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The Phoenix Golf Guide

24 courses across North Phoenix, Central Phoenix, South Phoenix, Ahwatukee, and Laveen — who can play, what each course is like, and what it costs.





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How to use this guide

Courses are grouped by area of the city. Each entry lists who can play, holes and par, the designer and opening year, the style of course, a price tier, and who it suits. Confirm details with each course before making a housing decision.

Phoenix's golf areas at a glance

AREA	COURSES	CITY-OWNED	DAILY-FEE & RESORT	PRIVATE CLUBS
North Phoenix	7	Cave Creek	Wildfire (2), Lookout Mountain, Stonecreek, The 500 Club	Moon Valley CC
Central Phoenix	8	Papago, Encanto 18 and 9, Palo Verde	Arizona Biltmore (2)	Phoenix CC, Arizona CC
South Phoenix	3	None	Raven, Legacy, Arizona Grand	None
Ahwatukee	3	None	Foothills, Ahwatukee GC, Lakes at Ahwatukee	None
Laveen & West	3	Aguila 18 and 9, GCU	None	None

Access terms

Municipal — owned by the City of Phoenix; open to everyone, with lower rates for Phoenix Golf Card holders.

Public / daily-fee — anyone can book a tee time; many also sell memberships or player cards.

Resort — attached to a hotel; open to non-guests, usually at higher rates.

Private — members and guests only; expect an initiation fee plus monthly dues.

No age restriction — none of the 24 courses here sits inside a 55+ community.

Price tiers

Approximate peak-season (January–April) public rate for 18 holes with cart. Summer rates commonly run 40–60% lower.

TIER	PEAK RATE (USD)
Budget	Under 50
Mid	50–100
Upper	100–175
Premium	Over 175
Initiation + dues	Private club; no walk-up rate

North Phoenix

Seven courses: two resort courses at Desert Ridge, mountain-preserve golf at Lookout Mountain, a busy city course, and a member-owned private club.

Wildfire: Palmer Course

Resort, public play · 18 / par 72, about 7,150 yd · Arnold Palmer, 1997 · Premium

Wide, resort-friendly desert layout with big greens at JW Marriott Desert Ridge, near Loop 101.

Good for: resort-style rounds and groups.

Wildfire: Faldo Course

Resort, public play · 18 / par 71, about 6,850 yd · Nick Faldo, 2002 · Premium

Strategic desert course known for its deep pot bunkers; shares a clubhouse with the Palmer.

Good for: golfers who like a strategic test.

Lookout Mountain Golf Club

Resort, public play; Troon-managed · 18 / par 72, about 6,500 yd · Bill Johnston, 1989 · Upper

Hilly desert course at Hilton Tapatio Cliffs, below the North Mountain Preserve. Plays shorter than it looks but demands accuracy.

Good for: scenic golf close to north-central homes.

Stonecreek Golf Club

Public, Arcis-managed; memberships · 18 / par 71, 6,871 yd · Dye and Grandstaff, 1983 · Mid–Upper

Links-style mounding and water in Phoenix's Paradise Valley neighborhood; known as a demanding test.

Good for: challenge-seekers in northeast Phoenix.

Cave Creek Golf Course

Municipal · 18 / par 72, about 6,770 yd · Jack Snyder, 1983 · Mid

Walkable city course with mature trees and rolling fairways, built on a reclaimed landfill off 19th Avenue.

Good for: regular weekly play at city rates.

The 500 Club

Public; on county park land · 18 / par 72, 6,867 yd · Brian Whitcomb, 1990 · Mid

Friendly desert-parkland course in Adobe Dam Regional Park with mountain views; annual passes available.

Good for: value seekers in northwest Phoenix.

Moon Valley Country Club

Private, member-owned · 18 / par 72, about 7,200 yd · Dick Wilson, late 1950s; Bob Cupp, 1996 · Initiation + dues

Traditional tree-lined championship course that has hosted USGA qualifiers, plus an 18-hole short course.

Good for: a classic private club in north Phoenix.

Central Phoenix

Eight courses: the city's oldest golf, from two historic private clubs and the rebuilt Biltmore to Papago and three affordable city courses near downtown.

Papago Golf Club

Municipal, Troon-managed · 18 / par 72, 7,333 yd · William F. Bell, 1963; restored 2008 · Premium public; Mid with Golf Card

City-owned championship course among Papago Park's red buttes and home of ASU golf. Phoenix Golf Card holders pay far less than the public rate.

Good for: serious golfers who live in Phoenix.

Arizona Biltmore: Links

Daily-fee; memberships sold · 18 / par 71, about 6,300 yd · Bill Johnston, 1979 · Mid–Upper

Shorter and hillier, along the base of the Phoenix Mountains Preserve; the par-3 15th drops about 80 feet.

Good for: accurate players and mixed groups.

Arizona Country Club

Private, member-owned · 18 / par 72, about 6,700 yd · Suggs and Wansa, 1946 · Initiation + dues

Mature parkland in Arcadia below Camelback Mountain. Membership is by invitation.

Good for: Arcadia families wanting a full-service club.

Encanto 9

Municipal · 9-hole executive, par 30 · Budget

Short, easy nine beside the 18 in Encanto Park.

Good for: beginners, juniors, and an after-work nine.

Arizona Biltmore: Estates

Daily-fee; memberships sold · 18 / par 71, 6,669 yd · Tom Lehman, 2023 · Upper

The former Adobe course, rebuilt from the ground up with new greens, bunkers, and more than 400 new trees. Camelback and Piestewa Peak views.

Good for: buyers near Biltmore and Arcadia.

Phoenix Country Club

Private · 18 / par 71, about 6,800 yd · Harry Collis, 1919; Lehman and Fought, 2002 · Initiation + dues

Midtown's historic tree-lined club. Long-time Phoenix Open host, now home of the PGA Tour Champions' season finale.

Good for: an established private club near downtown.

Encanto Golf Course

Municipal · 18 / par 70, about 6,400 yd · William P. Bell, 1935 · Mid

Flat, open historic course in Encanto Park with mature trees and skyline views; one of Arizona's oldest.

Good for: walkable golf near the historic districts.

Palo Verde Golf Course

Municipal · 9-hole executive, par 30 · Budget

Neighborhood nine in north-central Phoenix with a lake on the first three holes, a range, and night golf in summer.

Good for: short-game practice and families.

South Phoenix & Ahwatukee

Six courses below South Mountain and through the Ahwatukee Foothills, from an upscale pine-lined course to a reopened executive track.

SOUTH PHOENIX

Raven Golf Club

Public, Arcis-managed; memberships · 18 / par 72, about 7,100 yd · Panks and Graham, 1995 · Upper

Pine-lined course below South Mountain that feels unlike desert golf; bunkers rebuilt in 2024.

Good for: an upscale round without driving to Scottsdale.

The Legacy Golf Club

Public; member tee times · 18 / par 71, about 6,950 yd · Gary Panks, 1999 · Mid–Upper

Wide-fairway layout just south of Sky Harbor with South Mountain views and a golf academy.

Good for: a value championship round near downtown.

Arizona Grand Golf Course

Resort, public play · 18 / par 71, about 6,300 yd · Forrest Richardson, 1987 · Upper

Compact course wrapped around the resort at the base of South Mountain.

Good for: visitors and short, scenic rounds.

AHWATUKEE

The Foothills Golf Club

Public, Troon-managed · 18 / par 72, about 6,900 yd · Weiskopf and Morrish, 1987 · Mid

Links-style layout through south Ahwatukee neighborhoods; wide fairways keep it playable.

Good for: everyday golf for Ahwatukee residents.

Ahwatukee Golf Club

Public · 18 / par 72, about 6,700 yd · Johnny Bulla, 1974 · Budget–Mid

Ahwatukee's original course, flat and tree-lined. Sold in July 2026; new owners plan upgrades while it stays open.

Good for: casual walking rounds.

The Lakes at Ahwatukee

Public · 18-hole executive, par 60 · Gary Panks, 1980 · Budget

Closed in 2013 and reopened in 2024 after a court-ordered restoration; conditions are still improving.

Good for: beginners and quick rounds.

Club West, also in Ahwatukee, is closed and its land is for sale; see the closed-courses list on page 6.

Laveen & West Phoenix

Three city-owned courses: Aguila's 18 and par-3 nine in Laveen, and the rebuilt GCU course in Maryvale.

Aguila Golf Course

Municipal · 18 / par 72, about 7,000 yd · Gary Panks, about 1999 · Mid

Links-style city course in Laveen with lakes on five holes and skyline views.

Good for: Laveen and southwest Phoenix residents.

Aguila 9

Municipal · 9-hole par 3, 1,081 yd · Gary Panks · Budget

All par 3s with two tees per hole, beside the 18.

Good for: beginners, juniors, and short-game work.

GCU Golf Course

Municipal, run by Grand Canyon University · 18 / par 71, about 7,150 yd · Bell, 1961; Fought, 2016 · Mid

The former Maryvale course, rebuilt with four lakes, new greens, and a large clubhouse.

Good for: west Phoenix buyers wanting a modern city course.

Phoenix's eight city-owned courses (Papago, Encanto 18 and 9, Palo Verde, Cave Creek, Aguila 18 and 9, and GCU) offer reduced rates to Phoenix Golf Card holders. Confirm current card pricing with the City of Phoenix.

Closed courses to know about

Club West (Ahwatukee)	Closed since the late 2010s. A new owner bought the site in May 2026 and is marketing it for sale.
Southern Ridge (Laveen)	Closed in 2018. A plan for homes plus a 20-hole short course was reported paused in late 2025.
Villa de Paz (west Phoenix)	Closed. The city rezoned the land in 2020 so it can only be golf or open space.
Paradise Valley Golf Course (north)	County-owned; closed since May 2026 while Maricopa County seeks a new operator.

A home on a closed course carries different risks than one on an open course. Ask about zoning and any redevelopment plans.

What else a golfer should check

These vary course by course and often matter more than the design or the price.

ITEM	WHY IT MATTERS IN PHOENIX	WHAT TO ASK
Course status and ownership	Several Phoenix courses have recently closed, reopened, or changed hands (Club West, Lakes at Ahwatukee, Ahwatukee GC, Paradise Valley GC).	Who owns the course, recent sales, and how the land is zoned.
Overseeding and closures	Most courses close 2–4 weeks from mid-October to early November to seed winter rye, then run cart-path-only for several more weeks.	Overseed dates, cart-path-only period, whether the course overseeds at all.
Grass and greens	Bermuda in summer, rye in winter where overseeded; greens are mostly Bermuda.	Green type and typical summer green speed.
Walkability	Desert layouts (Wildfire, Lookout Mountain) have longer green-to-tee transfers; city and parkland courses (Encanto, Cave Creek, Ahwatukee GC) walk easily.	Whether walking is allowed, and any walking rate.
Seasonal play rules	Frost delays are common December–February; summer brings early tee times, twilight rates, and some night golf.	Frost policy, twilight and super-twilight start times.
Rate structure	City courses discount for Phoenix Golf Card holders; Arcis (Raven, Stonecreek) and Troon (Papago, Lookout Mountain, Foothills) courses use dynamic pricing and player cards.	Booking window, pass or card options, resident rates.
Multi-course access	One membership covers both Biltmore courses (with reciprocal play at the Wigwam) or both Wildfire courses; Arcis memberships span its clubs.	What a membership includes, reciprocal arrangements.
Practice facilities	Ranges vary from full grass tees to mats; executive nines often have limited practice areas.	Grass or mat range, short-game area, whether range balls are included.
Pace and crowding	January–March is peak season at resort and city courses alike; summer rounds move much faster.	Peak-season pace and tee-time availability.
Clubs and leagues	A regular game usually comes from a men's or women's club and weekly leagues, not the course itself.	Active clubs, GHIN handicap posting, league days.
Drive time	Phoenix spans more than 40 miles north to south; Ahwatukee to Desert Ridge is roughly 40 minutes off-peak.	Which courses are realistically within 20 minutes of the home.

Course directory

Addresses, phone numbers, and websites, grouped by area. Courses that share a clubhouse are listed together.

North Phoenix

Wildfire Golf Club: Palmer & Faldo
5350 E Marriott Dr, Phoenix 85054
(480) 473-0205 · wildfiregolf.com

Lookout Mountain Golf Club
11111 N 7th St, Phoenix 85020
(602) 866-6356 · tapatiocliffshilton.com/golf

Stonecreek Golf Club
4435 E Paradise Village Pkwy S, Phoenix 85032
(602) 953-9111 · arcisgolf.com/clubs/stonecreek-golf-club

Cave Creek Golf Course
15202 N 19th Ave, Phoenix 85023
(602) 534-4653 · phoenix.gov/golf

The 500 Club
4707 W Pinnacle Peak Rd, Phoenix 85310
(623) 492-9500 · the500club.com

Moon Valley Country Club
151 W Moon Valley Dr, Phoenix 85023
(602) 942-1278 · moonvalleycc.com

Central Phoenix

Arizona Biltmore: Estates & Links
2400 Biltmore Estates, Phoenix 85016
(602) 955-9655 · azbiltmoregc.com

Papago Golf Club
5595 E Moreland St, Phoenix 85008
(602) 275-8428 · papagogolfclub.com

Encanto Golf Course
2775 N 15th Ave, Phoenix 85007
(602) 534-4653 · phoenix.gov/golf

Encanto 9
2300 N 17th Ave, Phoenix 85007
(602) 534-4653 · phoenix.gov/golf

Palo Verde Golf Course
6215 N 15th Ave, Phoenix 85015
(602) 249-9930 · phoenix.gov/golf

Phoenix Country Club
2901 N 7th St, Phoenix 85014
(602) 263-5208 · phoenixcountryclub.com

Arizona Country Club
5668 E Orange Blossom Ln, Phoenix 85018
(480) 889-1505 · azcountryclub.com

South Phoenix

Raven Golf Club
3636 E Baseline Rd, Phoenix 85042
(602) 243-3636 · arcisgolf.com/clubs/raven-golf-club

The Legacy Golf Club
6808 S 32nd St, Phoenix 85042
(602) 305-5550 · golflegacyresort.com

Arizona Grand Golf Course
8000 S Arizona Grand Pkwy, Phoenix 85044
(602) 431-6480 · arizonagrandresort.com/golf

Ahwatukee

The Foothills Golf Club
2201 E Clubhouse Dr, Phoenix 85048
(480) 460-4653 · troon.com/course/foothills-golf-club

Ahwatukee Golf Club
12432 S 48th St, Phoenix 85044
(480) 893-1161 · No website found; book through GolfNow

The Lakes at Ahwatukee
13431 S 44th St, Phoenix 85044
(480) 856-3669 · ahwatukeelakesgc.com

Laveen & West Phoenix

Aguila Golf Course & Aguila 9
8440 S 35th Ave, Laveen 85339
(602) 534-4653 · phoenix.gov/golf

GCU Golf Course
5902 W Indian School Rd, Phoenix 85033
(623) 846-4022 · gcugolf.com

Encanto, Cave Creek, and Aguila book through the City of Phoenix tee-time line, 602-534-GOLF (4653). Websites checked November 2026 from each club's own site, its management company, or the City of Phoenix; phone numbers from course websites and golf directories.

Before you buy

Six things to settle before signing on a home near any of these courses.

- [ ] Confirm the course next to the home is open, who owns it, and how the land is zoned; several Phoenix courses have closed or changed hands since 2016.
- [ ] For private clubs (Phoenix CC, Arizona CC, Moon Valley), ask for initiation fee, monthly dues, food-and-beverage minimums, any waitlist, and whether membership transfers with the home.
- [ ] Get current membership, player-card, and Phoenix Golf Card pricing in writing; these change annually.
- [ ] Check whether the HOA has any golf-course obligations, and what the plan is if the course closes.
- [ ] Play the course in the season you will use it most; summer conditions and overseeding closures (typically mid-October to early November) differ a lot from peak season.
- [ ] Ask about tee-time access during January–April, when courses are busiest.

Notes

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