

Tee It Up in the *Triangle*

Your complete guide to every great golf course in Raleigh, Wake Forest, Cary, Holly Springs & beyond — from public gems to private country clubs



Whether you're a scratch golfer hunting your next great course, a weekend player who loves the camaraderie of a Saturday morning round, or someone just getting the bug — the Triangle is one of the Southeast's finest golf destinations. Legendary designers. Impeccable fairways. A climate that lets you play nearly year-round. Championship pedigrees alongside welcoming public courses. And two hours from Pinehurst — the golf capital of America. This guide is for every golfer who wants to know exactly where to tee it up in our corner of North Carolina. Let's find your course. 🌿🏌️

— Whitney, House in Bloom Realty · Serving Golfers & Families Across the Triangle

Course Access Guide

- PUBLIC — OPEN TO ALL
- SEMI-PRIVATE — PUBLIC PLAY + MEMBERSHIPS
- PRIVATE — MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

● OPEN TO ALL GOLFERS

Public Courses

★ SIGNATURE DESIGN

● PUBLIC

Lonnie Poole Golf Course

The Only Arnold Palmer-Designed Collegiate Course in the World

📍 1509 Main Campus Dr., Raleigh, NC 27695 (NC State Campus)

✏️ Designed by **Arnold Palmer Design Company** — the only collegiate course of its kind on earth

🏙️ Spectacular views of the downtown Raleigh skyline from the 11th tee box — a genuinely breathtaking moment

18 | **Par 72** | **~\$125** | **Multiple**
HOLES | PAR | GREEN FEE | TEE BOXES

Arnold Palmer Design

Raleigh Skyline Views

NC State Home Course

All Skill Levels

Top 25 NC — GolfPass

🌿 *Whitney's Note: The downtown skyline view on 11 is truly something — reviewers rave that it's one of the most memorable moments in Triangle golf. Challenging but fair, and maintained to championship standards year-round. An absolute must-play.* 🏏

● PUBLIC

River Ridge Golf Club

Ranked Top 25 Best Courses in NC — GolfPass Golfers' Choice

📍 3224 Auburn-Knightdale Rd., Raleigh, NC 27610

🏆 Earned a spot on **GolfPass Golfers' Choice Top 25 Best Golf Courses in NC** — voted by real golfers

🌊 Challenging layout with beautiful terrain — a course that rewards precision and strategy

18 | **Public** | **Top 25**
HOLES | ACCESS | NC RANKED

GolfPass Top 25 NC

Golfers' Choice Award

Challenging Layout

East Raleigh

🌿 *Whitney's Note: When real golfers vote it one of the top 25 in the state, you know it's the real deal. River Ridge is a gem that doesn't get quite enough spotlight — put it on your list.* 🏆


PUBLIC + MEMBERSHIP

Wildwood Green Golf Club

Voted #1 Most Fun Course to Play in the Triangle

 3000 Ballybunion Way, Raleigh, NC 27613

 Voted **#1 Most Fun Course to Play in the Triangle** by the NC Golf Panel in 2019

 Seven different tee sets — perfect for beginners through seasoned players. Rolling greens through beautiful NC woods.

18 | **7 Tees** | **Est. 1986**
HOLES | OPTIONS | FOUNDED



#1 Most Fun — Triangle

7 Tee Options

Beginners Welcome

North Raleigh

Guest & Membership Play

 *Whitney's Note: Most fun course in the Triangle — and it shows. Seven tee options means everyone in your group can play from a comfortable distance. The woods setting is peaceful and gorgeous. This is your happy place.* 


PUBLIC

Pine Hollow Golf Club

Best Bang for Your Buck in the Triangle

 3300 E. Garner Rd., Clayton, NC 27520

 Well-kept, established course with **affordable membership rates** — open since 1968 and beloved by the community

 Family-oriented, community pool & recreational amenities — a wonderful place for new golfers and families

18 | **Est. 1968** | **Affordable**
HOLES | FOUNDED | RATES


Best Value in Triangle

Since 1968

Family Friendly

Clayton





Community Pool

 *Whitney's Note: Not every great round needs to cost a fortune. Pine Hollow has been doing it right since 1968 — well-maintained, welcoming, and wonderfully affordable. New to golf? Start here.*



Duke University Golf Club

Top 10 in NC — Robert Trent Jones Design · Washington Duke Inn

-  Durham, NC (Duke University Campus — Washington Duke Inn)
-  Designed by legendary architect **Robert Trent Jones** — the only RTJ-designed course in the Triangle
-  Hosted the **2001 NCAA Men's Golf Championship**. Consistently rated top 10 in North Carolina.
-  Between rounds, experience the inn's famous **afternoon tea** — a uniquely civilized 19th hole

18 | **Top 10** | **RTJ**
HOLES | NC RATED | ARCHITECT


Robert Trent Jones Design

Top 10 NC

2001 NCAA Championship

Washington Duke Inn




Afternoon Tea!

 *Whitney's Note: Book a round, then linger for the legendary afternoon tea at the Washington Duke Inn — it's become one of the most distinctive post-round traditions in the entire Southeast. This is the course that makes visiting golfers feel like they've played somewhere truly exceptional.*



Finley Golf Course — UNC Chapel Hill

Tom Fazio Redesign · Championship Conditions

-  500 Finley Golf Course Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27517
-  Originally designed in 1949, redesigned in 1999 by **Tom Fazio** to championship standards
-  7,223-yard championship layout — home to UNC's golf programs, open spring through fall

18 | **7,223** | **Tom Fazio**
HOLES | YARDS | ARCHITECT



Tom Fazio Redesign

7,223 Yards

Championship Layout

Chapel Hill

Seasonal Play

 *Whitney's Note: The towering pines, the precision bunkering, and the UNC campus setting make Finley one of the Triangle's most beautiful rounds. A Tom Fazio design you can actually play — don't sleep on this one. *

PUBLIC


Eagle Ridge Golf Course

Scenic Elevation Changes in Garner

 601 Competition Rd., Garner, NC 27529



Known for dramatic elevation changes and scenic rolling terrain — one of the more visually striking public courses in Wake County

 Well-maintained fairways and greens, welcoming to golfers of all levels, great local following



18 | **Public** | **Garner**
HOLES | ACCESS | LOCATION

Scenic Elevation

Rolling Terrain

All Levels Welcome

South Wake County

 *Whitney's Note: Garner is such an underrated golf town — and Eagle Ridge delivers a genuinely beautiful, hilly round that surprises people who haven't played it. A solid public option close to everything.* 

PUBLIC

Devils Ridge Golf Club

Holly Springs' Premier Public Course

 Holly Springs, NC 27540



18-hole championship public course in one of the Triangle's fastest-growing and most desirable communities



Beautifully wooded, challenging layout with well-maintained fairways and a welcoming atmosphere



18 | **Public** | **Holly Springs**
HOLES | ACCESS | LOCATION

Public Championship

Holly Springs

Wooded Layout

SW Wake County

 *Whitney's Note: Holly Springs keeps growing and Devils Ridge keeps delivering great public golf to match. A wonderful option for residents of Holly Springs, Apex, and Fuquay-Varina who want quality without a membership.* 

● OPEN TO PUBLIC + MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Semi-Private Courses

★ SIGNATURE DESIGN


● SEMI-PRIVATE

Heritage Golf Club

Top 50 NC · Links-Style · Southern Dining · Wake Forest

 1250 Heritage Club Ave., Wake Forest, NC 27587

 Designed by **Bob Moore of JMP Golf Design Group** — an American links-style course winding through Carolina pines

 **1250 Heritage** restaurant on-site — casually elegant Southern flavors, full bar, banquet facilities

 8,000 sq ft putting green, driving range, chipping green, practice bunker & FootGolf course

18	Par 72	6,929	134
HOLES	PAR	YARDS	SLOPE

Top 50 NC — Golf Digest




Links-Style Layout

Southern Restaurant

FootGolf Course

8,000 SF Putting Green


Wake Forest


 *Whitney's Note: Heritage is a complete experience — great golf, beautiful Carolina pines, and then dinner at 1250 Heritage with a full bar. This is the kind of golf day that stretches into a perfect evening. Consistently one of Wake Forest's most beloved spots.*  


SEMI-PRIVATE

Lochmere Golf Club

Cary's Neighborhood Course — Tight, Tree-Lined & Beloved

 2511 Kildaire Farm Rd., Cary, NC 27518

 Tight, tree-lined 18-hole layout that challenges golfers of all abilities — nestled in Cary's coveted Lochmere community

 Designed by **Gene Hamm** — accepts both memberships and daily public tee times. Lessons & clinics available.

18 HOLES | **6,627** YARDS | **138** SLOPE | **~\$75** GREEN FEE



Tree-Lined Challenge

Lessons & Clinics

Membership + Daily Play

East Cary Location


Tournament Hosting

 *Whitney's Note: Golfers in Cary can't get enough of Lochmere — and it's easy to see why. That tight, tree-lined layout makes every round feel like an adventure. The neighborhood setting and welcoming staff make it feel like home.* 


SEMI-PRIVATE

The Neuse Golf Club

Top 5 in NC for Course Conditions — Golf Digest

 918 Birkdale Dr., Clayton, NC 27520

 Ranked **top 5 in NC for course conditions** by Golf Digest — consistency and quality are the hallmarks here

 Championship layout set along a river — relaxing, scenic surroundings paired with a serious test of golf



18 HOLES | **Top 5** NC CONDITIONS | **Riverside** SETTING

Top 5 NC — Golf Digest

Riverfront Setting

Championship Layout

Clayton, Johnston Co.

 *Whitney's Note: Top 5 in the state for conditions — Golf Digest doesn't hand that out lightly. The Neuse's riverside setting is absolutely gorgeous, and the course plays as beautifully as it looks. Clayton's secret weapon.* 

★ SIGNATURE DESIGN

● SEMI-PRIVATE / COMMUNITY CLUB

The Club at 12 Oaks

Jack Nicklaus Signature Design · Holly Springs

-  Holly Springs, NC (12 Oaks master-planned community)
-  18-hole **Jack Nicklaus Signature Design** — one of only a handful of Nicklaus courses in the Triangle area
-  Anchor of the 12 Oaks luxury golf community — also accessible via social membership from MacGregor Downs (Cary)
-  Full clubhouse restaurant, walking trails, gorgeous gardens — a complete lifestyle destination

18 | **Nicklaus** | **Holly Springs**
HOLES | ARCHITECT | LOCATION


Jack Nicklaus Signature!

Full Clubhouse

Golf Community Living

Holly Springs

MacGregor Downs Access




 *Whitney's Note: A Jack Nicklaus Signature course right here in Holly Springs — and the 12 Oaks community surrounding it is absolutely stunning. This is the course where golf meets lifestyle in the most beautiful way.* 🏆🏌️

★ SIGNATURE DESIGN

● SEMI-PRIVATE / PUBLIC PLAY

The Preserve at Jordan Lake

Davis Love III Signature · Lakeside Scenery

-  Chapel Hill area, near Jordan Lake, NC
-  **Davis Love III Signature course** — outstanding design in a breathtakingly scenic lakeside environment
-  Rolling hills, natural ridges and Jordan Lake views create one of the most picturesque settings in Triangle golf

18 | **Davis Love III** | **Lakeside**
HOLES | ARCHITECT | SETTING


Davis Love III Design

Jordan Lake Views

Rolling Hill Terrain

Public Play Welcome

Scenic Setting

 *Whitney's Note: Davis Love III designed this one and the Jordan Lake setting does the rest. This is the round you play when you want a truly memorable, scenic experience — the kind that makes you forget your score.* 🌅🏌️

MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Private Country Clubs

★ SIGNATURE DESIGN

PRIVATE

Carolina Country Club

Raleigh's Grand Dame — Established 1910

📍 2500 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 27608

🏛️ One of NC's most historic and prestigious clubs — **established in 1910** with consistently challenging, championship-caliber fairways

🌟 Ranked among the best golf courses in North Carolina year after year — rich tradition, impeccable grounds

18 HOLES | **Est. 1910** FOUNDED | **Top NC** RANKED

Est. 1910

Top NC Rankings

Glenwood Ave Location

Historic Prestige

Private Membership

🌿 *Whitney's Note: Over 115 years of history and still one of the most coveted memberships in Raleigh. If tradition, prestige, and championship golf are what you're after, Carolina Country Club is the gold standard of the Triangle.* 🏛️


PRIVATE

Prestonwood Country Club

54 Holes · Three Courses · Complete Country Club Living

 300 Prestonwood Pkwy., Cary, NC 27513

 Three 18-hole courses designed by **Tom Jackson** — all rated Top 100 in NC by the NC Golf Panel. **54 total holes.**

 15 tennis courts, full fitness & aquatics center, Kids Club, dining, events — the complete country club lifestyle

 Former host of the **SAS Championship** (PGA Tour Champions event)

54

TOTAL HOLES

3

COURSES

Tom Jackson

ARCHITECT

54 Holes — 3 Courses!



SAS Championship Host

15 Tennis Courts

Aquatics Center

Kids Club

Top 100 NC — All 3



 *Whitney's Note: Prestonwood is the full package — 54 holes of championship golf, tennis, fitness, dining, and a social calendar that never stops. For the family that golfs AND lives for club life, this is unmatched in the Triangle.* 

★ SIGNATURE DESIGN

PRIVATE

The Hasentree Club

Tom Fazio Design · Wake Forest's Crown Jewel

-  7305 Village Club Dr., Wake Forest, NC 27587
-  Designed by the legendary **Tom Fazio** — 71-par layout spanning 7,074 yards through stunning natural terrain
-  Surrounded by miles of nature trails and a serene lake — recently underwent complete bunker renovation
-  Tennis courts, upscale social amenities and a beautiful community of homes surrounding the course

18 HOLES | **Par 71** PAR | **7,074** YARDS | **Tom Fazio** ARCHITECT

Tom Fazio Design



7,074 Yards

Nature Trail Access

Bunker Renovation

Tennis + Social

Wake Forest

 *Whitney's Note: Tom Fazio designed it and Wake Forest's beautiful natural landscape completes it. Hasentree is one of those courses you feel as much as you play — the nature trails and lake views make every hole feel like an escape.* 

★ SIGNATURE DESIGN

PRIVATE

Country Club at Wakefield Plantation

Hale Irwin Design · Ranked Top 100 NC · North Raleigh

-  2201 Wakefield Plantation Dr., Raleigh, NC 27614
-  Designed by **PGA Tour veteran Hale Irwin** — offers both an 18-hole and a 9-hole course
-  Jumped from 75th to **94th in Business NC's Top 100 NC Courses 2026** — one of the fastest-rising courses in the state

27 TOTAL HOLES | **Hale Irwin** ARCHITECT | **Top 100** NC RANKED



Hale Irwin Design

Top 100 NC 2026

18 + 9 Hole Courses

North Raleigh




Rising Rankings

 *Whitney's Note: Hale Irwin brought his PGA Tour pedigree to North Raleigh and created something special. The 20-spot jump in NC rankings this year tells the story — Wakefield Plantation is having a real moment.* 

PRIVATE

Raleigh Country Club

Fully Renovated · New Irrigation · Fresh Green Complexes

-  400 Donald Ross Dr., Raleigh, NC 27609
-  Underwent major **2020 renovations** — new irrigation system, additional tee boxes, updated green complexes
-  Historically well-manicured grounds with a strong membership community and classic Raleigh prestige



18 HOLES | **2020** RENOVATION | **Classic** PRESTIGE

2020 Full Renovation

New Green Complexes

Classic Raleigh Club

Private Membership


 *Whitney's Note: A classic Raleigh club made even better by the 2020 renovation — fresh greens, new irrigation, and the same proud tradition. This is where Raleigh's golf community has gathered for generations.* 

★ SIGNATURE DESIGN

PRIVATE

Brier Creek Country Club

Arnold Palmer Design · North Raleigh's Premier Private Club

-  9400 Club Hill Dr., Raleigh, NC 27617
-  Private course designed by **Arnold Palmer** — prestigious community with a championship pedigree in the heart of north Raleigh
-  Full country club amenities, beautifully maintained grounds, and one of the most desirable addresses in the Triangle

18 HOLES | **A. Palmer** ARCHITECT | **N. Raleigh** LOCATION



Arnold Palmer Design

North Raleigh

Full Club Amenities

Prestigious Community




Private Membership

 *Whitney's Note: Two Arnold Palmer courses in the Triangle — Lonnie Poole for the public and Brier Creek for the member. Both reflect his philosophy of beautiful, playable design. Brier Creek membership is as sought-after as it gets.* 

PRIVATE

North Ridge Country Club

Two 18-Hole Courses · Family-Centric Club Life

-  6612 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615
-  Two distinct 18-hole championship courses — one of the few Triangle clubs offering 36 private holes
-  Family-oriented club environment with junior programs, social events, and top-rated schools nearby

36 TOTAL HOLES | **2 Courses** AVAILABLE | **N. Raleigh** LOCATION




36 Private Holes

Two 18-Hole Courses

Family Oriented

Junior Programs




Top School District

 *Whitney's Note: Two courses, one membership — North Ridge is ideal for the family that wants variety in their private club experience. The community around it is one of Raleigh's most established and beloved.*  

PRIVATE

MacGregor Downs Country Club

Scottish Tradition · Est. 1967 · Dual Membership — 12 Oaks Access

-  Cary, NC — established Scottish-tradition club
-  Established in 1967 with Scottish golfing traditions — beautiful mature trees, pool, championship golf and tennis facilities
-  Unique dual membership: MacGregor Downs + **access to The Club at 12 Oaks (Jack Nicklaus design)** in Holly Springs

18 HOLES | **Est. 1967** FOUNDED | **Dual Club** ACCESS




Scottish Tradition

Est. 1967

12 Oaks Access Included

Jack Nicklaus Bonus

Pool + Tennis

 *Whitney's Note: Scottish tradition in the heart of Cary — AND a Jack Nicklaus course included in the membership? That dual access to 12 Oaks is genuinely one of the best deals in Triangle private golf. Two great experiences for one membership.*  



Why the Triangle Is a *Golfer's Paradise*



Play Nearly Year-Round

Mild NC winters mean the courses rarely close. You'll get more rounds in here than almost anywhere in the Southeast.



Legendary Architects

Arnold Palmer, Tom Fazio, Jack Nicklaus, Davis Love III, Robert Trent Jones, Hale Irwin — they all designed here.



Pinehurst — 2 Hours Away

The golf capital of America is just two hours down the road. World-class resort golf is always within reach for a weekend trip.



Beautiful Terrain

Carolina pines, rolling Piedmont hills, riverside fairways and lakeside layouts — the natural scenery is stunning on every course.



A Thriving Golf Community

Leagues, tournaments, clinics and social rounds for all skill levels and ages. The Triangle's golf community is active, welcoming and growing fast.



All Budgets Welcome

From affordable public courses like Pine Hollow to elite private clubs, there's a perfect golf experience at every price point.



And Don't Forget — *Pinehurst Is Just 2 Hours Away*

The golf capital of America sits just two hours south in the Sandhills. Pinehurst Resort's legendary No. 2 course (host of multiple US Opens), plus No. 2 through No. 10 and dozens of surrounding courses — it's the ultimate Triangle golfer's weekend escape. Living here means world-class resort golf is always just a short drive away. 🚩🌿

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Course details, access types, green fees and membership availability change — always verify directly with each course before visiting. Some private club access may require guest sponsorship. This guide is lovingly curated for golfers exploring the Triangle by your House in Bloom Realty team. 🚩🌿

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