

**2022**

# **GOLF GUIDE**

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# Summer RATES

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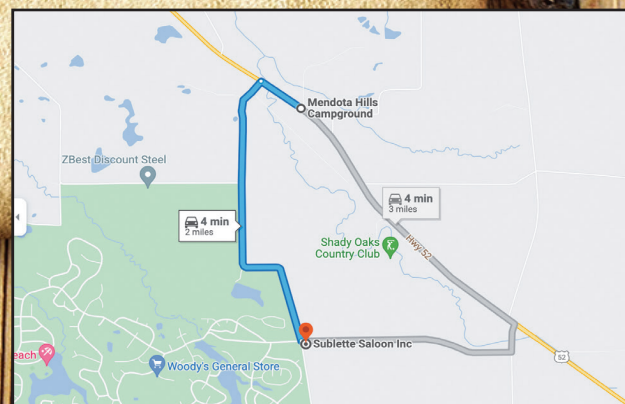
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# These golf terms are par for the course

Golf is a game of sport and skill that can be played at any age. Millions of people in North America participate in golf as a recreational endeavor or a professional pursuit. It is estimated that 25.13 million people in the United States recently played golf over the previous 12 months, according to Statista.

People may immediately think Canada's sports-based loyalty favors hockey. However, on the recreational side, golf is king in the country. Canada has the fourth most golf courses of any country in the world, says the National Golf Foundation. Plus, one out of every 10 Canadians play golf — a participation rate that is more than double that

of the United States.

### Storied golf history

Although golf can be traced back to the Netherlands during the Middle Ages, many people concur that the modern game of golf — played over 18 holes — is a Scottish invention.

The popularity of the sport began to spread throughout the world from Great Britain. The first permanent golf club in North America was founded in 1873 and was named Canada's Royal Montreal Club. The first 18-hole course in the United States was The Chicago Golf Club.

### Golf lingo

Understanding the terminology is key to becoming a full-fledged golf fanatic. While golf lingo is exten-

sive, here is a sampling of some of the more popular terms to get novices started, courtesy of the PGA.

**Approach:** A shot hit toward the green.

**Attack:** The relative angle at which the clubhead approaches the ball at impact.

**Backswing:** The motion that involves the club and every element of the body in taking the club away from the ball.

**Birdie:** A score of one under par on a hole.

**Bogey:** A score of one over par on a hole.

**Bunker:** A hollow comprised of sand or grass that serves as an obstacle.

**Carry:** The distance a ball will fly in the air.

**Chip:** A short approach with a low trajectory.

**Chunk:** A poor shot caused by hitting the turf.

**Divot:** The turf displaced when the club strikes the ball.

**Downswing:** The swing forward from the top of the backswing.

**Eagle:** A score of two under par on a hole.

**Golf range:** A facility where people can practice golf swings.

**Grip:** The positioning of hands on the club.

**Hole:** A round receptacle on the green that the ball is aimed into.

**Lie:** As it relates to the golf ball, the position when it has come to rest.

**Links:** Specific term for a course built on linksland, which is land reclaimed from the ocean.



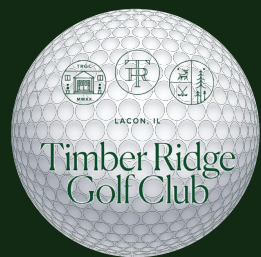
**Mulligan:** An extra shot taken on a poor first shot.

**Par:** The score an accomplished player is expected to make on a hole, either a three, four or five.

**Putt:** A shot on the green.

**Stance:** The position of the feet.

Golf terms are as varied as the game itself. Knowing commonly used words and phrases makes for a more intimate understanding of the sport.



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Golf has seen an upswing in the number of people interested in getting started with the game.

# Golf for beginners

Millions of people hit the links to play golf recreationally, and many young stars of the game are inspiring others to try their hand at this difficult sport.

In its "U.S. Golf Economy Report," released recently, WE ARE GOLF, a coalition of golf's governing bodies, found there was a 20 percent increase in junior golf participation over a five-year span recently. Golfers who played for the first time increased by 1 million during a recent period. Even more exciting for the industry is non-golfers interested in playing golf doubled to 12.8 million.

There has never been a better time to play golf. However, to the uninitiated, golf can be complicated. There are many different rules and all sorts of equipment to learn and lingo to follow. In fact, the experts at Golf Digest say that some people can be scared off even before they hit the green. Fortunately,

all it takes is a little research to get started on learning about and ultimately embracing the game of golf. Here are six ways to get started.

1. Start off on a practice range and not on the golf course. The range is a great place to acclimate oneself to the game and practice your swings.

2. Hook up with someone who can show you the ropes. Going it alone can tame feelings of embarrassment from being new to the game. However, having someone in your corner guiding you can make it easier to learn and love the game. Work with a local golf pro or enlist the help of a friend or family member with some golfing experience.

3. Learn all you can about the clubs, including which kinds are used for various types of shots. While a golfer is allowed to carry as many as 14 clubs in a bag, you will not need that many when first starting out, nor do you have

to invest thousands of dollars in a set of clubs. It's possible to find used clubs online if you want to try the sport before committing.

4. Lean toward more loft when selecting clubs. Look for drivers that have at least 10 degrees of loft and fairway woods that start at 17 degrees, offers Golf Digest. This will make it easier for beginners to get the ball into the air and can reduce sidespin so shots fly more straight.

5. Pay attention to short shots as well as the long ones. Spend as much time practicing with wedges and the putter as the driver to really tighten up all of your shots.

6. Learn the proper grip and stance by working with a coach. Invest in a glove to avoid callused hands, as you'll be spending significant time practicing.

With these tips, novice golfers can get on the road to developing a great golf game relatively quickly.



## Ways to improve your golf game

Warmer weather sends scores of golfers to their favorite courses each and every day. Golf is a challenging pastime, but a few pointers can help golfers hone their short games, long games and everything in between.

- Choose the right clubs. There is more to selecting clubs than pulling any old iron out of your golf bag and whacking away. Wind, hazards and obstructions in landing areas should influence your decision of which club to use. Novice golfers may want to rely on their caddies to make club recommendations, and as they become more confident in their abilities they can start to make their own choices.

- Anchor your feet. Anchor your foot behind the ball to drive the ball further. Right-handed players will keep the right foot anchored, and lefties will do the opposite. Do not lift your foot prematurely; otherwise, you can lose power and distance.

- Identify your weaknesses. As with any hobby, identifying those areas that need the most work can help you become a better golfer. Keep track of each shot you take, and then look at the results to see which areas of your game need the most work.

- Fix your alignment. Align your shots by assessing the target from behind the ball. Then set the clubface behind the golf ball and align it with the target before you enter your stance.

- Use your torso for power. The torso is essential to a solid swing. Practice rotating from your core to control your backswing and then maintain the same spine angle and posture on the downswing.

- Use the wind. Not every golf game will be played in perfect weather. A good player knows how to make adjustments for the wind depending on the shot. Use the wind to your advantage when you can, and adjust your swing when hitting into the wind.

- Become a better chipper. Many players put so much emphasis on their backswings and putt shots that they fail to devote any practice to chips. All shots are important for golfers trying to shed strokes off of their scores.

- Keep fit. Maintaining or improving your physical strength and overall health can help your golf game. Exercise and eat right, and you will have more endurance on the links.



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