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 in play 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.

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### HIGHLANDS COURSE

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	409	403	550	215	412	435	453	238	526
ORANGE	394	372	518	183	378	406	424	190	511
WHITE	372	330	452	165	334	381	387	158	444
SILVER	347	303	445	128	285	354	341	141	416
TEAL	309	303	377	94	273	336	318	94	361
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	461	206	435	415	414	539	259	621	437
ORANGE	434	177	347	391	382	520	211	570	398
WHITE	371	154	308	336	342	470	161	541	364
SILVER	337	138	300	320	307	431	132	480	330
TEAL	257	108	265	319	298	390	101	475	304
PAR	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	5	4

### RIVER COURSE

Purple 7,668/76.6/139; Orange 6,764/72.6/131; White 6,111/69.5/124; Silver 5,602/67.3/119; Teal 5,200/65.5/105; Ladies' White 75.8/138; Ladies' Teal 70.3/115; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	556	207	467	447	476	214	433	627	438
ORANGE	505	186	404	375	388	196	393	566	394
WHITE	463	165	347	342	350	158	360	540	348
SILVER	463	150	292	320	330	145	310	499	325
TEAL	431	135	267	299	285	135	305	421	318
PAR	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	4

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	572	437	454	421	208	600	187/182	451	473
ORANGE	535	398	418	382	186	519	176/168	378	365
WHITE	486	353	379	314	165	494	163/152	350	334
SILVER	440	315	345	300	120	465	140	319	324
TEAL	428	293	340	276	112	426	132/125	314	283
PAR	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
PURPLE	192	184	222	149	201	257	190	215	199
ORANGE	161	167	189	110	182	184	175	173	153
WHITE	124	152	154	95	149	145	144	145	128
TEAL	83	109	72	78	83	109	114	126	111
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	177	193	184	222	205	247	159	232	207
ORANGE	161	152	174	185	170	184	143	168	176
WHITE	115	131	144	156	143	137	115	151	152
TEAL	98	83	124	105	115	95	85	128	143
PAR	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 9-hole championship courses as well as the 9-hole Short Course. 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

THE MACKENZIE TOUR Q-SCHOOL will be held in March 2022.

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

THE KORN FERRY 2ND STAGE Q-SCHOOL is scheduled for Fall 2022.

stretches to 701 yards from the tips. The 422-yard, par-4 9th is arguably the best hole at the site and has a tilted green elevated above a swath of wetlands. The **Magnolia** nine is well-named: specimen magnolia trees dot the higher ground, 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 9-hole par 3 designed to accommodate players of all levels, winds through massive pines and features 3 holes with water.

The regressing of the championship nines with TifEagle Ultradwarf greens was completed in 2020, as was the redesign of the practice area with new short game and putting greens.

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### HIGHLANDS COURSE

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Teal 2,554/32.0/119; Ladies' White 36.3/131; Ladies' Teal 34.3/124; Par 36

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

### MARSHWOOD COURSE

Black 3,812/37.6/138; Purple 3,502/36.3/133; Orange 3,204/35.1/128; White 2,849/33.7/122;  
Teal 2,531/31.6/113; Ladies' White 36.8/128; Ladies' Teal 34.3/117; Par 36

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

### MAGNOLIA COURSE

Black 3,701/37.1/139; Purple 3,415/36.0/133; Orange 3,141/34.8/129; White 2,862/33.4/117;  
Teal 2,471/31.9/112; Ladies' White 2,862/35.9/120; Ladies' Teal 2,471/34.2/114; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	392	205	577	546	416	481	195	437	452
PURPLE	371	166	545	516	377	441	176	409	414
ORANGE	330	147	520	480	352	396	150	373	393
WHITE	296	110	476	457	317	363	136	341	366
TEAL	252	81	392	413	291	307	111	297	327
PAR	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
PURPLE	199	241	216	172	174	188	232	178	209
ORANGE	164	215	181	149	137	141	197	175	180
WHITE	121	184	133	127	101	113	159	136	155
TEAL	85	108	94	83	73	76	106	113	136
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

# THE LAKEWOOD CLUB

POINT CLEAR » 36 HOLES

OPENED 2004

The Lakewood Club's Dogwood and Azalea Courses at the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa reflect the historic nature of the hotel property itself.

They've been through renovations and hurricanes and still remain a showcase for great golf in the South. The original 18 holes were built in 1947 by legendary

golf course architect Perry Maxwell. Later expanded to 36 holes, The Lakewood Club at the Grand Hotel enjoys breezes from the adjacent Mobile Bay while showcasing fairways winding through stands of towering Southern Pine and 200-year-old Live Oaks.

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, you can enjoy the beauty and challenge of Lakewood, regardless of your skill level.

The **Dogwood Course**, which recently hosted the 59th U.S. Women's Senior Amateur Championship, was completely renovated in 2018, while the **Azalea Course** was renovated and reopened in November 2019. The new designs feature gorgeous TifEagle Ultradwarf greens that lend themselves to superb year-round conditions. The Lakewood Club has been named several times to *GOLF Magazine's* "Best Golf Resorts in America."

The **Experience** practice facility offers a beautiful and innovative social setting to work on all aspects of your game.

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### DOGWOOD COURSE

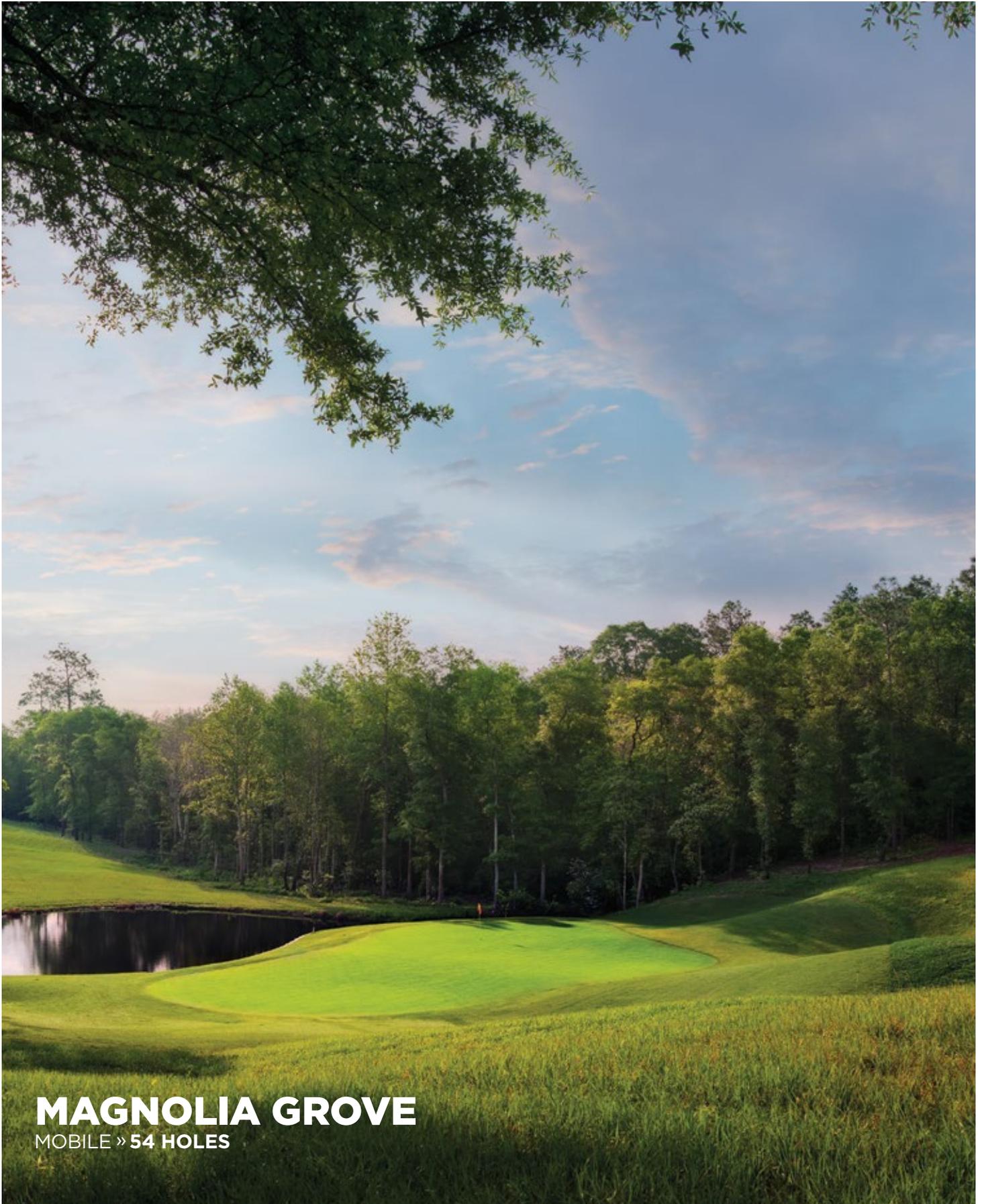
Purple 7,104/73.7/136; Orange 6,511/71.2/130; White 5,949/68.5/126; Teal 5,179/64.5/112; Red 4,436/61.6/105; Par 72

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

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



**MAGNOLIA GROVE**  
MOBILE » 54 HOLES

**THE KORN FERRY** 1st Stage Q-School is scheduled for Fall 2022.

**THE FALLS COURSE** was ranked No. 7 by *GOLFWEEK* in 2021 for best courses you can play in Alabama.

**THE CROSSINGS COURSE** was ranked No. 10 by *GOLFWEEK* in 2021 for best courses you can play in Alabama.

## MAGNOLIA GROVE

MOBILE » 54 HOLES » OPENED 1992

The new Magnolia Grove features two renovated golf courses. Each championship course received extensive upgrades in recent 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 **Crossings Course**, which has hosted both

the LPGA Tour and the Korn Ferry Tour Championship, 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 feature the acclaimed Mini Verde Ultradwarf greens.

The renovated **Falls Course** reopened in October 2010 as the only par-71 golf course on the Trail. The Falls 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* has 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 Champion Ultradwarf Bermuda grass.

This course is as good as any collection of one-shotters on a championship course.

**The 2022 Couples Challenge** will be held April 23-24.

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### CROSSINGS COURSE

Purple 7,212/73.6/125; Orange 6,652/70.8/123; White 6,157/68.6/114; Gold 5,660/67.8/113; Teal 5,261/67.8/113; Ladies' Teal 67.8/113; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	422	185	385	540	430	528	412	219	406
ORANGE	387	168	347	511	392	500	385	192	381
WHITE	342	135	317	496	378	484	369	163	349
GOLD	330	112	317	478	336	436	345	132	341
TEAL	275	101	279	478	331	425	314	122	316
PAR	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	3	4

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	417	398	421	559	195	423	596	226	450
ORANGE	386	364	392	524	172	400	535	201	415
WHITE	374	334	371	508	157	354	476	168	382
GOLD	348	324	331	430	130	335	453	134	348
TEAL	348	273	285	430	99	282	425	134	344
PAR	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; Silver 5,478/68.1/124; Teal 5,049/68.1/124; Ladies' Teal 70.4/124; Par 71

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	448	195	430	407	582	190	446	417	420
ORANGE	406	179	413	367	522	173	410	393	386
WHITE	370	152	380	345	506	143	390	372	349
SILVER	350	138	335	336	480	124	345	301	331
TEAL	345	111	308	335	415	91	340	296	279
PAR	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	570	206	423	169	444	445	426	388	552
ORANGE	552	188	405	157	398	407	414	373	531
WHITE	523	161	370	137	369	364	351	325	512
SILVER	523	161	370	137	369	364	351	325	512
TEAL	393	106	324	117	264	328	295	282	420
PAR	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
PURPLE	174	180	189	215	137	135	190	178	160
ORANGE	160	170	165	189	107	126	152	153	140
WHITE	119	137	124	155	91	100	127	140	126
TEAL	93	102	90	136	71	80	90	110	118
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	173	192	195	205	190	110	192	155	170
ORANGE	151	174	170	175	164	99	161	135	143
WHITE	132	132	142	143	144	85	138	111	133
TEAL	117	108	128	121	103	70	122	80	90
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

# 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

**THE RIDGE COURSE** was ranked No. 5 by *GOLFWEEK* in 2021 for best courses you can play in Alabama.

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.

Completely renovated in 2021, the **Valley Course** features new tees, bunkers, and beautiful TiffEagle greens. For those who have played the Valley in the past, there are also a few new surprises out there with complete redesigns on a few holes, including the previously notorious 18th hole.

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.

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### RIDGE COURSE

Purple 7,055/74.3/141; Orange 6,527/72.1/136; White 6,148/70.3/133; Gold 5,546/67.3/128; Teal 4,974/64.9/120; Ladies' Orange 78.6/141; Ladies' White 76.4/137; Ladies' Gold 72.8/128; Ladies' Teal 69.4/122; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	449	528	539	389	179	447	379	176	421	414	446	483	189	389	390	205	440	592
ORANGE	404	513	520	382	146	405	346	159	384	379	393	465	162	348	366	172	411	572
WHITE	364	500	506	356	123	389	317	129	363	361	373	440	137	333	353	165	396	543
GOLD	297	482	451	337	123	291	317	129	325	279	350	410	116	333	346	145	352	463
TEAL	297	458	451	286	85	291	232	77	227	279	305	410	92	251	321	145	304	463
PAR	4	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5

### VALLEY COURSE

Purple 7,273/75.6/147; Orange 6,624/72.1/141; White 6,043/69.3/130; Gold 5,297/65.9/124; Teal 4,625/62.9/112; Ladies' Orange 78.9/147; Ladies' White 75.4/143; Ladies' Gold 72.8/128; Ladies' Teal 67.1/115; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	440	204	435	188	485	400	552	433	561	498	361	506	207	552	407	200	400	444
ORANGE	415	174	391	171	371	369	534	396	541	420	321	504	177	527	381	178	359	395
WHITE	393	153	363	152	334	334	475	358	472	393	288	490	147	502	340	146	337	366
GOLD	326	134	326	135	318	290	423	308	401	315	273	425	128	405	323	130	312	325
TEAL	304	100	285	109	260	253	362	268	370	284	230	373	107	385	295	106	302	232
PAR	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	5	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	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	170	224	203	208	135	155	163	204	161	195	215	182	137	253	211	192	174	178
ORANGE	152	206	183	185	126	147	150	188	130	179	191	154	135	225	192	160	164	170
WHITE	122	195	138	142	113	139	131	170	119	166	158	144	127	141	153	137	129	132
TEAL	79	141	103	108	98	93	103	144	103	69	114	95	124	123	91	124	83	76
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

## ROSS BRIDGE

HOOVER » 18 HOLES » OPENED 2005

ROSS BRIDGE was ranked No. 3 by *GOLFWEEK* in 2021 for best courses you can play in Alabama.

Beautifully carved into the rolling terrain of Shannon Valley, the scope of this property will amaze even the most-traveled golfer. 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.

From multiple high points on the course, you can see the picturesque view of the 9th and 18th holes with a 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!

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### ROSS BRIDGE COURSE

Black 8,191/78.4/147; Purple 7,446/75.0/140; Orange 6,783/72.0/134; White+ 6,385/70.2/129; White 5,923/68.1/125; Teal 5,195/64.8/122; Ladies' White 74.0/133; Ladies' Teal 69.9/124; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	620	467	470	226	469	207	619	502	518	477	208	454	698	239	458	571	501	487
PURPLE	573	430	445	202	417	194	561	447	410	454	184	429	614	219	415	538	467	447
ORANGE	543	395	422	155	380	185	519	408	377	417	167	408	540	176	366	511	411	403
WHITE+	543	395	370	155	380	144	519	361	377	387	120	357	484	176	366	511	382	358
WHITE	487	322	370	138	303	144	484	361	317	387	120	357	484	146	341	422	382	358
TEAL	463	278	366	140	303	110	441	311	228	273	109	326	403	98	293	410	334	309
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	4

# 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 beautiful and lightning-quick 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 stunning vistas along a relaxing, yet sometimes demanding trip around Lee's Lake.

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### BACKBREAKER COURSE

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Gold 2,740/67.0/126; Teal 2,369/64.1/109; L White 76.3/149; L Gold 73.1/142; L Teal 68.8/122; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	455	206	455	499	231	401	623	445	534
PURPLE	426	159	425	458	194	371	578	399	534
ORANGE	406	143	399	400	167	346	496	342	499
WHITE	360	132	350	355	129	346	471	342	482
GOLD	346	109	307	343	120	320	451	313	431
TEAL	293	92	294	292	99	212	369	287	431
PAR	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	5

### HEARTBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,814/76.7/142; Purple 3,470/74.4/137; Orange 3,335/71.8/128; White 3,067/69.3/126;  
Gold 2,810/67.2/122; Teal 2,392/64.5/111; L White 75.5/145; L Gold 72.9/140; L Teal 69.4/123; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	568	466	455	431	215	452	550	229	448
PURPLE	532	414	427	404	174	412	511	198	398
ORANGE	521	397	402	404	165	394	506	165	381
WHITE	481	375	381	357	152	343	479	146	353
GOLD	431	335	367	312	136	343	454	118	314
TEAL	431	290	329	230	109	301	375	67	260
PAR	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4

### MINDBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,642/75.9/146; Purple 3,432/73.5/140; Orange 3,199/71.8/137; White 3,010/69.6/131;  
Gold 2,681/67.1/125; Teal 2,317/64.6/107; L White 75.8/146; L Gold 72.8/140; L Teal 68.4/119; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	546	226	408	207	556	434	420	454	391
PURPLE	546	177	361	189	531	408	406	423	391
ORANGE	505	165	345	180	515	389	362	387	351
WHITE	475	157	345	169	492	370	320	358	324
GOLD	403	117	329	132	470	345	303	317	265
TEAL	344	96	296	123	376	279	280	317	206
PAR	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4

### SHORT COURSE

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

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

# 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. Bordered by dunes-like mounds and tall grasses, Fighting Joe, with wide fairways, large and beautifully maintained bent grass greens, can play long, really long if you play the wrong set of tees, but this course is simply good, straightforward 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 **Schoolmaster Course** 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, demanding approaches to well-protected bent grass 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 guarding the 2nd green sure comes close. Make sure you've done your homework well, for the Schoolmaster will certainly test all of your skills.

The **2022 Couples Championship** will be held September 2-4 and is limited to the first 56 teams.

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### FIGHTING JOE COURSE

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	611	466	478	426	236	497	607	477	236	489	413	716	223	476	466	483	592	200
PURPLE	567	413	416	379	193	468	576	434	190	468	389	622	195	417	397	437	537	158
ORANGE	540	388	396	360	175	432	537	406	157	428	345	581	184	403	379	423	483	151
WHITE	512	370	373	326	160	408	524	375	145	412	332	505	163	369	353	390	440	137
GOLD	400	347	324	313	137	330	467	332	118	357	310	450	153	319	326	370	416	126
TEAL	390	302	316	279	133	325	408	283	101	256	255	441	136	244	260	304	377	101
PAR	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3

### SCHOOLMASTER COURSE

Black 7,971/77.6/148; Purple 7,386/74.6/141; Orange 6,850/72.2/136; White 6,332/69.2/130; Gold 5,848/67.7/128; Ladies' Teal 5,224/70.2/126; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	453	238	477	632	472	265	459	509	681	226	589	618	455	417	447	197	443	393
PURPLE	421	196	450	608	452	231	405	492	645	202	559	568	424	390	414	157	409	363
ORANGE	382	178	421	568	409	208	390	435	604	168	521	527	402	368	395	146	390	338
WHITE	340	146	393	549	373	198	366	406	570	156	489	501	358	340	347	135	347	318
GOLD	325	141	362	504	360	178	339	355	492	140	464	479	340	320	332	108	319	290
TEAL	311	131	337	478	315	158	268	325	485	122	381	465	307	265	267	101	283	233
PAR	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	4

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