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Virginia Beach's Elite Eight



Bay Creek Golf Course

Sculpted within the banks of the Chesapeake Bay and Old Plantation Creek, and lined by scores of tall, indigenous hardwoods, dogwoods, pines and sand dunes, Arnold Palmer's Signature Course at Bay Creek is a nature-loving golfer's paradise. The 7,204-yard masterpiece is crafted with glass-smooth A-4 bent grass greens and Tifway Bermuda fairways trimmed with precision. The signature 460-yard par-four third features a sharply undulated fairway with three strategically placed bunkers. The second shot on the third hole must be

played over the ancient tidal basin, Allegood Pond, into a rock-walled green that's back is separated from the Chesapeake Bay by only a row of willowy pines. The Arnold Palmer Signature Course at Bay Creek offers five sets of strategically-placed tees sure to provide golfers of all skill-levels with a delightfully challenging experience.



Heron Ridge Golf Club

Where the Pungo Native-American Tribe once roamed now lays the beautiful, 7,010-yard, par-72 championship golf course, Heron Ridge. Located just 15 minutes from the Virginia Beach oceanfront, Heron Ridge opened in the spring of 1999 and was the first new public golf course in Virginia Beach for over 10 years. The course features five sets of tees to bring a variety of challenges into play, such as 30-foot elevation changes, majestic lakes and natural wetlands. This Fred Couples and Gene Bates design challenges

golfers with a links-style front nine through rolling hills, water hazards and strategically-placed bunkers followed by a swift transition to the back nine, which is lined with mature oaks, beeches, and, of course, more water hazards.

"Fred Couples golf courses are traditionally both player-friendly and challenging. Heron Ridge is no exception. The course is unimpeded by housing developments, and its year-round excellent conditions make it one of the best in the area."

- Glen Pierce, PGA Professional, Heron Ridge

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Cypress Point Country Club

Opened in 1987, this country club-set Ault and Clark design measures 6,612 yards from the tips and features distinctive Bermuda fairways accentuated by plush bent grass greens. The signature hole at Cypress Point is the 17th – a 168-yard par-three reminiscent of the infamous island green of the TPC at Sawgrass. Since opening, Cypress Point has been a favored course of the most selective golfers. Play Cypress Point and treat yourself to the ultimate country club experience. The elegant clubhouse includes a dining room, lounge, snack bar and fully-stocked pro shop. The golf facility features a driving range, chipping and putting green, club repairs and lessons.

Hell's Point Golf Club

With shimmering lakes, puzzling fairway undulations, perplexing greens and 61 shapely bunkers, there's no doubt designer Rees Jones had a devilish inspiration when carving out the 6,776-yard, par-72 Hell's Point Golf Club. Amid lofty pines and tall hardwoods, Hell's Point was designed to reward the strategic golfer, so length is not as critical as careful shot planning for every swing on every hole at Hell's Point. Since 1982, Hell's Point has lured golfers of all handicaps to the first tee with the promise of adventure, and has kept them captivated through the final hole with its masterful challenges.



Honey Bee Golf Course

Nestled among tall pines and a serene neighborhood, Honey Bee is a 6,075-yard, par-70 championship golf course and another fine example of the Rees Jones's design philosophy of making golf enjoyably challenging for all skill levels. Its relative openness is friendly to the high handicapper, yet challenges the zealous golfer with a blend of length, water hazards, elevated tees and colossal sand bunkers. The clubhouse at Honey Bee features a full service bar, dining area, big-screen TV and patio overlooking the first tee. Honey Bee's elegant dining facility and culinary expertise have earned it the reputation as one of the finest tournament properties in all of eastern Virginia. The pro shop is located next to a 300-yard driving range, separate putting and chipping greens and a 40-foot practice bunker. Two hard-surface tennis courts, a large outdoor pool, and a picnic area complete this golf facility.



The Tournament Players Club of Virginia Beach

The only Tournament Players Club open to the public between Maine and the Carolinas, and the host of the Nationwide Tour's Virginia Beach Open, the Pete Dye-designed TPC of Virginia Beach is a must-play for golfers of all levels. This 18-hole championship layout is surrounded in hardwood forests and rolling meadows, just minutes from the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Designed for the purpose of tournament play and reaching an intimidating 7,432 yards from the back tees, the course can satisfy the desires of the world's top players, while five other sets of tees ensure an enjoyable round for golfers of all skill levels.

Red Wing Lake Golf Course

Designed by George W. Cobb, this classic 7,124-yard golf course is even better. The course reopened in 2006, after major renovations. All greens were rebuilt, shaped and seeded with Bent grass. Each fairway was created to improve drainage and enhance character, and they remain within corridors of mature loblolly pines. New wetland areas and lakes provide additional challenges, and the course measures longer from the tips with improved playability from the forward tee locations. The Kevin Tucker Design Group created a renovation plan that highlights the best attributes of the old course while providing up-to-date amenities. Red Wing Lake features five sets of tees and an abundance of nature to bring golfers back to play this classic George W. Cobb design again and again.

“Red Wing Lake is a traditional golf course, secluded from modern development. Players can get back to that traditional style in Red Wing’s quiet, natural surroundings.” – Andrew Mink, PGA Professional, Red Wing Lake Golf Course

The Signature at West Neck

Twenty minutes from the Virginia Beach oceanfront, golfers will find Arnold Palmer’s latest masterpiece, the Signature at West Neck. Sporting smooth, A-4 bent grass greens, expertly maintained TifSport Bermuda fairways and tees, the Signature at West Neck is the perfect compliment to the land upon which it was crafted. The course is laid out among thirteen lakes, several picturesque natural wetlands, and wooded areas making for a truly memorable experience. The stonewall bulkheads fronting the 11th and 18th greens in addition to Palmer’s signature jigsaw-shaped beach bunkers further add to the course’s challenge and aesthetic appeal.



Virginia Beach entices visitors to “Live the Life” every season of the year! Located in the southeastern corner of the state, Virginia Beach is four hours southeast of D.C. by car and within a day’s drive from Quebec. For visitor information, call 1-800-VA-BEACH (800/822-3224) or visit the Web site www.vbfun.com for online trip planning. For media information and digital images, click on www.vbpressroom.com.

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