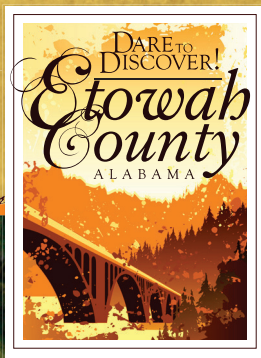




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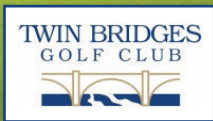


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You've been hearing about Alabama golf for years now. Your brother-in-law's cousin plays the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail every fall and your wife's secretary spends her family vacation along the sugar-white sands of Gulf Shores, where her husband sneaks in a few more rounds each year.

Now it's your turn to plan your golf group's annual trip and, if you want to be the hero, it's time to make the call to come to Alabama. Your timing couldn't be better. The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail will celebrate its 20th year in 2012. With 26 courses sprinkled throughout the state, the opportunities to experience this one-of-a-kind trail of world-class golf are boundless.

This guide is designed to assist you in deciding where to stay and where to play. A quick snapshot of the state's golf

resorts and the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail are presented first, followed by listings of all of the accessible golf courses and descriptions of notable ones in the four distinct regions of the state. Each of the regions boasts Trail facilities, plus the state is home to courses by Arnold Palmer, Jerry Pate, Bob Cupp, and Earl Stone. Together they make up this world-class golfing destination called Alabama.

Within each regional section of the golf guide, lodging options and an "Off the Course" section present unique non-golfing activities to consider, as well as some restaurant recommendations for each major golf destination.

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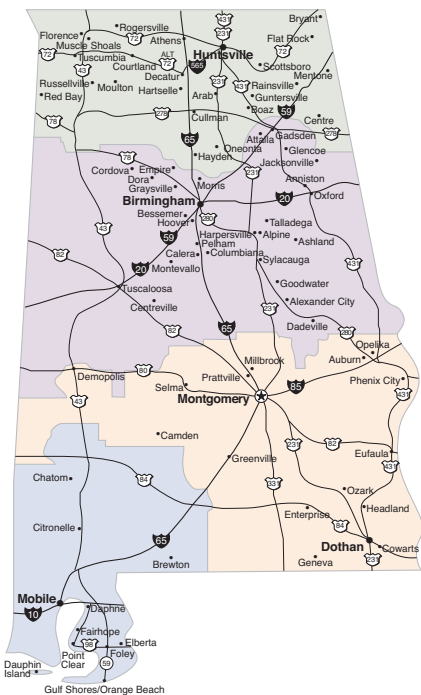
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SUMMER	91.7	68.7	89.7	68.3	90.5	71.1	87.6	75.3
FALL	75.3	50.3	74.7	51.7	76.9	55.8	78.2	64.6
WINTER	73.4	50.7	73.3	51.1	74.8	55.4	75.2	62.0



Map of Alabama cities with public, semi-private or resort golf courses.

- Alabama Mountains
- River Heritage
- Metropolitan
- Gulf Coast

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ALABAMA GOLF RESORTS

The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail has added a new dimension to the unforgettable golf experiences to be had in Alabama with on-site resorts at four sites. And with the addition of luxurious Renaissance hotels in Mobile and Montgomery, lodging in Alabama has been raised to a new level.

The two newest Trail sites boast the state's most upscale resorts. The Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa in Florence complements the 36-hole Shoals golf complex. The Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort near Birmingham offers luxurious lodging, fine dining, a full service spa and an 8,200-yard golf course.

Two other Marriott resorts are located along the RTJ Golf Trail in Prattville and Opelika. Both are adjacent to their respective golf facilities and offer first-class lodging, meeting space, health clubs and restaurants with lounges.

Marriott's Grand Hotel in Point Clear, a member of the Trail resort

collection and the quintessential Southern resort, consists of two golf courses, several dining choices, a private beach, marina and full service spa.

Gulf Shores is home to three exciting golf resorts. Thirty-six holes of Arnold Palmer signature golf, coastal dining, on-site condos and a complete spa are found at Craft Farms. Linkside condos are available at Peninsula, which also features 27 holes of four-star golf and a great restaurant/lounge. Finally, Kiva Dunes boasts luxurious condos along the 18th fairway and above the clubhouse, plus beachfront homes.

Other stay-and-play options include four state parks with golf and lodges; Goose Pond in Scottsboro, boasting 36 holes of golf, cottages and a marina; and FarmLinks near Birmingham with a lodge, cottages and great golf.

Alabama's golf resorts range from very upscale to laid back and can accommodate all types of golf groups.



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Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Magnolia Grove, The Crossings Course, Mobile

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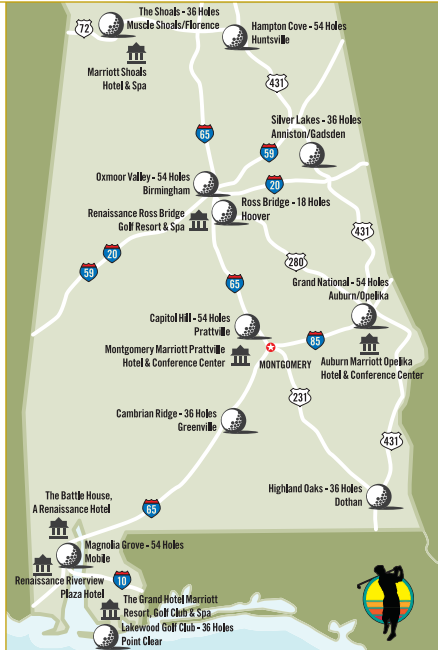
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ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL

Celebrating 20 years in 2012, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail has led the way in growing and changing both the golfing landscape and the economy of Alabama. With 468 holes at 11 sites, the Trail is still the largest golf course construction project ever undertaken. And with greens fees starting under \$50, the Trail is also one of the best values around.

Most RTJ Golf Trail sites are near an interstate or major highway and green highway signs lead the way. Each Trail site is within a two-hour drive of at least one other, making it possible to play several locations during a trip on the Trail.



THE SHOALS, MUSCLE SHOALS/FLORENCE

The Shoals offers 36 holes in northwest Alabama. The Fighting Joe course, named the best new course by *GOLF Magazine* in 2005, runs along the Tennessee River and measures 8,072 yards. Length will present the biggest challenge, as the rolling fairways are pretty straightforward. The Schoolmaster course is a bit more challenging with more narrow fairways and protected greens.



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ROSS BRIDGE, HOOVER

Just outside Birmingham, located a few miles from Oxmoor Valley is the Trail's only single course facility. Measuring 8,184 yards, the stadium-style course offers spectacular views and a "big-shouldered, muscular" layout. It's not for the weak at heart. But the on-site luxury hotel and spa offer a nice respite from a challenging day on the links.



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HAMPTON COVE, HUNTSVILLE

This northern site on the Trail is one of the most unique. It features two completely different championship layouts and an 18-hole links-style Short Course. The Highlands features beautiful vegetation and lots of elevation changes, while the River is flat, yet scenic, as it winds its way along the Flint River. It is also the only RTJ design with no bunkers.



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SILVER LAKES, ANNISTON/GADSDEN

Located amidst the scenic splendor of the Talladega National Forest, Silver Lakes sports three of the most beautiful and challenging nines. Heartbreaker is considered the toughest nine on the Trail; Backbreaker offers breathtaking vistas; and Mindbreaker demands precision. The nine-hole Short Course features water on seven holes.



OXMOOR VALLEY, BIRMINGHAM

The Oxmoor Valley site combines the spectacular views and tremendous elevational changes of the Ridge Course with the peaceful serenity of the Valley Course. The Ridge is densely wooded with rolling fairways. Its greens have been renovated to tone down some of their severe undulation. The Valley offers sparkling lakes and a challenging uphill finishing hole.

GRAND NATIONAL, AUBURN/OPELIKA

Frequently honored over the years, this first Trail site to open for play was praised by Mr. Jones as the greatest site for a golf course he had ever seen. Featuring two of the most challenging courses on the Trail, the Links (*Golf Digest's* 2nd Best New Public Course in 1993) and the Lake (4th Best, 1993), the Auburn/Opelika area is a golfer's dream come true.



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CAPITOL HILL, PRATTVILLE

This locale, just north of Montgomery, has three 18-hole full length courses. The Senator, a links course with huge pot bunkers and soaring mounds, hosts the LPGA in the Navistar Classic in September; the Legislator features tall pines and the infamous Sky Bridge; and the Judge offers one of the most spectacular first tee shots anywhere.



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CAMBRIAN RIDGE, GREENVILLE

South of Montgomery, this 36-hole complex is one of the true jewels of the Trail. The Canyon's changes in elevation include a 200-foot drop from tee to fairway; Sherling runs along the lake and features a double-green on nine; and the Loblolly nine boasts stately pines and undulating fairways. The nine-hole Short Course is nestled perfectly along the lake.



HIGHLAND OAKS, DOTHAN

In Alabama's southeast corner, this site is known for its tremendous length and shimmering lakes. The Marshwood nine trumpets the longest hole on the Trail, the 701-yard par-5 sixth; Highlands is wide open but many lakes come into play; and Magnolia features the massive, signature trees and a 1,000 foot wooden bridge. The nine-hole Short Course offers spectacular greens.

MAGNOLIA GROVE, MOBILE

Home to the LPGA Classic, the Crossings course is well-known to golfing fans around the world. The hilly terrain and elevated greens are a challenge. The 18-hole Falls course features massive bunkers and exciting greens. Both were recently renovated to create more player friendly layouts. The Short Course is ranked 4th in the world by *GOLF Magazine*.



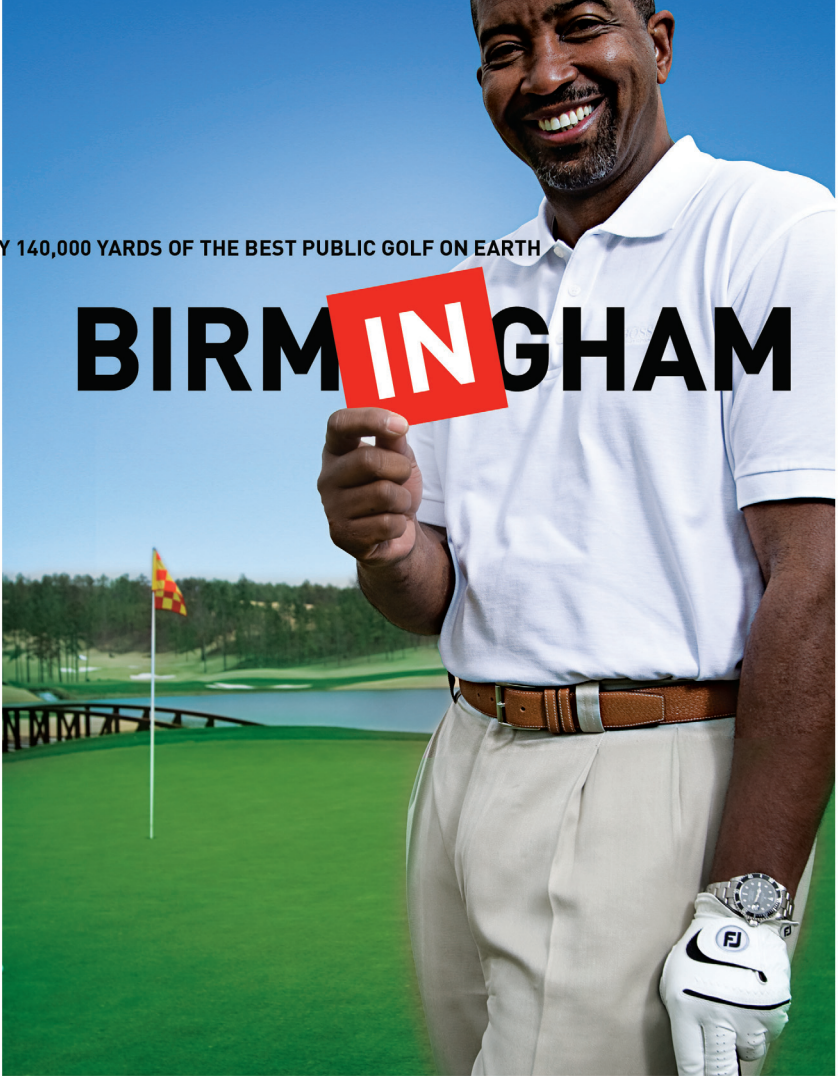
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ALABAMA MOUNTAINS REGION



RTJ Golf Trail at Hampton Cove, Huntsville © Michael Clemmer

Golf course designers have taken advantage of all that the Alabama Mountains Region has to offer, from fertile valleys to lush, rolling hillsides. This scenic beauty paired with the topographical challenges play a distinct role in the golf experiences in the region.

The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail sites in the region are truly unique. In the northwest corner is one of the newest locales along the 20 year old golf trail. It's a 36-hole complex, aptly named The Shoals, since the cities of Muscle Shoals, Florence, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia form the area collectively known as "The Shoals." The Shoals golf site features two championship

courses, the Fighting Joe course, the first Trail course over 8,000 yards, and the Schoolmaster course. Fighting Joe is on every list of top ten courses you can play. A more picturesque site would be hard to find. Situated along the banks of the Tennessee River,

many of the holes offer a spectacular view of the water. The clubhouse is perched atop the highest point on the river, offering a panoramic view. The Shoals is typical of the Trail, great value, immaculate conditions, challenging golf, and great customer service.

Also in the Shoals area, Blackberry Trail in Florence is a sporty little layout with 18 holes of golf boasting over



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7,000 yards of scenic splendor. Lush greens are the hallmark, featuring TifEagle Bermuda surfaces that can be both fast and treacherous. Just down the road is one of the six Alabama State Park golf courses at Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville, offering an 18-hole course designed by legendary architect Earl Stone. It plays around the shores of Wheeler Lake, offering relaxing scenery to accompany your round. The park also offers an on-site lodge, perfect for a laid-back trip.

Farther east in Decatur, Point Mallard is a complete family recreational facility, offering great outdoor activities, including the completely renovated 18-hole championship golf course. It's almost 7,000 yards long from the tips and offers world-class Bermuda greens.

The RTJ Golf Trail at Hampton Cove in Huntsville offers two totally different experiences in the Highlands and the River courses. The Highlands has the feel of a Scottish course even with the Japanese black pines, massive

oaks, dogwoods and crepe myrtles throughout. It is very picturesque, even featuring an old mule barn adjacent to the 5th hole that has become quite a conversation piece over the years. The River Course has the distinction of being the only Robert Trent Jones design without a single bunker. The course was laid out on a former soybean plantation at the edge of the Flint River flood plain. Great care was used to incorporate the wonders of Mother Nature into the scheme of things, showcased by the enormous old oak tree behind the 18th green.

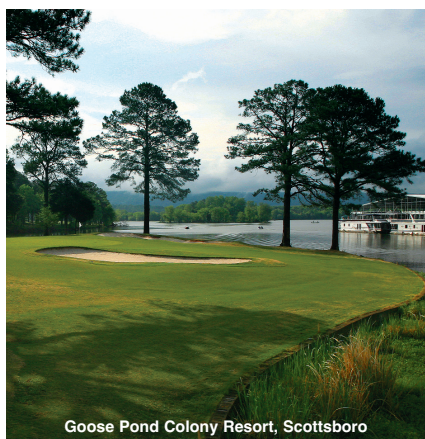
Northeast of Huntsville is one of the more popular settings for golf at Goose Pond Colony in Scottsboro. Located on the banks of Lake Guntersville, this laid-back resort features two 18-hole championship golf courses, cozy lakeside cottages, a lodge, restaurant, campground, and full-service marina. The two courses available are the Colony and the Plantation. The Colony is a George



Limestone Springs, Oneonta,
an Honours Golf Course



RTJ Golf Trail at The Shoals, Muscle Shoals/Florence
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Cobb design that sports views of the water from every hole. The course has been a favorite of visitors for many years, and it's the bi-annual site of the Division I National Junior College Golf Championship. The Plantation course is known for pristine Bentgrass greens, open fairways, and numerous hazards.

Guntersville, just a bit south of Scottsboro, and the locale of two championship golf courses, is situated perfectly to be a home base for a golf vacation to the northeast corner of Alabama. Eighteen masterfully crafted holes covering just under 6,900 yards and offering awe-inspiring beauty, with a choice of difficulty ranging from moderate to pretty darn tough, are what you'll find at Gunter's Landing. Lake Guntersville State Park's newly renovated golf course overlooks beautiful Lake Guntersville. It's fairly traditional in design with water coming into play often and bunkers strategically located to snare that errant shot.

The fairways are wide and accessible but the greens are well-protected.

The Mountains Region is also home to one of the top-rated courses in the state, Limestone Springs. This Jerry Pate design is currently ranked third in *GolfWeek's* list of "Best Courses You Can Play" and second in *GOLF Magazine's* "Best Public Courses" in Alabama. It's located just 45 minutes northeast of Birmingham. Limestone Springs plays out along the rolling hills and peaceful valleys of north central Alabama. Ancient limestone rock formations and stately old oaks form the backdrop of the layout and the course boasts breathtaking views of the surrounding mountain ridges. It's one of ten courses in the state operated by Alabama's own Honours Golf Company, which brings a new level of service and quality to the golf business.

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The Shoals



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Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at the Shoals

Two spectacular championship courses overlooking beautiful Wilson Lake and the Tennessee River offer some of the best public golf in the country. The links-style Fighting Joe measures an astounding 8092 yards from the black tees providing good, straight-forward golf. The more traditional tree-lined Schoolmaster sprawls over the natural topography of the Tennessee Valley and is a wooded, rolling challenge. Both courses provide unique experiences, and with five sets of tees, amateur and PGA pro alike are indulged.

Joe Wheeler State Park

Joe Wheeler offers an 18-hole championship golf course that was designed by Earl Stone. The course has a setting of rolling hills that tie in with the river. Four sets of tees are available from ladies to seniors. Yardage varies from 7,251 yards from the championship tees to 5,294 yards from the ladies tees.

Blackberry Trail Golf Course

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ARAB								
Brookside Golf Course 1640 Country Club Dr., 35016	(256) 586-5765	18	PU	5,735	67.8	129	71	\$21.60
Twin Lakes Golf Club 211 Golfview Dr., 35016	(256) 586-3269 www.playtwinlakes.com	18	PU	6,217	70.9	130	72	\$31.00
ATHENS								
Chriswood Golf Course 26181 Nick Davis Rd., 35613	(256) 232-9759	18	PU	5,074	70.0	113	70	\$22.00
Southern Gayles Golf Community 22230 Mooresville Rd., 35613	(256) 232-9888	18	PU	7,070	72.5	124	72	\$30.00
BOAZ								
Boaz Golf Club 1715 Ala. Hwy. 2055 S., 35956	(256) 593-5501	18	PU	6,509	71.2	117	72	\$19.62
Silver Ridge Golf Club, Horton 195 Golf Club Dr., 35980	(256) 593-4055	18	PU	6,062	68.6	122	71	\$20.00
BRYANT								
Hidden Valley Golf Course 607 County Rd. 393, 35958	(256) 495-9608	18	PU	6,400	69.5	111	72	\$22.00
CENTRE								
Cherokee Country Club Hwy. 9 South, 35960	(256) 927-5070	18	PU	6,088	68.3	113	71	\$20.00
COURTLAND								
Valley Landing Golf Course 985 County Rd. 595, 35618	(256) 637-8735	18	PU	6,928	73.1	130	72	\$29.00
CULLMAN								
Chesley Oaks Golf Club 1035 County Rd. 1583, 35058	(256) 796-9808	18	PU	6,152	68.3	106	71	\$29.00
Cullman Golf Course, Hanceville 2321 County Rd. 490, 35077	(256) 739-2386 www.cullmanrecreation.org	18	PU	6,351	70.6	131	72	\$29.00
DECATUR								
Cedar Ridge Golf Course 3030 Modaus Rd., 35603	(256) 353-4653	18	PU	6,279	69.4	119	72	\$31.00
Point Mallard Golf Course 2600 A. Point Mallard Dr., 35601	(256) 341-4921 www.PointMallardPark.com	18	PU	7,064	73.2	124	72	\$36.00
FLAT ROCK								
Dogwood Hills Golf Club 26460 Ala. Hwy. 71, 35966	(256) 632-3634 www.dogwoodhillsgolfresortandgardens.com	18	PU	6,670	69.7	115	72	\$30.00
FLORENCE (Also see MUSCLE SHOALS)								
Blackberry Trail Golf Course 112 Club House Dr., 35630	(256) 740-8825 www.VisitFlorenceAL.com	18	PU	6,460	71.1	129	72	\$30.00
GUNTERSVILLE								
Gunter's Landing Golf Club 1000 Gunter's Landing Rd., 35976	(256) 582-3000 www.gunterslanding.com	18	SP/R	6,419	71.8	136	72	\$39.00
 Lake Guntersville State Park 2060 Aubrey Carr Scenic Dr., 35976	(256) 582-0379 www.alapark.com	18	PU/R	6,810	71.2	128	72	\$32.00
Stoney Mountain Golf Course 5200 Georgia Mtn. Rd., 35976	(256) 582-2598	18	PU	5,931	67.6	118	72	\$20.00

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The northernmost site on the Trail is one of the most unique. It features two completely different championship layouts and an 18-hole Short Course. The Highlands is one of the gems of the Trail greeting golfers with a breathtaking waterfall before the first tee, while the River Course is the only RTJ design that is bunkerless and runs along the very scenic Flint River.



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Quail Creek Golf Course 233 Quail Creek Dr., 35640	(256) 784-5033 www.quailcreek.com	18	PU	6,520	70.5	124	71	\$28.00
HAYDEN								
Plantation Golf Club 11900 State Hwy. 160, 35079	(205) 559-8046	18	PU	6,107	70.0	113	72	\$25.00
HUNTSVILLE AREA								
Becky Pierce Huntsville Municipal 2151 Airport Rd., 35801	(256) 880-1151 www.huntsvillemuni.com	18	PU	6,905	73.0	126	72	\$36.72
Colonial Golf Club, Meridianville 400 Colonial Dr., 35759	(256) 828-0431	18	PU	6,571	69.5	114	72	\$31.00
Fox Run Golf Course, Meridianville 870 McCollum Rd., 35759	(256) 828-7564 www.foxrun-golf.com	18	PU	6,257	69.1	109	72	\$25.00
Redstone Arsenal Golf Course 4140 Goss Rd., 35898 Patriot 18-Hole Course Warrior 18-Hole Course	(256) 883-7977 www.redstonemwr.com	36						
			M	6,854	71.8	119	72	\$43.00
			M	6,940	73.1	131	72	\$43.00
Richland Golf Center 10028 N. Memorial Pkwy., 35810	(256) 858-6622 www.richlandgolf.com	9	PU	2,900	-	-	29	\$25.00
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Hampton Cove 450 Old Hwy. 431 S., Owens Cross Roads 35763 Highlands 18-Hole Course River 18-Hole Course Short 18-Hole Course	(256) 551-1818 www.rtgolf.com	54						
			PU	6,806	72.3	130	72	\$61.00
			PU	6,764	72.8	134	72	\$61.00
			PU	3,007	-	-	54	\$28.00
Sunset Landing Golf Club 346 James Record Rd., 35824	(256) 464-5050	18	PU	6,305	69.8	117	72	\$34.00
MENTONE								
Lil' Mole Run Golf Course 741 County Rd. 647, 35984	(256) 634-4159	18	PU	5,341	-	-	70	\$25.50
Saddle Rock Golf Course 721 County Rd. 614, 35984	(256) 634-4344	9	PU	2,198	-	-	63	\$21.00
MOULTON								
Deer Run Golf Course 1175 County Rd. 100, 35650	(256) 974-7384	18	PU	6,745	70.9	119	72	\$29.00
MUSCLE SHOALS								
Cypress Lakes Golf & Country Club 1311 East 6th St., 35661	(256) 381-1232	18	PU	6,523	71.9	133	71	\$43.00
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			PU/R	6,628	71.5	130	72	\$61.00
			PU/R	6,778	72.2	128	72	\$61.00
ONEONTA								
Heritage Golf Course 1364 Heritage Rd., 35121	(205) 274-2390 www.heritagegolftwinoaks.com	18	SP	5,736	69.0	122	71	\$35.00
 Limestone Springs Golf Club 3000 Colonial Dr., 35121	(205) 274-4653 www.HonoursGolf.com	18	PU/R	6,457	71.6	137	72	\$89.00
RAINSVILLE								
Rainsville Golf & Country Club 390 Pine Hill Rd., 35986	(256) 638-8846	9	SP	5,806	65.9	109	36	\$22.00

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ALABAMA MOUNTAINS GOLF COURSES

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RED BAY								
Redmont Recreation Club 1400 Redmont Dr. NW, 35582	(256) 356-8070	18	SP	6,534	70.7	120	72	\$32.00
ROGERSVILLE								
 Joe Wheeler State Park Golf Course 4220 McLean Dr., 35652	(256) 247-9308 www.alapark.com	18	PU/R	7,251	73.1	120	72	\$30.00
RUSSELLVILLE								
Twin Pines Country Club 1855 Country Club Dr., 35654	(256) 332-4191	18	SP	6,201	69.3	122	71	\$32.00
SCOTTSBORO								
Broken Arrow Golf Club (Hwy 79) 399 Broken Arrow Dr., 35769	(256) 582-9888 www.brokenarrowgolf.com	18	SP	6,200	68.1	119	72	\$25.00
Goose Pond Colony Resort 417 Ed Hembree Dr., 35769 The Colony 18-Hole Course The Plantation 18-Hole Course	(256) 912-0065 www.goosepond.org	36						
			PU/R	6,756	71.6	125	72	\$34.00
			PU/R	6,855	72.5	125	72	\$28.00
TUSCUMBIA								
Spring Creek Golf Course 800 Woodmont Dr., 35674	(256) 386-5670	9	PU	6,370	76.0	102	72	\$26.00

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ALABAMA MOUNTAINS LODGING

CITY / ACCOMMODATIONS	TELEPHONE	AMENITIES / GOLF PACKAGES
FLORENCE/MUSCLE SHOALS AREA		
Colbert County Tourism & Convention Bureau 719 U.S. Highway 72 West, Tuscumbia www.VisitShoalsAL.com	(800) 344-0783 (256) 383-0783 35674	Find your perfect golf getaway in Colbert County. Play the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at The Shoals, Cypress Lakes or Spring Creek. Area hotels offer golf packages.
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Lake Guntersville State Park 1155 Lodge Dr., 35976 www.VisitLakeGuntersville.com	(800) 548-4553 Lodge: (256) 571-5440 Pro Shop: (256) 582-0379	Golf package includes overnight accommodations, breakfast, and 18 holes of golf with cart for two at Lake Guntersville State Park Golf Course. Call for rates.
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SCOTTSBORO		
Goose Pond Colony Resort 417 Ed Hembree Dr., 35769 www.goosepond.org	(800) 268-2884 (256) 259-2884	The resort features 36 holes of golf, full service restaurant, outdoor swimming pool, marina and waterfront cabins with piers. Golf packages include lodging and unlimited golf at the Colony or Plantation course.



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METROPOLITAN REGION



RTJ Golf Trail at Ross Bridge, Hoover © Michael Clemmer

If the big city experience is more your golf group's style, the Metropolitan Region of Alabama can provide it. Or if a laid-back atmosphere with exciting golf and friendly folks is the key to your dream golf trip, then you'll also have lots to choose from within the region.

Alabama's largest and most bustling city, Birmingham, has certainly become golf central, with so many great courses from which to choose. The Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort and Spa, located in the suburb of Hoover, leads the way. Ross Bridge's 18 holes span almost 8,200 yards, making it the fifth longest course in the world. The layout flows in

a clover leaf fashion, returning to a central locale no less than five times.

Even with its intimidating length from the back tees, elevational changes, and water holes, Ross Bridge is still a resort course at heart with wide fairways and receptive greens. Located just a mile away from Ross Bridge is Oxmoor Valley, the Trail's first Birmingham site. It offers two unique full-length courses, The Ridge and The Valley, plus an exciting 18-hole par 3 course.

South of Birmingham, the home course of the Dixie Section of the PGA is in Pelham at Ballantrae Golf Club. This Bob Cupp-designed course pays homage to the spirit of golf. In fact, the



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clubhouse resembles a Scottish manor. The links-style course meanders through a scenic valley, surrounded by gorgeous woodlands and breathtaking views.

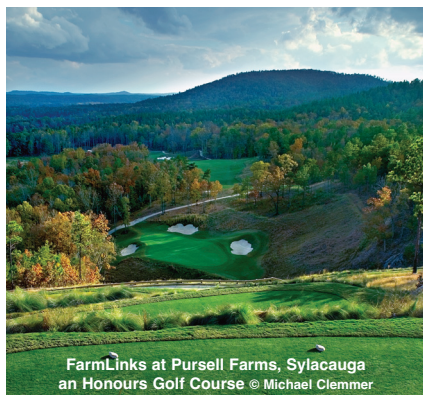
Playing 7,000 yards from the back tees, FarmLinks at Pursell Farms, located southeast of Birmingham in the town of Sylacauga, is the world's first "research & demonstration" golf course. The facility was built to experiment with golf course machinery, irrigation systems, and fertilizer. The 18 hole golf course is managed by Honours Golf, so it's impeccably maintained. And all three of the major golf publications think highly of the layout. It's rated the number one course in *Golfweek's* "Best Courses You Can Play." It's tied at number 7 in *Golf Digest's* "Best in State," which includes private courses as well. And it's ranked eighth in *GOLF Magazine's* "Best Public Courses" in Alabama for the current year. The facility also offers on-site four bedroom luxurious cottages or the eight bedroom, impressively-furnished

Parker lodge for a stay and play experience like no other in the state.

Just west of Birmingham, Tuscaloosa is home to two award-winning golf courses. Ol' Colony is Alabama alum and former U.S. Open champ, Jerry Pate's design. It features rolling hills, tall pines and live oaks, plus large bunkers and water throughout. It's been named by both *Golf Digest* and *GolfWeek* as a "Best Municipal Course". The Capstone Club was designed by renowned architect Gil Hanse. It winds through gorgeous rolling woodlands and stretches to over 7,000 yards. The course was listed at number four in *GolfWeek's* "Best Courses You Can Play" as well as number seven on the comparable list by *GOLF Magazine*.

About an hour northeast of Birmingham, between Anniston and Gadsden, lies the RTJ Golf Trail at Silver Lakes. One of the many tornados which rolled across Alabama in April 2011 hit the Silver Lakes location,

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METROPOLITAN GOLF COURSES

CITY / GOLF COURSE	PHONE / WEBSITE	HOLES	TYPE	YDG	RTG	SLP	PAR	RATES
ALEXANDER CITY (Jacksons Gap)								
Lakewinds Golf Course 95 County Rd. 40, 36861	(256) 825-9860	18	PU	5,153	65.1	102	70	\$31.00
ALPINE								
Alpine Bay Golf Club 9855 Renfroe Rd., 35014	(256) 268-9410	18	PU/R	6,518	73.2	127	72	\$28.00
ANNISTON/OXFORD								
Anniston Municipal Golf Course 1341 Johnston Dr., 36207	(256) 231-7631	9	PU	2,875	67.5	113	35	\$24.00
Cane Creek Golf Course Ft. McClellan, 36205	(256) 820-9174	18	PU	7,049	72.8	124	72	\$29.00
 Cider Ridge Golf Course, Oxford 200 Apple Blossom Way, 36203	(256) 831-7222 www.HonoursGolf.com	18	SP	6,549	71.8	130	72	\$39.00
Indian Oaks Golf Club 201 Cherokee Trail, 36206	(256) 820-4030	18	SP	6,549	71.4	125	72	\$26.00
Pine Hill Country Club 175 Pine Hill Dr., 36207	(256) 237-2633 www.pinehillcc.com	18	SP	6,351	69.8	115	72	\$27.00
ASHLAND								
Clay County Golf Course 120 Country Club Rd., 36251	(256) 354-2814	9	PU	5,882	66.4	106	70	\$16.00
ATTALLA								
Wills Creek Country Club 216 Country Club Rd., 35954	(256) 538-8781	18	PU	6,830	66.6	106	72	\$20.00
BIRMINGHAM AREA								
Ballantrae Golf Club, Pelham 1300 Ballantrae Club Dr., 35124	(205) 620-4653 www.ballantraegolf.com	18	SP	6,858	72.0	125	72	\$49.00
Bent Brook Golf Course, Bessemer 7900 Dickey Springs Rd., 35022	(205) 428-1999 www.bentbrook.com	27						
Brook 9-Hole Course/Graveyard 9-Hole Course			PU	6,600	70.2	121	72	\$49.82
Graveyard 9-Hole Course/Windmill 9-Hole Course			PU	6,435	69.2	116	71	\$49.82
Windmill 9-Hole Course/Brook 9-Hole Course			PU	6,500	69.9	117	71	\$49.82
Eagle Point Golf Club 4500 Eagle Point Dr., 35242	(205) 995-2000	18	PU	6,493	70.1	119	71	\$50.40
Frank House Municipal, Bessemer 801 Golf Course Rd., 35022	(205) 424-9540	18	PU	6,346	69.7	119	72	\$29.00
 Highland Park Course 3300 Highland Ave. S., 35205	(205) 322-1902 www.HonoursGolf.com	18	PU	5,801	68.1	128	70	\$34.00
Lakeview Country Club, McCalla 21026 Agnes Dr., 35111	(205) 477-6125	9	PU	2,860	68.0	102	36	\$28.00
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Oxmoor Valley 100 SunBelt Kwy., 35211	(205) 942-1177 www.rtgolf.com	54						
Ridge 18-Hole Course			PU	6,527	70.6	123	72	\$61.00
Valley 18-Hole Course			PU	6,588	71.3	127	72	\$61.00
Short 18-Hole Course			PU	3,037	—	—	54	\$28.00
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Ross Bridge 4000 Grand Ave., 35226	(205) 949-3085 www.rtgolf.com	18	PU/R	6,783	71.3	118	72	\$96.00
Roebuck at Don A. Hawkins 8920 Roebuck Blvd., 35206	(205) 836-7318	18	PU	6,355	69.1	117	71	\$30.00

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BIRMINGHAM AREA (continued)								
Westside Golf Center 3501 Cleburn Ave. SW, 35221	(205) 923-2979	9	PU	2,082	–	–	27	\$14.00
CALERA								
Timberline Golf Club 300 Timberline Trail, 35040	(205) 668-7888 www.timberlinegc.com	18	SP	6,745	72.3	130	71	\$54.95
CENTREVILLE								
Cahawba Falls Country Club 2nd Street N., 35042	(205) 926-9323	18	PU	6,078	69.1	114	71	\$21.80
CORDOVA								
River Bend Golf Course 1612 Mountain View Dr., 35550	(205) 648-4393	18	SP	6,253	–	–	72	\$25.00
DADEVILLE								
StillWaters Golf & Country Club 797 Moonbrook Dr., 36111	(256) 825-7021 www.stillwatersgolf.com	18	SP/R	6,519	71.3	140	72	\$29.00
DORA								
Horse Creek Golf Course 1745 Hwy. 78, 35062	(205) 648-1499 www.horsecreekgolf.com	18	PU	6,552	71.1	124	72	\$31.00
EMPIRE								
Percy Marcum Golf Club 9621 Bagley Rd., 35603	(205) 647-3377	18	PU	5,810	69.0	107	71	\$15.00
GADSDEN								
Twin Bridges Golf Club 901 River Bend Dr., 35901	(256) 549-4866 www.twinbridgesgolf.com	18	PU	6,263	70.0	129	72	\$32.00
GLENCOE (Anniston/Gadsden)								
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Silver Lakes 1 SunBelt Pkwy., 35905	(256) 892-3268 www.rtgolf.com	36						
Backbreaker 9-Hole Course/Heartbreaker 9-Hole Course			PU	6,686	72.5	139	72	\$61.00
Heartbreaker 9-Hole Course/Mindbreaker 9-Hole Course			PU	6,516	72.0	138	72	\$61.00
Mindbreaker 9-Hole Course/Backbreaker 9-Hole Course			PU	6,600	71.9	139	72	\$61.00
Short 9-Hole Course			PU	1,450	–	–	27	\$28.00
GRAYSVILLE								
Mountain View Golf Course 3200 Mountainview Dr., 35073 www.mountainviewgolfcoursegraysvillealabama.com	(205) 674-8362	27						
Red 9-Hole Course/White Course 9-Hole Course			PU	5,800	67.5	111	71	\$18.00
Blue 9-Hole Course/White Course 9-Hole Course			PU	5,766	68.4	114	70	\$18.00
Blue 9-Hole Course/Red Course 9-Hole Course			PU	5,946	69.3	114	71	\$18.00
JACKSONVILLE								
Stoney Brook Golf Course 1505 Country Club Dr. SW, 36265	(256) 435-3114	18	SP	6,663	68.7	115	72	\$30.50
MONTEVALLO								
Montevallo Golf Club 1481 Shelby County Hwy. 204, 35115	(205) 665-8057	18	SP	5,815	68.1	116	71	\$27.00
MORRIS								
Greenbriar Golf Course 1130 Morris Majestic Rd., 35116	(205) 647-2680	18	PU	2,385	–	–	54	\$22.50

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taking out more than 38,000 trees, destroying some buildings and closing the golf courses temporarily. The site, which is made up of three really tough 9-hole courses, suitably named Mindbreaker, Backbreaker and Heartbreaker, reopened in the fall of 2011 with several improvements, such as new Champion Bermuda greens.

A nice complement to a round at Silver Lakes is either Cider Ridge in Oxford or Twin Bridges in Gadsden.

Cider Ridge is situated at the base of the state's tallest mountain, Mt. Cheaha, and features tree-lined fairways, dramatic elevation changes, and sloping greens. Twin Bridges was named in the "Best New Affordable Golf Courses" by *Golf Digest*. This 6,800-yard course will challenge and delight golfers of all skill levels. Look for Bermuda fairways, Bentgrass greens, and strategically placed bunkers set along the Coosa Bend River.

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RTJ Golf Trail at Silver Lakes, Anniston/Gadsden © Michael Clemmer

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PELHAM								
 Oak Mountain State Park 877 Findlay Dr., 35124	(205) 620-2522 www.alapark.com	18	PU/R	6,842	71.7	120	72	\$35.00
SYLACAUGA								
 FarmLinks at Pursell Farms 2200 FarmLinks Blvd., 35151	(205) 403-4653 www.HonoursGolf.com	18	PU/R	7,444	76.3	141	72	\$135.00
TALLADEGA								
Talladega Municipal Golf Course Hwy. 77 N., 35160	(256) 362-8151	9	PU	3,061	-	-	36	\$18.00
Timber Ridge Golf Course 101 Ironaton Rd., 35160	(256) 362-0346	18	PU	6,590	71.2	126	72	\$30.00
TUSCALOOSA								
Capstone Club of Alabama 16000 Capstone Blvd., 35444	(205) 462-0590 www.capstoneclub.com	18	SP	7,032	75.1	143	71	\$35.00
Hidden Meadows Golf Course 13000 Old Cove Rd., 35476	(205) 339-3673	18	SP	6,462	70.9	130	72	\$32.00
Ol' Colony Golf Course 401 Old Colony Rd., 35406	(205) 562-3201 www.tcpara.org	18	PU	6,562	71.2	134	72	\$45.00

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METROPOLITAN LODGING

CITY / ACCOMMODATIONS	TELEPHONE	AMENITIES / GOLF PACKAGES
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The first complex to open along the RTJ Golf Trail was Grand National in the Auburn-Opelika area. Located about 50 miles east of Montgomery, Grand National is thought to be the favorite site

along the Trail of Mr. Jones himself. He called it the single greatest site for a golf complex he had ever seen. The Links

Course features, arguably, the finest finishing hole on the Trail, a par-4 that must carry the corner of the lake, while the approach must reach a pedestal green surrounded by boulders. Both courses are included in *GOLF Magazine's* and *GolfWeek's* annual rating of the top ten publicly-accessible courses within each state, with The Lake Course landing atop *GOLF Magazine's* list. When you add local favorites Auburn Links and Indian Pines to the area's golf offerings, it becomes perfectly clear why *Golf Digest* once named Auburn-Opelika the



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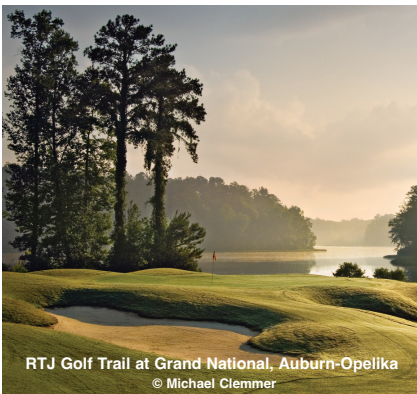
The eighth Trail facility to come on line is also the only site with three full-length courses. Capitol Hill in Prattville is just 10 minutes north of the state’s capital, Montgomery. The three courses, situated so closely to the seat of government, are called The Judge, The Senator, and The Legislator. *GOLF Magazine* once named the Judge Course one of 10 public courses in the country worthy of hosting a U.S. Open. It’s also the highest rated public course on *Golf Digest*’s “Best in State” list for this year. The course offers stunning views throughout, especially on the first tee which sits 200 feet above the fairway overlooking the Alabama River. The Legislator is hilly and more traditional. The Senator is a Scottish links-style course with Bentgrass greens, over 160 dreaded pot bunkers, and mounds reaching as high as 40 feet. The course is the host site of the annual Navistar LPGA Classic tournament.

Located in Greenville, 40 miles south of Montgomery, the RTJ Golf Trail

at Cambrian Ridge is a Trail favorite for golf writers and players alike. The three 9-hole championship layouts are named Canyon, Sherling and Loblolly – and any combination of the three offers a tremendous challenge. The Canyon starts with a 501-yard par-4 that drops some 200 feet from tee to fairway. On the Sherling course, water from Lake Sherling is a prominent feature along with the incredible finishing hole. The Loblolly gets its name from the Loblolly pines, in abundance as they frame the rolling fairways and wrap around the water-fronted greens.

Situated in the most southeastern corner of the state, the RTJ Golf Trail at Highland Oaks in Dothan is comprised of three championship nines and a 9-hole Short Course. Highlands is fairly wide open but lakes come into play throughout. Marshwood is home to the monstrous par-5 sixth, a whopping 701 yards. The Magnolia features the longest bridge on the Trail spanning the marshes and wetlands for over 1,000 feet.

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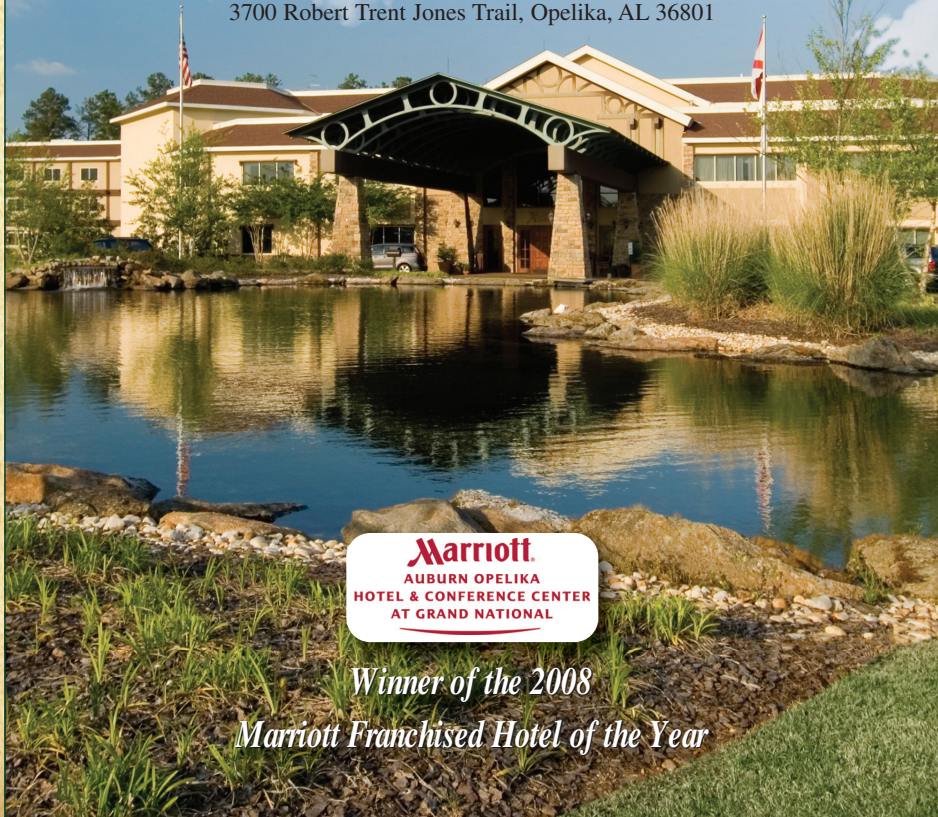
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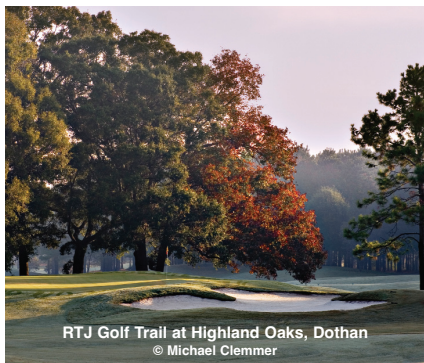
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AUBURN/OPELIKA								
Auburn Links at Mill Creek 826 Shell Toomer Pkwy., 36830	(334) 887-5151 www.auburnlinks.com	18	PU	6,790	71.2	126	72	\$36.00
The Auburn University Club 1499 N. Donahue Dr., 36830	(334) 821-8381 www.aucyf.com	18	R	7,254	74.9	136	72	\$45.00
Indian Pines Golf Course 900 Country Club Dr., 36830	(334) 821-0880	18	PU	6,411	68.8	119	71	\$27.00
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Grand National 3000 Robert Trent Jones Trail, Opelika 36801	(334) 749-9042 www.rtgolf.com	54						
Lake 18-Hole Course			PU/R	6,488	71.3	126	72	\$61.00
Links 18-Hole Course			PU/R	6,574	72.3	129	72	\$61.00
Short 18-Hole Course			PU/R	2,798	-	-	54	\$28.00
ANDALUSIA								
Evans Barnes Golf Course Hwy. 84 at LBW University, 36420	(334) 222-8400	9	SP	3,303	69.1	113	36	\$27.00
CAMDEN								
 Roland Cooper State Park 285 Deer Run Dr., 36726	(334) 682-4838 www.alapark.com	9	PU/R	3,305	-	-	36	\$20.00
COWARTS								
Roundabout Plantation 321 Roundabout Dr., 36321	(334) 793-3300 www.roundaboutgolf.com	18	SP	6,590	72.6	128	72	\$25.00
DEMOPOLIS								
The Ravine Golf Course 748 Sportplex Rd., 36732	(334) 289-1414	18	PU	6,401	69.7	115	71	\$23.00
DOTHAN								
Dothan National Golf Club 7410 U.S. Hwy. 231S, 36301	(334) 677-3326 www.dothannational.com	18	PU	6592	71.0	127	72	\$30.00
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Highland Oaks 904 Royal Pkwy., 36305	(334) 712-2820 www.rtgolf.com	36						
Highlands 9-Hole Course/Marshwood 9-Hole Course			PU	7,072	73.9	133	72	\$61.00
Magnolia 9-Hole Course/Highlands 9-Hole Course			PU	6,984	73.2	130	72	\$61.00
Marshwood 9-Hole Course/Magnolia 9-Hole Course			PU	6,896	72.9	127	72	\$61.00
Short 9-Hole Course			PU	1,539	-	-	27	\$28.00
ENTERPRISE								
Tartan Pines Golf Club 423 Tartan Way, 36330	(334) 393-8000 www.tartanpines.com	18	SP	6,055	68.2	126	72	\$38.00
EUFAULA								
 Lakepoint State Park Resort 104 Lakepoint Dr., 36027	(334) 687-6677 www.alapark.com	18	PU/R	6,752	73.6	123	72	\$20.00
GENEVA								
River Oaks Golf Course 1 Westville Ave., 36340	(334) 684-6190	9	PU	6,667	67.9	113	72	\$20.00
GREENVILLE								
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Cambrian Ridge 101 SunBelt Pkwy., 36037	(334) 382-9787 www.rtgolf.com	36						
Canyon 9-Hole Course/Loblolly 9-Hole Course			PU	6,785	72.7	124	71	\$61.00
Loblolly 9-Hole Course/Sherling 9-Hole Course			PU	6,976	72.2	122	71	\$61.00
Sherling 9-Hole Course/Canyon 9-Hole Course			PU	7,171	72.9	127	72	\$61.00
Short 9-Hole Course			PU	1,415	-	-	27	\$28.00

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HEADLAND								
Headland Country Club 4175 State Hwy 134 E, 36345	(334) 693-2324 www.headlandcountryclub.org	18	SP	5,976	69.1	126	72	\$22.00
MONTGOMERY AREA								
Cottonwood Golf Club 7160 Byron Nelson Blvd., 36116	(334) 281-3344 www.cottonwoodgolfclub.com	18	PU	6,652	72.3	134	72	\$23.00
Emerald Mountain Golf & CC 245 Mountain View Dr., 36093	(334) 514-8082	18	SP	6,516	70.8	132	72	\$30.00
 Gateway Park Golf Course 3800 Davenport Pkwy., 36105	(334) 284-7920 www.HonoursGolf.com	9	PU	2,931	65.0	104	32	\$24.00
 Lagoon Park Golf Course 2855 Lagoon Park Dr., 36109	(334) 240-4050 www.HonoursGolf.com	18	PU	6,773	71.2	121	72	\$32.00
The Pines Golf Club, Millbrook 307 Deatsville Hwy., 36054	(334) 285-7529	18	PU	6,378	67.5	113	72	\$30.00
Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course 1501 Dozier Rd., 36117 East 18-Hole Course West 18-Hole Course	(334) 260-4900 www.ttakesgolf.com	36						
			PU	6,527	70.5	117	72	\$31.00
			PU	6,594	70.8	115	72	\$31.00
OZARK								
Panther Creek Golf Club 815 Country Club Dr., 36360	(334) 774-2615	18	PU	6,410	70.1	128	72	\$30.00
PHENIX CITY								
Lakewood Golf Course 2800 Lakewood Dr., 36867	(334) 291-4726	18	PU	6,476	70.1	124	72	\$30.00
PRATTVILLE								
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill 2600 Constitution Ave., 36066 Judge 18-Hole Course Legislator 18-Hole Course Senator 18-Hole Course	(334) 285-1114 www.rtgolf.com	54						
			PU/R	6,517	71.7	131	72	\$71.00
			PU/R	6,366	71.4	139	72	\$61.00
			PU/R	6,440	71.1	126	72	\$61.00

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RIVER HERITAGE LODGING

CITY / ACCOMMODATIONS	TELEPHONE	AMENITIES / GOLF PACKAGES
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Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce 131 North Court St., 36067 www.prattvillechamber.com	(800) 588-2796 (334) 365-7392	Prattville is home to 54 championship holes at the RTJ Golf Trail at Capitol Hill. Area hotels offer golf packages and/or special rates for golfers. Visit us online for details.

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Mobile's premier golfing facility is its Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail site. The two 18-hole championship courses at Magnolia Grove, the Falls and Crossings, have been named as two of the nation's Great Value courses by *Golf Digest's Places to Play*. Both courses have recently undergone makeovers, with an emphasis on making the greens a bit less knee-buckling. The Crossings is very hilly, featuring numerous pulpit bunkers, huge cloverleaf

bunkers, and undulating greens that still demand extreme caution. The course plays host to the LPGA Classic each year.

The Falls course features one of the most talked about holes on the entire Trail – the par-five, 570-yard 10th, featuring a waterfall that cascades just below the heavily contoured green.

On Mobile Bay's Eastern Shore are two of legendary Alabama architect Earl Stone's most challenging, yet rewarding layouts. Rock Creek in Fairhope is part of the Honours Golf group of extraordinary courses. People are amazed at the incredible changes in elevation for this part of the state. But as challenging as the many hazards can be, this course



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treats the high handicapper with great respect. The other Earl Stone course is TimberCreek, located in Daphne, just off Interstate 10. This 27-hole layout offers panoramic views of wide, rolling fairways carved from a dense forest of magnolias, pines, and dogwoods.

Marriott's Grand Hotel, Golf Resort and Spa, an RTJ Golf Trail resort division property, has recently experienced a total renovation and is better than ever. In fact, *Travel + Leisure* magazine ranks the Grand Hotel among its "Top 50 Resorts in the U.S. and Canada". The two golf courses at the resort, Azalea and Dogwood, meander around spring-fed lakes and are framed by stately magnolias, oaks, and dogwoods which have been around for quite some time. Marriott's Grand Hotel offers superb dining and many ways to be pampered. The resort has upheld this grand tradition of Southern hospitality, charm and elegance since 1847.

Gulf Shores and Orange Beach continue to gain popularity for golf

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Kiva Dunes is arguably the Gulf Coast's most spectacular layout. *GolfWeek* has it listed among its "Best Resort Courses" and "Best Courses You Can Play." This Jerry Pate design offers splendid scenery throughout as it winds through the sand dunes, lakes and pristine natural wildlife areas. The greens are large and fast, huge bunkers are plentiful and the wind and blustery conditions that prevail along the Gulf of Mexico can make for an immense challenge on this award-winning course.

With 36 holes of Arnold Palmer signature golf, Craft Farms certainly shaped the golfing landscape in Gulf Shores. The Cotton Creek course

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Peninsula, Gulf Shores, an Honours Golf Course



Kiva Dunes, Gulf Shores



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GULF COAST GOLF COURSES

CITY / GOLF COURSE	PHONE / WEBSITE	HOLES	TYPE	YDG	RTG	SLP	PAR	RATES
BREWTON								
Country Club of Brewton 700 Clubhouse Rd., 36426	(251) 867-4100	18	SP	7,019	73.6	133	72	\$57.00
CHATOM								
Deerfield Golf Course Hwy. 56 East, 36518	(251) 847-2056	18	PU	6,129	69.1	114	72	\$20.00
CITRONELLE								
Mill Creek Golf Course 18350 Lakeview Dr., 36522	(251) 866-7881	18	PU	6,271	68.4	115	71	\$20.00
DAPHNE								
TimberCreek Golf Club 9650 TimberCreek Blvd., 36527 www.golftimbercreek.com	(251) 621-9900	27						
Magnolia 9-Hole Course/Dogwood 9-Hole Course			SP	6,480	70.4	125	72	\$59.00
Dogwood 9-Hole Course/Pines 9-Hole Course			SP	6,391	69.9	118	72	\$59.00
Pines 9-Hole Course/Magnolia 9-Hole Course			SP	6,523	70.4	122	72	\$59.00
DAUPHIN ISLAND								
Isle Dauphine Golf Club 100 Orleans Dr., 36528	(251) 861-2433	18	PU	6,620	70.8	123	72	\$32.00
ELBERTA								
Soldiers Creek Golf Club 12096 County Rd. #95, 36530	(251) 986-8633	18	PU	6,372	69.8	117	72	\$62.00
FAIRHOPE								
Quail Creek Golf Course 19841 Quail Creek Dr., 36532 www.cofairhope.com	(251) 990-0240	18	PU	6,410	70.6	123	72	\$40.00
 Rock Creek Golf Club 140 Club House Dr., 36532 www.HonoursGolf.com	(251) 928-4223	18	SP	6,322	69.8	124	72	\$59.00
FOLEY								
Glenlakes Golf Club 9530 Club House Dr., 36535 www.glenlakesgolf.com	(251) 955-1220	27						
Vista 9-Hole Course/Dunes 9-Hole Course			SP	6,938	78.1	122	72	\$59.00
Lakes 9-Hole Course/Vista 9-Hole Course			SP	6,488	67.6	115	71	\$59.00
Dunes 9-Hole Course/Lakes 9-Hole Course			SP	6,580	69.3	123	71	\$59.00
Gulf Links Golf Course 3901 S. McKenzie St., 36535	(251) 970-1444	18	PU	4,054	-	-	64	\$24.00
GULF SHORES								
 Craft Farms 3840 Cotton Creek Blvd., 36542 www.HonoursGolf.com	(251) 968-7500	36						
Cotton Creek 18-Hole Course			PU/R	6,617	71.4	124	72	\$85.00
Cypress Bend 18-Hole Course			PU/R	6,432	69.8	119	72	\$85.00
Gulf Shores Golf Club (formerly The Golf Club of The Wharf) 520 Clubhouse Dr., 36542 www.gulfshoresgolfclub.com	(251) 968-7366	18	SP	6,812	72.6	123	71	\$72.00
 Gulf State Park Golf Course 20115 State Hwy. 135, 36542 www.alapark.com	(251) 948-4653	18	PU/R	6,563	72.5	-	72	\$50.00
Kiva Dunes Golf Club 815 Plantation Dr., 36542 www.kivadunes.com	(251) 540-7000	18	PU/R	6,464	70.8	129	72	\$82.00
 Peninsula Golf Club 20 Peninsula Blvd., 36542 www.HonoursGolf.com	(251) 968-8009	27						
Marsh 9-Hole Course/Lakes 9-Hole Course			PU/R	6,494	70.1	116	72	\$89.00
Lakes 9-Hole Course/Cypress 9-Hole Course			PU/R	6,525	70.0	117	72	\$89.00
Cypress 9-Hole Course/Marsh 9-Hole Course			PU/R	6,703	70.6	116	72	\$89.00

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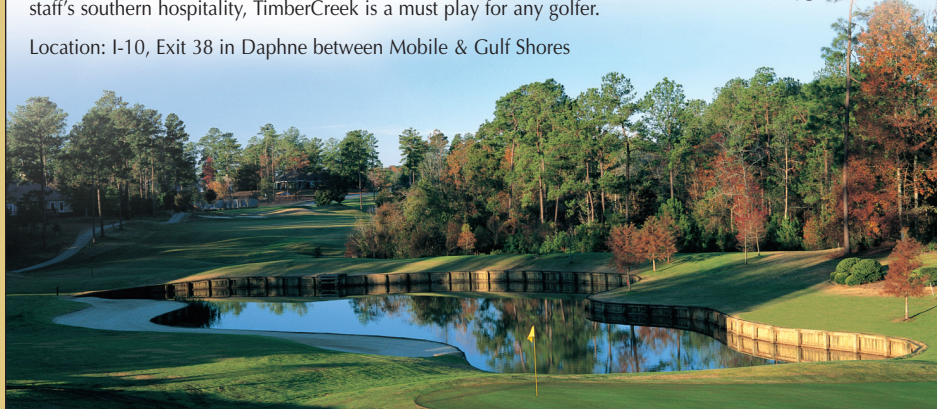
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CITY / GOLF COURSE	PHONE / WEBSITE	HOLES	TYPE	YDG	RTG	SLP	PAR	RATES
MOBILE								
Azalea City Golf Course 1000 Gaillard Dr., 36608	(251) 208-5150 www.cityofmobile.org/azaleagolf	18	PU	6,850	71.1	126	72	\$39.00
Gulf Pines Golf Club 167 Old Bay Front Rd., 36615	(251) 431-6413	18	PU	5,954	68.2	113	71	\$31.00
 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Magnolia Grove 7001 Magnolia Grove Pkwy., 36618	(251) 645-0075 www.rtgolf.com	54						
Crossings 18-Hole Course			PU	6,652	71.6	131	72	\$61.00
Falls 18-Hole Course			PU	6,674	71.4	135	71	\$61.00
Short 18-Hole Course			PU	2,734	-	-	54	\$28.00
Silver King Golf Club, Irvington 7960 Edgar Roberts Rd., 36544	(251) 824-9660 www.silverkinggolf.com	18	PU	6,623	69.3	126	72	\$35.50
Spring Hill College Golf Course 4000 Dauphin St., 36608	(251) 380-4655 www.springhillgolfcourse.com	18	PU	6,665	71.3	124	72	\$32.00
POINT CLEAR								
 Marriott's Lakewood Golf Club One Grand Blvd., 36564	(251) 990-6312 www.rtgolf.com	36						
Azalea 18-Hole Course			SP/R	7,504	75.3	132	72	\$125.00
Dogwood 18-Hole Course			SP/R	7,063	72.9	128	72	\$125.00

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