

Top 10 Michigan Golf Courses - Neil Kotlarek



Bay Harbor

Bay Harbor G.C. (Links/Quarry)

The 7th Hole on the Quarry is as good as it gets--in Michigan, in the Midwest or in the country. A fine Art Hills design on magnificent terrain, highlighted by spectacular views. I was an attendee at the implosion ceremony when this site was nothing more than a dusty, broken down quarry with a negative land value. Amazing!

Treetops - Jones Masterpiece.

Overshadowed by the Fazio and Smith courses, this 18 put Gaylord golf on the map. The par-3 No. 6 is the epitome of Northern Michigan Golf due to its panorama of trees as far as the eye can see.



Photo by Art McCafferty

Jones Masterpiece, Hole No. 6, Treetops



The Legend, Shanty Creek

The Legend at Shanty Creek.

Perhaps Arnold Palmer's best design. Fantastic views of Lake Bellaire and incredibly diverse holes—almost like a fireworks display of memorable golf holes.

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Don VanDerveen
Michigan Golf Senior Writer

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Greywalls

Tullymore.

Wondrous landscape and spectacular design. Played from the middle tees, the course is charming and challenging. Played from the back tees, the layout can bring your handicap to its knees.

Greywalls.

Golfwriters from across the Midwest have been almost reverential in their praise of this course which *Golf Digest* claimed was the nation's best new layout in 2005. Towering rock formations on some of the holes are unique and inspiring.

Arcadia Bluffs.

A landmark golf course spread over 3,100 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline which cleverly links old Scottish design with new architectural concepts. The multi-tiered greens on this course are down-right diabolical.

Donald Ross Course, Boyne Highlands.

While the Heather is considered Michigan's best course by many state professionals, this quirky layout is tricky, pretty and delightful.

Hawk's Head.

Arthur Hills considers this to be one of his finest designs. A number of holes are framed by natural dunes which gives the layout a Cape Cod feel.

High Pointe.

Tom Doak's first design continues to delight even after changes significantly altering its original look and feel. Fantastic green complexes and Scottish feel.

Thoroughbred.

Art Hills' "Million Dollar Miracle"--a fantastic golf course laid out over cranberry bogs for a modest budget. The 18th hole is worth the price of your green fees. *MG*



High Pointe

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