



TRAIL GUIDE

THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO ALABAMA'S ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL » 2026 EDITION





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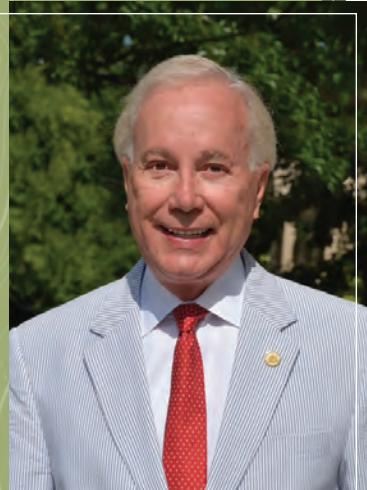
Swing on to Alabama's pristine greens, then swing into charming restaurants you never knew existed. Every round leads to unexpected discoveries. UnPlan and uncover them from tee to table in Sweet Home Alabama. UnPlanYourTrip.com



Top: Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Ross Bridge. Bottom: Armour House, Birmingham, AL.

Off THE TRAIL

with **LEE SENTELL** | DIRECTOR | ALABAMA TOURISM DEPARTMENT



Alabama is blessed with the most perfect weather in the South. When paired with the region's ideal golf destinations, the only question to be settled is exactly which days you'll book the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail and begin your well-earned, overdue escape.

Chances are you still remember your first escape to Alabama's RTJ courses many years ago. Your first thought was being surprised that Alabama had enough golf courses to be worthy of the name "Robert Trent Jones." And people were surprised to learn that Mr. Jones was personally involved in the selection and design of the properties that were sculpted into spectacular holes and courses. The CEO of the Retirement Systems of Alabama, Dr. David G. Bronner, hired a helicopter to fly the world's best golf course architect from one end of the state to another to personally select property into which Mr. Jones could sculpt jaw-dropping courses. And Mr. Jones did exactly what he promised.

When someone challenged Dr. Bronner by saying that Alabama did not have sufficient landscaped courses to attract out-of-state golfers, Dr. Bronner calmly responded, "It will have them when we are ready to open."

Months later, newspaper sports pages, golf magazines, and television sports reporters came to Alabama and were able to report that Alabama had accomplished what had been promised. In less than two years, newspapers and magazines across the South confirmed that the state that had been best known for college football had, in fact, reinvented itself. Just to make sure that golfers got the message, Dr. Bronner started buying television stations to air commercials that Alabama did, in fact, offer the quality of courses that they had promised.

To get the message out that Alabama had something to offer that no other state had, the RSA funded the development of Raycom Media TV (purchased in 2019 by Gray TV) and shared free trade advertising with Alabama Tourism and other state attractions, in addition to airing ads that helped create RTJ's thriving golf attraction. Thanks in large part to the ads running in numerous TV markets and reaching a significant percentage of U.S. households, Alabama Tourism has grown from \$3 billion to a whopping \$25 billion.

Whether this year will be the first or fifteenth year to play the Trail, get ready. Alabama is ready to change what you thought you knew about public golf.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Sentell".

Lee Sentell, Director
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Hotel & Resort photography by Art Meripol & Lauren Rubenstein | Golf landscape photography throughout by Jonathan Hoomes

Public praise & MEDIA MENTIONS



The Trail gets quite a bit of positive press, from national golf publications to regional lifestyle magazines, so we thought we'd share a few of the most memorable mentions from the past year.

From **GARDEN & GUN**

**GOLF DESTINATIONS
PERFECT FOR GROUP TRIPS**
Whether you're playing with family or friends, these Southern courses cater to the dream team.

ALABAMA GETAWAY

GRAND NATIONAL, OPELIKA
Every golfer dreams of swapping a saddle for a golf cart and riding Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. With apologies to Smokey and the Bandit, few convoys compare to a golf group hightailing it between the RTJ Trail's 11 golf sites. Grand National is the way to go if you'd rather stay put to putt. The Lake and Links Courses set

up perfectly for team competition, on two challenging eighteens where many of the holes shadow Lake Saugahatchee. The lakeside Short Course, considered among the most picturesque par-three layouts in America, adds another score settling component. The Mickelson and Morris Oster Golf Houses overlook the Lake Course, sleep eight comfortably, and feature a private putting green among other sporting amenities.

From GOLF WEEK

GOLF WEEK'S BEST 2025: TOP PUBLIC-ACCESS GOLF COURSES IN EVERY STATE

Looking for the best public-access golf courses in your home state, or planning your next getaway? GolfWeek's Best has you covered with our annually updated ranking of the "Best Courses You Can Play" list for each state, as judged by our nationwide network of raters for 2025.

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GOLF WEEK'S BEST 2025: TOP 25 PUBLIC-ACCESS SHORT, PAR-3, AND NON- TRADITIONAL COURSES

#8 ROBERT TRENT JONES
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NATIONAL (SHORT COURSE)
OPELIKA, AL
18 HOLES, 3,126 YARDS, PAR 54

#9 ROBERT TRENT JONES
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GROVE (SHORT COURSE)
MOBILE, AL
18 HOLES, 3,140 YARDS, PAR 54

From GOLFPASS

THE 10 LONGEST GOLF COURSES IN THE WORLD

Like to play from the tips? Go back, way back, on these incredibly long tracks.

#6 THE ROBERT TRENT JONES
GOLF TRAIL AT ROSS BRIDGE,
HOOVER, AL - 8,168 YARDS, PAR 72
The former home of a Champions Tour
event (The Regions Charity Classic from
2006-10), Ross Bridge is not only one of
the longest golf courses in the world, but
also a favorite of the 11 sites on the Robert
Trent Jones Golf Trail. Most golfers never

see the back tees on this scenic parkland
course, which features 10 holes that
play along the banks of two man-made
lakes connected by a waterfall dropping
80 feet between the ninth and 18th
greens. The course, which can be played
as short as 4,800 yards, is part of the
Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge
Golf Resort & Spa.

From LINKS

AMERICA'S OLDEST GOLF RESORTS

America's oldest golf resorts combine the elegance and traditions of days gone by with some fun and challenging courses.

In 1766, two years after the Old Course at St. Andrews shrank from 22 holes to 18, an 18-room wooden hotel opened near a series of natural hot springs in Virginia's Allegheny Mountains. Golf didn't come to The Homestead Resort for another 126 years, but that property still holds the titles of both first resort and first resort golf course in the country. A number of other early American golf resorts—all listed among the Historic Hotels of America, part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation—are still going strong, offering the chance to enjoy the modern game at long-tenured venues.

GRAND HOTEL GOLF RESORT & SPA
POINT CLEAR, ALABAMA (1847)
Long known as the "Queen of Southern
Resorts," the original Grand Hotel
opened on Mobile Bay with 40 rooms
and a shaded gallery. Its military
service began in 1863 as a makeshift
hospital for the Battle of Vicksburg,
and was later a World War II Army Air
Corps training site. Perry Maxwell—
famous for Southern Hills, Old Town
Club, and numerous renovations—
opened the tree-lined Dogwood Course
in 1947. A second 18, Azalea, was finished
in 1983. Both courses are part of the
state's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.





MAGNOLIA

Inside

RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT MAGNOLIA GROVE
SHORT #11



A GROVE

THE SOUTHERNMOST STOP ON THE RTJ GOLF TRAIL

“The sun never sets on a Robert Trent Jones Sr. course,” the architect himself was fond of saying. No doubt about it. The guy got around, designing upwards of 500 courses around the globe in a career that spanned seven decades. In the early 1990s, though, Jones Sr. accepted an assignment that would keep him in one time zone for years. »

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The job offer came by way of Dr. David G. Bronner, CEO of the Retirement Systems of Alabama, who was out to diversify the pension fund he ran while boosting the economic fortunes of his state. To call the plan ambitious was an understatement. The blueprint called for a constellation of courses;



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT MAGNOLIA GROVE
FALLS #10

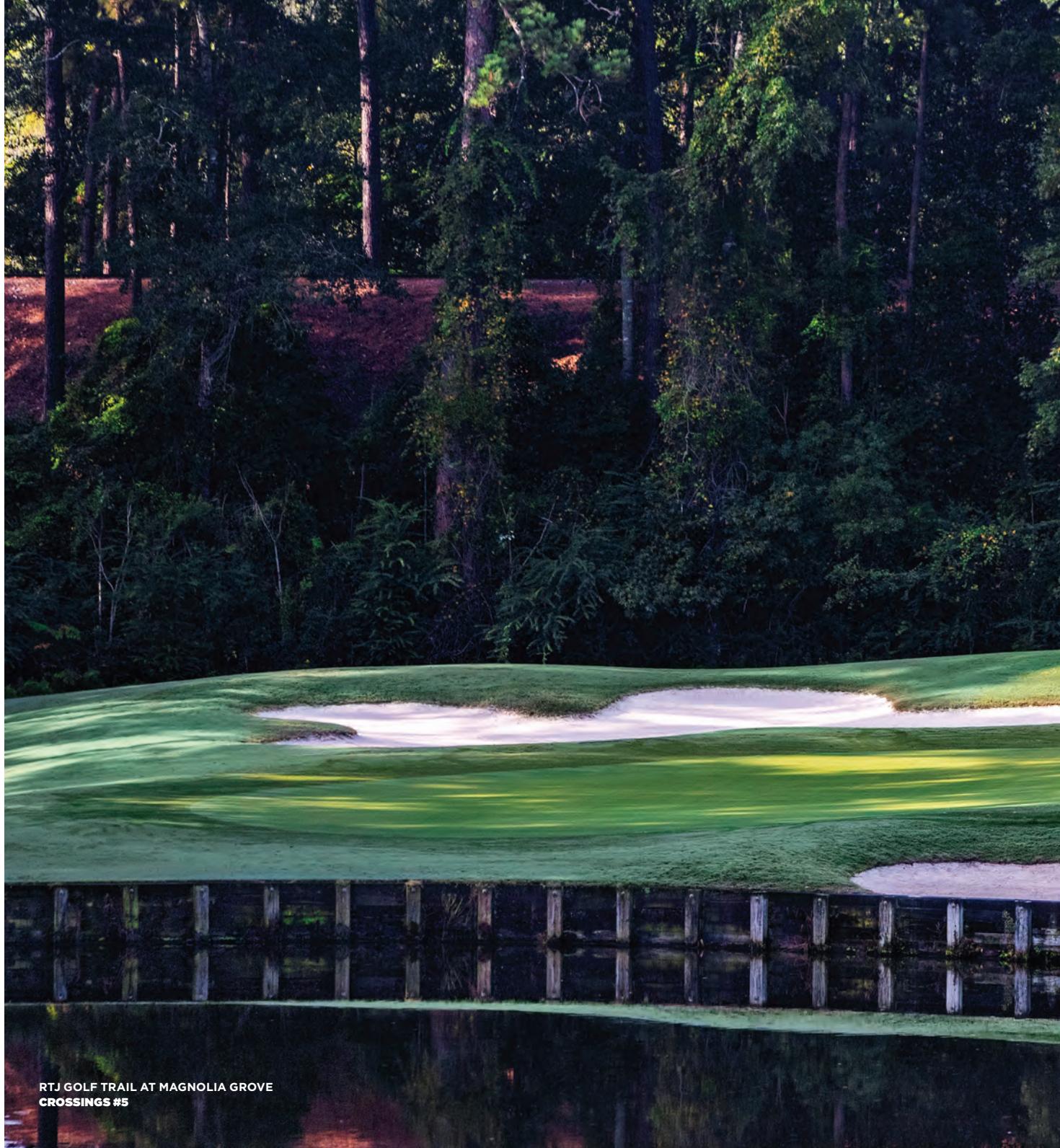
a multi-layout lallapalooza amounting to some 100 miles of golf. It was the largest golf-construction project of all time, begging to have an architect with gravitas behind it.

By then, Jones Sr. was in his 80s but still spry in spirit, with energy to match his famously robust ego. The scale of the

endeavor was right up his alley. It has his name on it, literally. Emerging from semi-retirement, the architect got busy. In 1992, he cut the ribbon on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

Stretching the top-to-bottom length of the state, from Muscle Shoals in the

northwest to Mobile in the south, the Trail began with 378 holes at eight sites but has since expanded to 450 holes at 11 locations. It has grown in recognition, too, earning a reputation as a marquee destination for affordable, accessible, championship-worthy golf. No property better embodies



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT MAGNOLIA GROVE
CROSSINGS #5

those traits than one of the original Trail stops: Magnolia Grove.

Set on wooded land adorned with marshes, creeks, and lakes, Magnolia Grove is home to 54 holes of golf: two 18-hole courses and a par-3 course that routinely ranks among the finest short-courses in

the country. Of the two championship tracks, the Crossings Course has enjoyed more TV time; its brawny parkland design has hosted events on both LPGA Tour and the Korn Ferry Tour. Its 18-hole sibling, the Falls Course, which boasts ample, undulating greens and outsize cloverleaf

bunkers, makes for a unique complement as the only par-71 course on the Trail.

Given its location by the Gulf of Mexico, Magnolia Grove benefits from balmy weather and proximity to beaches. A slate of recent renovations have added to its shine. On the Crossings Course, for



instance, new water features and crushed-oyster shell waste areas have sharpened the strategic challenge and amplified the visual appeal. The Falls Course, for its part, has had several holes modified to make them more player-friendly without compromising Jones' original design.

The result is golf that accommodates all comers: scenic, entertaining, and suited to everyone from Tour pros to recreational players, depending on the tees.

Nearby accommodations abound and can be bundled into stay-and-play packages and special events. Among those occasions

at Magnolia Grove is the 19th annual Couples Challenge, a three-day gathering that includes dining, lodging, and a 36-hole couples' tournament, held on both the Crossings and Falls Courses. This year's event is scheduled for Feb. 20-22. To learn more, visit rtjgolf.com/coupleschallenge.

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The Resort Collection on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail offers visitors luxurious accommodations among the lush natural beauty that is Alabama. These resorts overlook scenery as diverse as the majestic Tennessee River, snaking its way through the mountains of North Alabama, down south to the shores of Mobile Bay, where live oaks draped with Spanish moss line the water's edge.

Whether you're here for a conference or a getaway to play the Trail, our hotels and resorts offer guests a blend of history and hospitality that enriches your stay. In addition to world-class golf, book a day in a European-style spa, take in the sights, visit a museum, or just relax and let us show you what Southern hospitality is really all about on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. »



RENAISSANCE SHOALS RESORT & SPA

FLORENCE, AL

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Take center stage at the newly-renovated and re-branded Renaissance Shoals Resort & Spa, overlooking the Tennessee River and historic Wilson Dam. Every inch of the resort has been thoughtfully curated to showcase the area's musical heritage where chart-topping hits are recorded and fully immerse guests in the place Keith Richards called "rock 'n' roll heaven." The 198 guest rooms, including eight suites, have private

balconies and waterfront views. The resort features Alabama's only revolving restaurant and more than 30,000 square feet of versatile meeting space.

Renaissance Shoals Resort & Spa is a short distance from two Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses—Fighting Joe and The Schoolmaster. In addition to great golf, the Shoals area is internationally known for music. Each evening guests can enjoy live music in Swampers Bar & Grille and bask in the area's rich musical heritage. Artists such as The Rolling Stones, Cher, Bob Dylan, Etta James, Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, and hundreds more recorded in the Shoals. The area still has many songwriters and active recording studios. Swampers Bar

& Grille is the resort's casual dining option serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a fun bar area in the evenings. For upscale dining, the revolving 360 Grille restaurant offers remarkable cuisine and amazing views. Guests looking for relaxation and rejuvenation are in for a special treat at the resort's full service spa. Renaissance Shoals Resort & Spa is the premier resort destination in the Tennessee River Valley.

Historic Highlight: The jukebox located in the hotel's lobby is filled with hits recorded in Muscle Shoals. To kickoff happy hour each afternoon, a designated guest selects the song of the day, which plays throughout the property.



RENAISSANCE BIRMINGHAM

ROSS BRIDGE GOLF

RESORT & SPA

BIRMINGHAM, AL

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Tucked into the rolling hills of Alabama, Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa blends Southern charm with sophisticated style for an experience that's anything but ordinary. Recognized by *GOLF Magazine* as one of the Top 100 Golf Resorts in North America and a Top 25 Buddy Trip, Ross Bridge is also a *Golf Digest* editors' favorite year after year. With 257

spacious guest rooms—each with a balcony overlooking one of the longest golf courses in the world at 8,168 yards—this Four Diamond resort sets the stage for unforgettable play. Nearby Oxmoor Valley offers 36 more championship holes and The Back Yard—a laid-back 9-hole par-3 course that's all about fun, camaraderie, and a fresh take on the game.

Ross Bridge welcomes guests to newly enhanced amenities and elevated experiences. The 12,000-square-foot European spa offers indulgent relaxation, while Brock's promises fine dining in a refreshing atmosphere. JT's Lounge serves up live music, craft cocktails, and an impressive wine list, while The Clubhouse offers a variety of burgers, salads,

and sandwiches plus plenty of cold beverages to help you cool off after a great day on the course. With 15,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, Ross Bridge is also a premier destination for conferences and events that demand style, comfort, and Southern hospitality. Dive into relaxation at the new serenity pool, complete with luxurious cabanas, plush seating, and personalized service. Whether you're soaking up the sun or savoring refreshing cocktails, Ross Bridge offers relaxation in a sophisticated setting.

Historic Highlight: Listen for the bagpiper playing each evening at sunset, a nod to the Scottish heritage of the Ross family, who lived on the property in the 1800s.

AUBURN MARRIOTT OPELIKA RESORT & SPA AT GRAND NATIONAL

OPELIKA, AL

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The Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National, named an Editor's Choice Golf Resort by *Golf Digest*, is the ideal stay for golfers playing RTJ Grand National. The Links, Lake Course, and Short Course are

great tests for all golfers. The resort features 221 guest rooms, 21 luxury suites, enhanced wi-fi, an award-winning 20,000 square-foot spa, three pools with a splash pad and water slide, and three restaurants and bars with indoor and outdoor options. Activities include a nightly s'mores experience, bicycling, tennis, pickleball, lawn games, and use of the RTJ practice facility. There is a golf shuttle available to get you to the course. This nationally-recognized resort is just 10 minutes from Auburn or downtown Opelika, approximately 100 miles from

the Atlanta airport, and a short drive from Montgomery or Birmingham. In addition to 15,000 square feet of flexible meeting and conference space on 30 acres, the resort also includes a wedding venue, outdoor pavilion, and a 96-seat Amphitheatre.

Historic Highlight: Paying tribute to the Opelika area's railroad history, a guest conductor is selected each afternoon to blow the resort's train whistle to begin happy hour at the Splash Bar and Southern Oak Bar.



RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL & SPA AT THE CONVENTION CENTER

MONTGOMERY, AL

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The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center is a great cultural, culinary, and corporate hub for Alabama's capital city, featuring 345 luxurious rooms

and suites, several restaurants, bars, and a European-style spa. Located near the Alabama River, the hotel is a central part of the city's downtown revitalization, including a renovated and expanded convention center, an 1,800-seat performing arts center, and more than 140,000-square-feet of meeting space only 10 minutes from RTJ Capitol Hill. For cultural experiences, the hotel is steps away from great museums. Experience the Equal Justice Initiative sites, tour the Rosa Parks Museum, or visit Dexter Avenue, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s church,

the Hank Williams Museum, and other historic locations nearby. If you enjoy the water, visit Montgomery Whitewater—a new 120-acre urban outdoor adventure located less than 5 minutes from the hotel.

Historic Highlight: A replica of Freeny's bell rings daily at 5 p.m. on the patio of The Exchange Bar to signal happy hour. The Marquis de Lafayette, the last surviving general of the Revolutionary War, arrived in Montgomery on this spot in 1825 on his tour of the United States.



MONTGOMERY MARRIOTT PRATTVILLE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER AT CAPITOL HILL

PRATTVILLE, AL

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Minutes from downtown Montgomery along I-65, the newly-renovated Marriott Hotel and Conference Center includes 74 well-appointed guest rooms as well as two eight-

room villas ideal for golfing and social groups. The 10,000-square-foot Presidential Cottage features six executive suites, private balconies, a lush garden, and a private heliport. The hotel was the first to be built directly on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail and overlooks 54 holes of championship golf at Capitol Hill. The Oak Tavern is newly renovated with numerous TVs, firepits, and outdoor seating and offers dining with a view overlooking the 17th fairway of the Senator Course. The hotel also boasts 20,000 square feet of freshly renovated event space, including

13 diverse venues, an 8,000 square foot ballroom and pre-function area, coupled with a covered terrace for outside access. *GolfWorld* readers have named RTJ Capitol Hill the #2 site for public golf in the country and it was the host site for the Epson Tour's Guardian Championship in 2024 and 2025.

Historic Highlight: To salute the area's history, a gin shop whistle blows each afternoon at 4 p.m. signaling the start of happy hour. Prattville was once the home to the country's largest cotton gin factory.





GRAND HOTEL GOLF RESORT & SPA, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

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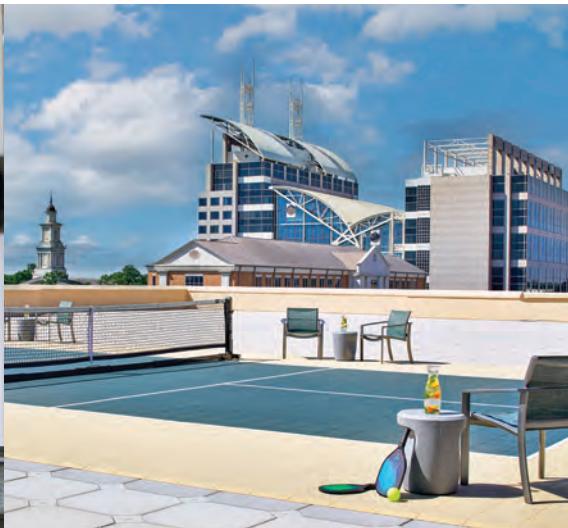
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The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, opened in 1847, is renowned for its gracious tradition of Southern hospitality. Located on historic Mobile Bay, the Grand Hotel completed a transformation in 2018 and joined the Autograph Collection Hotels, an upscale Marriott brand. Cited by *USA Today* as one

of the top hotels and waterfront resorts in the country, the Grand's transformation blends the beloved resort's traditions with modern upgrades in a Four Diamond family-friendly resort. A full schedule of activities and special weekends is particularly attractive to families, while groups appreciate the resort's 41,000 square feet of meeting space. The Grand's 550 acres feature giant live oak trees draped with Spanish moss, multiple beaches, and lush landscaping. With 405 luxurious guest rooms, one of Marriott's best spas, golf courses, and pools, the Grand Hotel is now grander than ever. In addition to world-class golf and a 20,000 square-foot

European spa, the resort offers a variety of sports and outdoor activities for guests of all ages, including nine tennis courts, eleven pickleball courts, two championship croquet lawns, horseshoes, cornhole, bikes, kayaks, sailboats, and other watercraft.

Historic Highlight: In Grand tradition our Grandeur, Grit & Glory proudly honors our ties to American freedom. The Grand Hotel's unique history is celebrated each day at 3:45 p.m. with a procession that commences by the Main Lobby and culminates with the firing of the cannon on the edge of Mobile Bay.



RENAISSANCE MOBILE RIVERVIEW PLAZA HOTEL

MOBILE, AL

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Named Marriott Hotel of the Year for 2019, the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel sits along Mobile Bay in the heart of downtown. A prime location with a covered walkway to the Mobile Convention Center makes the Renaissance Riverview a favorite

for business guests. A Four Diamond hotel, this urban retreat is a short walk from the city's Carnival Museum, the Museum of Mobile, and the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center. Passengers on the Carnival cruise ship enjoy the park and cruise packages offered by the hotel, which features 40,000-square-feet of versatile meeting, banquet, and exhibit space. The 373 plush guest rooms feature spectacular views of Mobile Bay, and parades pass in front of the hotel during Mardi Gras. Dining options include Royal Street Market and Fathoms.

featuring fresh, local favorites. Guests also enjoy a rooftop pool, complete with a splash pad and a rooftop pickleball court.

Historic Highlight: Adjacent to Mobile Bay and the Alabama State Docks, the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel reflects the nautical influences that surround it. At 5 p.m. each day a ship horn sounds to start happy hour. The nearby National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico offers insights into the area's key industries and other historic attractions.



THE BATTLE HOUSE RENAISSANCE MOBILE HOTEL & SPA

MOBILE, AL

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Originally built in 1852 and closed in the mid-1970s, The Battle House in Mobile has been restored to its original grandeur. The hotel, reopened in 2007, was named one of the "Top 500 Hotels in the World"

by *Travel + Leisure*. Consistently named Mobile's best hotel and spa, The Battle House received a Four Diamond ratings from AAA. The Trellis Room updated its menu to feature Italian and local favorites, including family-style offerings. This pet-friendly hotel has also been named one of *National Geographic Traveler's* "Top Places to Stay" in North America and was named a favorite by *Coastal Living*. The 238 gracious guest rooms, spa, and historic lobby, restaurant, and ballrooms make The Battle House the perfect urban retreat for

business and leisure guests with an affinity for the finer things in life. The hotel has 28,000 square feet of meeting space and is connected to the RSA Battle House Tower.

Historic Highlight: Mobile is home to America's original Mardi Gras. After the history tour each afternoon at 4:00 p.m., the cocktail ritual in the lobby and flag-raising along Royal Street share a bit of Mardi Gras spirit. Located directly on the parade route, The Battle House is a great Mardi Gras choice.



Live WHERE YOU play

For those ready to embrace a golf resort lifestyle, two exceptional master-planned communities along the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail stand out: National Village in Auburn-Opelika and The Colony at The Grand in Fairhope. Together, they offer an unparalleled 90 holes of world-class golf, complemented by 18 tennis courts, 15 pickleball courts, eight pools, and miles of scenic hiking and biking trails.



Newly built, upscale homes are available in these award-winning communities, where residents enjoy high-end amenities year-round in lush, resort-like settings. Overlooking golf courses and serene lakes, both National Village and The Colony at The Grand are undergoing new phases of

development, offering a variety of modern homes with timeless architectural design.

Each of these communities embodies its own distinct style and atmosphere while also providing year-round access to world-class golf and luxurious amenities. At National Village, residents enjoy the beauty and

charm of Opelika's thriving downtown, just minutes away from the energy of Auburn University's SEC sports and vibrant campus culture. Meanwhile, The Colony at The Grand in Fairhope exudes a relaxed coastal vibe, with its natural surroundings enhancing the community's tranquil atmosphere. »



SMALL-TOWN CHARM MEETS AUBURN TRADITION IN A LUXURY RESORT SETTING

Nestled alongside RTJ Grand National, **National Village** is a 1,500-acre golf resort community featuring 54 holes of exceptional golf, including the scenic Lake Course bordering Lake Saugahatchee. Adjacent to the award-winning Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National, National Village is beloved by professional and amateur golfers alike.

With six distinct neighborhoods, more than 350 homes have already been sold in this 700-acre community. New developments include Eagle Place, Stone Lake, The Yards, Quail Hollow, and The Links, all offering beautifully crafted homes with proximity to the resort's amenities, private fishing lakes, and over 10 miles of walking and biking trails.

The Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National has been recognized multiple times by *Golf Digest* as one of the top golf resorts in the country, and its luxurious amenities—including a three-story spa, outdoor pool complex, and fitness center—are a hit with National Village residents. And with Auburn University, the Gogue Performing Arts Center, and Opelika's charming historic district just a short drive away, residents can also enjoy a rich calendar of athletic and cultural events.

For more information, contact Gail Smith and Amy Sparks at 334.749.8165 or visit nationalvillage.com.



EAGLE PLACE: The newest phase of Eagle Place offers beautifully designed and award-winning homes. *Priced from the \$513k–\$735k.*

STONE LAKE II: This custom-home neighborhood features distinctive Craftsman-style designs, ranging from 2,486 to over 3,000 square feet, with *base prices starting in the \$800s.*

THE YARDS: Designed by Larry Garnett, The Yards is a gated pocket neighborhood of 21 two-bedroom cottages surrounding a shared green space. Residents enjoy easy access to resort amenities, with *homes starting in the low \$400s.*

QUAIL HOLLOW: Just opening, these spacious homesites offer serene, wooded backdrops and direct access to the scenic National Village trail, providing the perfect blend of nature and luxury.

THE LINKS: The Links is a boutique collection of seven home sites overlooking Hole 15 of the Links Course. Beautiful craftsman-style homes nestled within a gated enclave with porches overlooking the golf course, and some overlooking the lake, make everyday life a luxury resort vacation.
ONLY TWO LOTS REMAIN.









DISCOVER GRAND TRADITIONS AMONG ANCIENT OAKS

The Colony at The Grand, near Mobile Bay, is home to some of the most stunning new homes in the area, set against the backdrop of small lakes and golf. The community offers homes designed for a range of lifestyles, many of which are *Southern Living* favorites. It's no wonder The Colony has been awarded Gold by the National Association of Home Builders over the years.

Residents can refine their golf skills at The Experience at The Lakewood Club, with access to two RTJ courses. Beyond golf, families enjoy resort-style pools,

the community. It's steeped in Southern hospitality, with daily military salutes, cannon firings, and traditional afternoon tea in its elegant lobby. Culinary enthusiasts can indulge in a variety of superb dining experiences year-round.

Outside the gates, Fairhope's quality of life is legendary. The town's charming downtown offers a delightful array of boutiques, galleries, and restaurants, while the Alabama Coastal Birding Trail and sailing on Mobile Bay beckon for outdoor exploration. Fairhope has earned a spot in *The Wall Street Journal* as one of the

AZALEA: Overlooking the 10th hole of The Lakewood Club's Azalea Course and a serene new lake, the Azalea neighborhood offers craftsman-style coastal homes focused on luxury and relaxation.

BATTLES TRACE: Now in its eighth phase, Battles Trace offers upscale new home designs with convenient access to The Lakewood Club's amenities. Home sites and move in ready homes are available. *Prices start in the \$700s.*

Battles Trace Phase Nine is under construction and will be offering additional new plans.



clay tennis courts, and a state-of-the-art fitness center with extended hours—all conveniently accessible from your home. New amenities this year include pickleball courts and a grass croquet court in the Battles Trace neighborhood.

The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection, established in 1847 and affectionately known as the "Queen of Southern Resorts," is a cornerstone of

top 10 places to retire in the U.S., and it's easy to see why. Located just a short drive from cities like New Orleans, Birmingham, and Atlanta, The Colony at The Grand is perfectly positioned for both relaxation and adventure.

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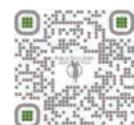
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MILEAGE BETWEEN TRAIL SITES

CAMBRIAN RIDGE	CAPITOL HILL	GRAND NATIONAL	HAMPTON COVE	HIGHLAND OAKS	LAKWOOD CLUB	MAGNOLIA GROVE	OXMOOR VALLEY	ROSS BRIDGE	SILVER LAKES	SHOALS	
CAMBRIAN RIDGE	—	56	114	245	99	139	131	137	136	206	248
CAPITOL HILL	56	—	77	192	116	186	178	86	84	155	197
GRAND NATIONAL	114	77	—	192	127	243	236	117	119	116	225
HAMPTON COVE	245	192	192	—	302	375	367	120	120	77	76
HIGHLAND OAKS	99	116	127	302	—	198	211	197	195	221	307
LAKWOOD CLUB	139	186	243	375	198	—	42	266	265	336	337
MAGNOLIA GROVE	131	178	236	367	211	42	—	259	257	328	369
OXMOOR VALLEY	137	86	117	120	197	266	259	—	2	87	124
ROSS BRIDGE	136	84	119	120	195	265	257	2	—	87	124
SILVER LAKES	206	155	116	77	221	336	328	87	87	—	131
SHOALS	248	197	225	76	307	377	369	124	124	131	—



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3 COURSES | 27 HOLES

CAMBRIAN RIDGE

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL
AT CAMBRIAN RIDGE

101 SUNBELT PARKWAY
GREENVILLE, AL | 36037
334.382.9787

Known by avid golfers as one of the most beautiful and challenging stops on the Trail, Cambrian Ridge in Greenville lies just 40 miles from Montgomery. It is well worth the ride for any golfer looking for 27 holes of jaw-dropping golf.

Since being named by *Golf Digest* as the third best new public course in America in 1994, Cambrian Ridge has not rested on its laurels. 2016 saw the culmination of a three-year total renovation of the original 27 championship holes set upon the most



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT CAMBRIAN RIDGE
SHERLING #8

spectacular setting for golf in the entire state of Alabama.

The **Loblolly** and **Sherling** nines were completed in 2013 and 2014. The **Canyon** nine redesign and reconstruction were completed in 2016. The greens have

been redesigned to accommodate the higher greens speeds associated with our installation of the latest generation of UltraDwarf Bermuda grass. Additionally, many of the holes have been redesigned to open up views of Sherling Lake and deliver

a challenging test of golf while providing players of all skill levels a variety of ways to play each hole and enjoy the experience.

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CAPITOL HILL

3 COURSES | 54 HOLES

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT CAPITOL HILL

2600 CONSTITUTION AVENUE
PRATTVILLE, AL | 36066
334.285.1114

Named the #2 public golf facility in the country by *Golf World* readers, Capitol Hill continues to get praise from golfers and golf writers alike. *GOLF Magazine* called the Judge Course one of the 10 public courses in America worthy of hosting the U.S. Open while the Senator was named among the Top 10 New Courses in the nation by *GOLF Magazine* and continues

to host the LPGA's Epson Tour Guardian Championship each year.

Located in Prattville, just 8 miles north of Alabama's state capitol, Capitol Hill features three 18-hole championship courses with more than 1,500 acres of golf and nature. The magnitude of this facility allows each course to be drastically different from the others. Capitol Hill also



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT CAPITOL HILL
LEGISLATOR #2

features an innovative 360-degree driving range 400 yards in diameter.

The **Senator**, a Scottish-Links style course, holds more than 140 pot-hole bunkers and mounds 20 to 40 feet in height, hiding the cart path or any other hole from view. New TifEagle UltraDwarf greens were installed on the Senator Course in 2020.

With brand new TifEagle UltraDwarf Bermuda greens, nine new forward tees, and upgraded bunkers, golfers will find that the refreshed **Legislator** offers improved playability while maintaining its original character and beauty. Enjoy the view riding down the “Sky Bridge,” laid out in a native cypress swamp, leading back up a bluff to finish the course at the clubhouse.

The **Judge** offers stunning vistas along the backwaters of the Alabama River. The first tee sits 200 feet above the fairway overlooking the river and the Montgomery skyline. With 14 holes adjoining the water and a bulkheaded island green, the Judge is simply magnificent.

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3 COURSES | 54 HOLES

GRAND NATIONAL

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT GRAND NATIONAL

3000 ROBERT TRENT JONES TRAIL
OPELIKA, AL | 36801

334.749.9042

Voted the #1 public golf facility in America by the readers of *Golf World*, Robert Trent Jones Sr. is on record saying that Grand National was the single greatest natural site for golf he had ever seen. Grand National is built on 600-acre Lake Saugahatchee with 32 of the 54 holes draped along its filigreed shores. National Village, a golfing community on the Trail, is adjacent to these courses.

With countless awards and recognition from every major golf publication, Grand National stands out as perhaps the only property in the country to host the following events and tours: NCAA D1 Men's and Women's National Championships; LPGA Tour; Epson Tour (LPGA); Korn Ferry Tour (PGA TOUR); PGA TOUR.



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT GRAND NATIONAL
LINKS #17

The cornerstone of the complex is the newly renovated **Links Course**, which is without a single weakness. Featuring new tees, bunkers, and the very best TifEagle UltraDwarf greens, the Links Course is a definite must-play along the Trail. The par-4 18th is without a doubt the strongest finishing hole on the Trail. The drive must carry a corner of the lake, while the

approach is played to a shallow pedestal green shored up by massive boulders.

With 12 holes hugging the shore, Grand National's **Lake Course** is every bit as scenic as the Links. Not only is the quartet of par threes on the Lake Course as good as any in the nation, the 230-yard, island green 15th may be the single prettiest hole on the Trail.

The **Short Course** is a thing of beauty, with more than half the holes touching the lake. Renovated in 2022 to include TifEagle UltraDwarf greens, this 18-hole course of par 3's might be the finest anywhere in the country.

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HAMPTON COVE

3 COURSES | 54 HOLES

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL
AT HAMPTON COVE

450 OLD HWY 431 SOUTH
OWENS CROSS ROADS, AL | 35763
256.551.1818

Hampton Cove, the Northern gateway to the Trail, is a 54-hole facility in Huntsville with terrain that drastically changes from one side of the property to the other.

The **Highlands Course** is one of the most picturesque and playable courses

on the Trail. Long waving grasses frame dramatically rolling terrain and beautiful bent grass greens. The old mule barn beside the fifth hole is one of the most recognizable landmarks on the Trail, while the finishing holes are among the most scenic.



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT HAMPTON COVE
RIVER #12

Completely different from the Highlands is the **River Course**, the only Robert Trent Jones layout in the world designed without a single bunker. The course is laid out on former soybean fields in the flood plain of the Flint River and is a throwback to the

way courses were built long ago, where dirt was merely pushed up to create the greens and tees, leaving all else, including massive oak trees, as is. With water in play on 16 of the 18 holes, the River Course will challenge your shot-making ability.

The **Short Course** is open and links-like, with water in play on 11 holes. It is a great venue for golfers of all skill levels.

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4 COURSES | 36 HOLES

HIGHLAND OAKS

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT HIGHLAND OAKS

904 ROYAL PARKWAY
DOTHAN, AL | 36305
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Highland Oaks, located in the southeast corner of Alabama, offers three 9-hole championship courses as well as a 9-hole Short Course. This 36-hole complex features some of the longest and most classically designed holes on the Trail. Each nine has a different personality.

Highlands, the core nine, is relatively open with several lakes in play. The peninsula green at the par-3 6th has an elusive, beckoning quality.

Marshwood has been made famous (or notorious) by its behemoth par-5 6th, which stretches to 701 yards from the tips.



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT HIGHLAND OAKS
HIGHLANDS #6

The 422-yard, par-4 9th is arguably the best hole at the site and has a tilted green elevated above a swath of wetlands.

The **Magnolia** nine is well-named: specimen magnolia trees dot the higher ground, reached via a 1,000-foot long wooden bridge spanning a marsh filled

with lichen-dappled trees. The feature hole is the 416-yard 5th, where a split-level fairway offers an option off the tee.

The recently renovated **Short Course**, a 9-hole par-3 designed to accommodate players of all levels, received TifEagle UltraDwarf greens in 2024.

The championship nines were given TifEagle UltraDwarf greens in 2020, along with a redesign of the practice area with new short game and putting greens.

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THE LAKEWOOD CLUB

2 COURSES | 36 HOLES

THE LAKEWOOD CLUB

ONE GRAND BOULEVARD
POINT CLEAR, AL | 36564
251.990.6312

The Lakewood Club's Dogwood and Azalea Courses at the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa reflect the historic nature of the hotel property itself. The original 18 holes were built in 1947 by legendary golf course architect Perry Maxwell. Later expanded to 36 holes, The Lakewood Club

at the Grand Hotel enjoys breezes from the adjacent Mobile Bay while showcasing fairways winding through stands of towering Southern Pine and 200-year-old Live Oaks.

The varying degree of difficulty promises a memorable golf experience for both the novice and the experienced golfer alike.



With five sets of tees per hole, you can enjoy the beauty and challenge of Lakewood, regardless of your skill level.

The **Dogwood Course**, which recently hosted the 59th U.S. Women's Senior Amateur Championship, was completely renovated in 2018, while the **Azalea**

Course was renovated in November 2019. The designs feature gorgeous TifEagle UltraDwarf greens that lend themselves to superb year-round conditions. The Lakewood Club has been named several times to *GOLF Magazine's* "Best Golf Resorts in America."

The Experience is a 15-acre, state-of-the-art practice facility offering a beautiful and innovative social setting to work on all aspects of your game.

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MAGNOLIA GROVE

3 COURSES 54 HOLES

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT MAGNOLIA GROVE

7001 MAGNOLIA GROVE PARKWAY
MOBILE, AL | 36618
251.645.0075

Magnolia Grove features two renovated golf courses. Each championship course received extensive upgrades in recent years. Golfers will find more “player friendly” qualities without compromising the integrity of Robert Trent Jones’ original design. Magnolia Grove, the most southern location on Alabama’s Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, was recently named

one of the “Top 50 Public Courses” by *Golf World Magazine* readers. Both the Crossings and Falls courses are also listed in *Golf Digest*’s “Places to Play” as two of the nation’s Great Value courses and as “America’s Top 50 Affordable Courses.”

The topography at Magnolia Grove features creeks, marshland, and lakes with each of the 54 holes carved through



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT MAGNOLIA GROVE
FALLS #11

indigenous hardwood and pine. The **Crossings Course**, which has hosted both the LPGA Tour and the Korn Ferry Tour Championship, provides an open parkland-type ambiance. Several water features and crushed oyster shell waste areas were added to provide an exciting new look. All 18 feature the acclaimed Mini Verde UltraDwarf greens.

The renovated **Falls Course** reopened in October 2010 as the only par-71 golf course on the Trail. The Falls is characterized by large, liberally contoured Mini Verde greens and massive cloverleaf bunkers. Several holes were entirely redesigned, giving the course a brand-new look.

Golf Digest has named the **Short Course** at Magnolia Grove as the

best par-3 course in America. Recently renovated, it features all-new putting surfaces with Champion UltraDwarf Bermuda grass. This course is as good as any collection of one-shotters on a championship course.

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3 COURSES | 45 HOLES

OXMOOR VALLEY

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT OXMOOR VALLEY

100 SUNBELT PARKWAY
BIRMINGHAM, AL | 35211
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Centrally located in the state and just minutes from the newly revitalized downtown Birmingham area, this 45-hole facility was built on former mining land owned by U.S. Steel. Sculpted from the peaks and valleys of the Appalachians, the courses offer scenic forests, numerous creeks, and challenging elevation changes.

The **Ridge Course** offers numerous elevation changes, heavy tree cover, and is incredibly photogenic. As a tribute to the area's mining past, the green at the par-5 3rd hole is buttressed by a shelf of exposed shale rock.

Completely renovated in 2021, the **Valley Course** features new tees, bunkers, and



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT OXMOOR VALLEY
VALLEY #1

beautiful TifEagle greens. For those who have played the Valley in the past, there are also a few new surprises out there with complete redesigns on a few holes, including the previously notorious 18th hole.

The Back Yard, opened in 2022, is a collection of fun, interesting holes that feature accessible but challenging hole

locations. This 9-hole par-3 course is where you gather for fun, friendship, and cocktails. Enjoy a drink while sitting around the fire pit in rocking chairs overlooking the 1st tee and the 2nd and 9th greens.

Meant to be played in about an hour by a foursome, The Back Yard is designed with no water hazards and just a handful of

bunkers so that even the most novice golfer will enjoy their experience. At the same time, the scratch player will be challenged by interesting and sometimes confounding green designs.

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ROSS BRIDGE

1 COURSE | 18 HOLES

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT ROSS BRIDGE

4000 GRAND AVENUE
HOOVER, AL | 35226
205.949.3085

Beautifully carved into the rolling terrain of Shannon Valley, the scope of this property will amaze even the most-traveled golfer. Ross Bridge was named one of the top golf resorts in North America by *GOLF Magazine* in 2019 and has been a favorite of *Golf Digest* editors for the past five years.

The course meanders through indigenous landscape and around the

259-room Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa. **Ross Bridge** is the fifth-longest course in the world but offers multiple tees for golfers of all levels. Symbolic of an old parkland-style course, ten holes play along the banks of two significant lakes connected by a spectacular waterfall dropping 80 feet between the 9th and 18th greens. A gristmill added to the waterfall



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT ROSS BRIDGE
ROSS BRIDGE #18

reflects the history of this old mining site. The beauty and challenge of each hole leads many to believe there is not one signature hole but possibly eighteen.

Recently renovated in 2023, the course features new TifEagle UltraDwarf Bermuda grass greens, newly constructed bunkers, and several architectural changes that improve overall playability and accessibility.

The par-3 14th hole features a new ribbon bunker atop the greenside retaining wall and will challenge the scenic 18th hole for signature hole recognition.

From multiple high points on the course, you can see the picturesque view of the 9th and 18th holes with a waterfall tumbling between. The 7th hole offers a par five that traverses a ridge high above the rest of

the course. The 9th will leave you speechless as it is time to decide how daring you are off the tee. A split fairway allows for either a short challenging route along the water's edge or opt for safer play leaving a longer, more difficult approach to the green.

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4 COURSES | 36 HOLES

SILVER LAKES

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL
AT SILVER LAKES

1 SUNBELT PARKWAY

GLENCOE, AL | 35905

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Relax in the beauty of Northeast Alabama's stunning landscape. Surrounded by the Appalachian foothills and Lee's Lake, Silver Lakes features the most unique and aptly named courses on the Trail, and all 36

greens boast beautiful and lightning-quick Champion Ultradwarf putting surfaces. The Heartbreaker, Backbreaker, Mindbreaker, and Short Course provide a challenging and scenic variety of holes to play.



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT SILVER LAKES
HEARTBREAKER #9

The **Backbreaker** features wide fairways, demanding greens, and spectacular views of the surrounding foothills, while the **Heartbreaker** provides a unique mix of great golf holes with the final three

holes showcasing elevation changes and dramatic lake vistas. The **Mindbreaker** is an unforgettable blend of shorter, elusive holes set in a beautiful sanctuary of woods, water, and wetlands. The **Short Course**

provides stunning views along a relaxing trip around Lee's Lake.

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THE SHOALS

2 COURSES | 36 HOLES

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT THE SHOALS

990 SUNBELT PARKWAY
MUSCLE SHOALS, AL | 35661
256.446.5111

The **Fighting Joe Course** at The Shoals opened August 2004 and was the first Trail course to break 8,000 yards, measuring some 8,092 yards from the black tees. Bordered by dunes-like mounds and tall grasses, Fighting Joe, with wide fairways and beautifully maintained bent grass greens,

can play long if you play the wrong set of tees, but this course is simply good, straightforward golf. You can see where you're going. The question is...can you get there?

Some say the spectacular 17th hole is the signature hole on the course, but the 18th green overlooking Wilson Lake on



RTJ GOLF TRAIL AT THE SHOALS
FIGHTING JOE #5

the Tennessee River will distract you with its beauty, if not its treachery. Long-hitters here will experience a test of champions, but from the correct tee box, all players will enjoy world-class golf.

The **Schoolmaster Course** may be a tougher course than Fighting Joe, but

only time will tell. One thing's for sure, it's a shot-maker's golf course with narrower fairways, demanding approaches to well-protected bent grass greens, and still a length of nearly 8,000 yards! It's hard to beat the beauty that the 18th hole holds on the high bluffs over the river, but the

waterfall guarding the 2nd green sure comes close. Make sure you've done your homework well, for the Schoolmaster will certainly test all of your skills.

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