

Golf courses

ASPEN LAKES GOLF COURSE

The red cinder bunkers at Aspen Lakes are as recognizable as perhaps any feature on any course in the region. Located just east of Sisters, Aspen Lakes is lined with ponderosa pines and is a challenge for golfers of all skill levels. The course has a quality set of par 5's, and its 222-yard, par-3 15th hole is among the toughest pars in Central Oregon.

Number of holes: 18. Status: Open year-round, weather permitting Location: 16900 Aspen Lakes Drive, Sisters Tee times: 541-549-4653 Course stats: Par 72, 7,302 yards Green fees: Through Sept. 30, \$49 to \$75 daily; after Oct. 1, \$35 to \$49 daily Power cart: \$15. Extras: Putting green, driving range, pro shop, practice bunker, clubhouse, restaurant. Golf boards no longer offered.

Website: www.aspenlakes.com

BLACK BUTTE RANCH

Big Meadow: The course was ranked in the top 10 in the state by Golfweek magazine in 2016. Golfers will find a well-bunkered, straightforward layout that is welcoming to players of all abilities. In addition, the breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains on the back nine can make for a memorable finish.

Glaze Meadow: The course is maturing into a must-play track in Central Oregon after a John Fought redesign nine years ago. Glaze Meadows new design utilizes classical elements, including grass-faced bunkers and turtleback greens reminiscent of the golden era of golf design.

Number of holes: 36. Glaze Meadow (18) and Big Meadow (18). Status: Open seasonally Location: Eight miles northwest of Sisters on U.S. Highway 20 Tee times: 541-595-1500 Course stats: Big Meadow, par 72, 7,002 yards; Glaze Meadow, par 72, 7,007 yards

Green fees: Through June 17: before noon \$74, after noon \$64, after 3 p.m.

\$49; June 18-Sept. 30: before 7:30 a.m. \$69, 7:30 a.m. to noon \$84, noon to 3 p.m. \$69, after 3 p.m. \$54 Power cart: \$36 GolfBoard: \$27. Extras: Two golf shops, driving ranges, putting greens, chipping and bunker practice areas at both courses, new putting course

Website: www.blackbutteranch.com

CROOKED RIVER RANCH

Perched on the rim of the Crooked River Gorge, 400 feet above the river, this course is enjoyable for golfers of all abilities. The No. 5 canyon hole with its go-for-it or go-home attitude makes it easy to see why it is the signature hole. The 260-yard, par-4 hole can easily be managed with two short irons, though adventurous golfers might choose to take the shortcut over the gorge and play the hole as a 225-yard par 3. Just minutes north of Redmond, Crooked River Ranch is well worth the trip.



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The view of the Crooked River Ranch golf course and administration buildings from the canyon rim.

Number of holes: 18. Status: Open year-round, weather permitting Location: 5195 SW Club House Road, Crooked River Ranch Tee times: 541-923-6343 Course stats: Par 71, 5,818 yards Green fees: May through September: Mon-Thu: \$48, Fri-Sun: \$55; Oct: Mon-Thu: \$40, Fri-Sun: \$43; November through February: \$32 daily; March through April: Mon-Thu: \$43; Fri-Sun: \$43 Power cart: \$17 for 18 holes; \$11 for nine holes Head golf professional: Randy Ballard Course designers: Original four holes: William McPherson (1978); original full nine: Bunny Mason; second nine: Jim Ramey (1994). Extras: Driving range, pro shop, chipping and bunker practice area, two practice putting greens

Website: www.crookedriverranchgc.com

DESERT PEAKS GOLF CLUB

The municipal golf course has a flat, straightforward design that will not intimidate golfers of any skill level. Located just north of Madras, Desert Peaks does offer some spectacular Cascade mountain views, and it is a good place for beginning golfers to play a regulation-length course.

Number of holes: Nine. Status: Open year-round, weather permitting Location: 565 NW Adler St., Madras Tee times: 541-475-6368 Course stats:

Par 36, 3,231 yards Green fees: \$18 for nine holes and \$27 for 18, weekdays; \$20 for nine and \$29 for 18, weekends

Power cart: \$10 per rider for nine holes, \$16 per rider for 18 holes. Extras: Putting green, driving range open, clubhouse Email: desertpeaksgolf@gmail.com Website: www.desertpeaksgolf.com

EAGLE CREST RESORT

Eagle Crest near Redmond boasts two championship golf courses in the Ridge Course and the Resort Course. The resort also offers the tough 18hole, par-63 Challenge Course, and a popular 18-hole putting course. Due to its lower elevation, Eagle Crest has one of the longest seasons in all of Central Oregon.

Resort Course: This is a golf course that poses two distinctly different nines. Break out the driver on the front nine as the fairways are wide, but the holes are longer. The back nine will require more accuracy and course management as the fairways become tight. The Resort