

Here's guide to area's public golf courses

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Even though spring has arrived, area golf courses were slow to open this season. Cool, cloudy days punctuated with rain left most links too wet to open until last weekend.

If you're ready to have your golf around after the winter respite, be prepared to pay more for greens fees this season.

Following is a roundup of courses in the area:

Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 31002 Warren, Westland, 422-3440. Nine holes only, 2,881 yards, par 35.

Rates: \$4.25 for nine holes and \$7.50 for 18 weekdays, \$4.50 for nine holes and \$8 for 18 weekends and holidays.

Specials: For senior citizens, \$2.75 for the first nine holes and 50 cents for an additional nine any time any day. Seniors 62 and older must have a Hawthorne card, which costs \$5, for the special rate.

Will not reserve starting times. League play: Best time for individual walk-on play is 1-3 p.m. weekdays.

Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 Meridian, Westland, 721-6680. Nine holes only, 2,850 yards, par 34.

Rates: \$3.75 for nine holes and \$6 for 18 weekdays, \$4.75 for nine holes and \$7 for 18 weekends and holidays. Twilight rate — \$2.75 weekdays and \$3.75 weekends — applies at different times throughout the season.

Specials: For senior citizens, \$2.25 for nine holes and \$3.50 for 18 weekdays before 3 p.m. May reserve starting times one week in advance without any additional fee by paying in advance.

League play: 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. There are also some morning leagues. Call in advance to avoid waits.

Glenhurst Golf Club, 25345 West Six

Mile Road, Redford, 592-8758. 5,576 yards, par 70.

Rates: \$5 for nine holes and \$8 for 18 weekdays, \$5.50 for nine holes and \$9 for 18 weekends and holidays. Nine-hole rate applies only after 2 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Specials: A senior citizens rate will be set. Seniors must tee off before 11 a.m. weekdays.

May reserve weekend starting time at no charge. League play: 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20690 Newburgh, Livonia, 476-4493. 6,265 yards, par 71. Practice range available.

Rates: For Livonia residents, \$3.75 for nine holes and \$6 for 18 weekdays, \$4.75 for nine holes and \$7.50 for 18 weekends and holidays.

For non-residents, \$4.25 for nine holes and \$7 for 18 weekdays, \$5.50 for nine holes and \$8.25 for 18 weekends and holidays.

Specials: For senior citizens (Livonia residents only), \$1.25 for nine holes and \$2.50 for 18 weekdays before 11:30 a.m. For juniors 10-17 years of age (residents only), \$1.50 for nine holes and \$2.50 for 18 Tuesdays 7-11 a.m. once schools is out.

Livonia residents may reserve weekend starting times after 9 a.m. the preceding Wednesday. The charge is an additional 50 cents per player.

Twilight rate of \$2.75 for residents and \$3.25 for non-residents applies after 7 p.m. League play: Thursdays, 4-7 p.m. and Fridays 7 a.m.-noon.

Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia, 464-6325. 6,072 yards, par 71.

Rates: The same as for Whispering Willows across the board. Student rate applies Mondays at Idyl Wyld for residents.

Same reservation policy as Whispering Willows.

League play: Weekdays 4-8:30 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays 8-9:30 a.m.

Oasis Golf Center, 39500 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, 420-9800. 2,995 yards, par 54. (Par 3).

Rates: \$3.50 for 18 holes weekdays, \$4.50 for 18 holes weekends and holidays.

Specials: Mondays, senior citizens \$3; Wednesdays and Fridays, women \$3; Thursdays, juniors \$3; Saturdays, children 16 years of age and under with parents \$1 prior to noon.

League play: Call in advance to avoid waits.

Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Salem Township, 453-7272. 6,328 yards, par 72.

Rates: \$4.50 for nine holes and \$7.25 for 18 holes weekdays, \$5.50 for nine holes and \$8.50 for 18 weekends and holidays. Twilight rate of \$5.50 after 4 p.m. weekdays and \$4 after 6:30 p.m. weekdays.

Specials: \$2.75 for senior citizens and \$3.75 for juniors (18 and under) before 3 p.m. weekdays.

Reservations, necessary for prime weekend hours, may be made without charge. League play: Weekdays 4:30-6:30 p.m. and some mornings.

Dun Rovin Golf Club, 16377 Haggerty, Plymouth, 420-0144. 6,750 yards, par 72.

Rates: \$5 for nine holes and \$8 for 18 holes weekdays, \$9 for 18 holes weekends and holidays. A nine-hole rate of \$5 is available only after 3 p.m. weekends and holidays. A twilight rate of \$3.75 applies after 6:30 p.m.

May reserve weekend starting time at no charge one week in advance. League play: Weekdays 4-6:30 p.m.

Brae-Burn Golf Club, 10880 Five

Mile Road, Plymouth, 453-1900. 6,260 yards, par 70.

Rates: \$4.50 for nine holes and \$7.25 for 18 holes weekdays, \$5.50 for nine holes and \$9 for 18 holes weekends and holidays. Twilight rate of \$5.50 after 4 p.m. and \$4 after 6:30 p.m. weekends, \$4 after 6:30 p.m. weekdays.

Specials: For senior citizens, \$3.50 weekdays before 3 p.m.

May reserve weekend starting time at no charge. League play: 4-6 p.m. Mondays through Thursday.

Salem Hills Golf Club, 8810 Six Mile Road, Northville, 437-2152. 7,084 yards, par 72.

Rates: \$4.50 for nine holes and \$7.50 for 18 holes weekdays, \$6 for nine holes and \$9 for 18 holes weekends and holidays. Twilight rate of \$3.75 weekdays after 6:30 p.m. and \$6 weekends after 4 p.m.

Specials: For senior citizens, \$3.75 weekdays.

Weekend starting times, necessary for prime hours, may be reserved without charge.

League play: Weekdays 4-6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 8:30-10 a.m.

Brooklane Golf Course, 44115 Six Mile Road, Northville, 348-1010. 3,582 yards, par 60.

Rates: \$4.25 for nine holes and \$7 for 18 holes weekdays, \$4.75 for nine holes and \$7 for 18 holes weekends and holidays.

Specials: For senior citizens, \$2.50

for nine holes and \$3.75 for 18 holes weekdays.

League play: Monday through Thursday 8-11 a.m. and 4:45-6:30 p.m.

Independence Green, Halstead at Grand River, Farmington, 476-9807. 3,500 yards, par 57.

Rates: \$4.50 for nine holes and \$7 for 18 holes weekdays, \$5.50 for nine holes and \$8.50 for 18 holes weekends and holidays.

Specials: For senior citizens, a rate to be determined. Seniors must tee off before 5 p.m. weekdays.

May reserve starting times for weekend at no charge.

San Marino Golf Club, 26634 Halstead, Farmington Hills, 476-5910. Nine holes, 3,300 yards, par 36.

Rates: \$4.25 for nine holes weekdays, \$4.75 for nine holes weekends and holidays.

Specials: For senior citizens and juniors 17 and under, \$2 noon-3 p.m. weekdays.

May reserve weekend starting times at no charge. League play: Monday through Thursday 8-10 a.m. and 4-6:30 p.m.

Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton, 728-1300. 6,200 yards, par 72.

Rates: \$4.50 for nine holes and \$6.50 for 18 holes weekdays, \$5.50 for nine holes and \$8.50 for 18 holes weekends and holidays. A twilight rate has not yet been established.

Specials: For senior citizens, \$3.25 before 2 p.m. weekdays.

May reserve weekend starting times without charge. League play: Weekdays 3:30-6:30 p.m. Also, some morning leagues. Call in advance to avoid delays.

Hilltop Glen Golf Club, 47000 Powell, Plymouth, 453-9800. Nine holes, 3,229 yards, par 35.

Rates: \$4.25 for nine holes and \$6 for 18 holes weekdays, \$4.75 for nine holes and \$7.50 for 18 holes weekends and holidays. A twilight rate, not yet determined, will be available.

Specials: For senior citizens, \$2.50 and for juniors 18 and under, \$3 before 3 p.m. weekdays.

League play: Weekdays 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Bonnie Brook Golf Club, 19890 Shawasee, Detroit, 534-2830. 4,191 yards, par 63.

Rates: \$5 for nine holes and \$6.50 for 18 holes weekdays, \$8 for 18 holes weekends and holidays. A nine-hole rate of \$5 is available only after 3 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Specials: For senior citizens, \$3.50 for 18 holes 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

May reserve starting times at no charge. League play: Best times to avoid leagues is 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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