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# PRIVATE COURSES

## **Bay Oaks Country Club**

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[invitedclubs.com/clubs/bay-oaks-country-club](http://invitedclubs.com/clubs/bay-oaks-country-club)  
14545 Bay Oaks Blvd, Houston

Bay Oaks CC features a challenging Arthur Hills design that lays out along Horsepen Bayou, offering a good combination of traditional and links-style holes. Man-made lakes and the bayou bring water into play on 14 of 18 holes.

## **BraeBurn Country Club**

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[braeburncc.com](http://braeburncc.com)  
8101 Bissonnet St, Houston

The fourth oldest and one of the most elite clubs in Houston, BraeBurn Country Club dates back to the 1920s. BraeBurn has long been known as a shot-maker's course because of the predominance of trees.

## **Cypress Creek at Champions Golf Club**

Holes: 18 | Par: 71

[championsgolfclub.com](http://championsgolfclub.com)  
13722 Champions Dr, Houston

Founded by golf legends Jimmy Demaret and Jack Burke in 1957, Champions is the site of the 1967 Ryder Cup, as well as the 1969 US Open and the 1993 US Amateur. The club offers two impeccable 18-hole courses that feature narrow, tree-lined fairways and large, quick greens.

## **Hearthstone Country Club**

Holes: 27

[invitedclubs.com/clubs/hearthstone-country-club/golf](http://invitedclubs.com/clubs/hearthstone-country-club/golf)  
7615 Ameswood Dr, Houston, Texas 77095

Hearthstone Country Club is a premier golf course that has 27 holes of championship golf consisting of 3 courses: The Wolf Corner, The Horsepen, and The Jackrabbit.

## **Houston Country Club**

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[houstoncc.com](http://houstoncc.com)  
1 Potomac Dr, Houston, Texas 77057

The course design features many trees, open fairways, prominent bunkering, and elevated greens. Water is surprisingly not that prevalent. The opening holes are among the best, with two long and challenging par 4s. Two par 3s stand out in the middle of the round - Nos. 9 and 14 both play over 220 yards.

## **Jack Rabbit at Champions Golf Club**

Holes: 18 | Par: 71

[championsgolfclub.com](http://championsgolfclub.com)  
13722 Champions Dr, Houston, Texas 77069

At The Jackrabbit Course at Champions GC, you'll notice the par 3s, all of which play longer than 190 yards. You'll also notice the par 5s, all of which play greater than 540 yards. No. 9 is the longest at 602 yards.



## Lakeside Country Club

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[lakesidecc.com/club](http://lakesidecc.com/club)

100 Wilcrest Dr, Houston, Texas 77042

In 1951, Lakeside was born when a group of prominent Houston businessmen bought this area west of town known as Pine Lakes Farms. Ralph Plummer came in and designed the layout, which was modernized by Ron Pritchard in 1990. Pritchard added new grass and some mounding to the flat layout but kept Plummer's traditional design.

## Lochinvar Golf Club

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[lochinvargolf.com](http://lochinvargolf.com)

2000 Farrell Rd, Houston, Texas 77073

Lochinvar is an exclusive, all-male golf club patterned after Dallas' Preston Trail. It features a few links-style features with grass bunkers and numerous undulations. The fairways are mostly generous, and the greens are sloped and fast.

## Northgate Country Club

[northgatecountryclub.com](http://northgatecountryclub.com)

17110 Northgate Forest Dr, Houston, Texas 77068

This distinguished private club boasts three uniquely challenging courses, each featuring strategic layouts, mature trees, and stunning water features. Golf enthusiasts enjoy meticulously maintained fairways and greens, comprehensive practice facilities, and professional instruction.

### Bridges Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 71

The Bridges Course is the most recent addition, featuring wider fairways than the other nines and offering some interesting risk-reward decisions. The 427-yard No. 3 stands out because of its three-tiered fairways.

### Bunkers Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 71

The Bunkers Course is named appropriately, featuring loads of sand in the design. They say No. 1 is the toughest opener in Texas, playing 417 yards with two extremely dangerous shots. The tee shot must be perfectly placed and the approach must carry 200 yards over water.

### Creek Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 71

The Creek Course is narrow and loaded with water. The best hole is No. 8, a 200-yard-plus par 3 from an elevated tee box. A creek looms right, and the green features a ridge in the middle and bunkers on either side.

## Pine Forest Country Club

Holes: 27

[pfcc.com](http://pfcc.com)

18003 Clay Rd, Houston, Texas 77084

Pine Forest was originally a John Bredemus-designed course, but when the club moved west in 1974 to avoid Houston's sprawl, they hired Jay Riviere to come in and build three 9-hole tracks. Riviere implemented a chain of lakes that bring water into play on all but 6 or 7 holes. The most challenging combination is the White/Green route. On the Gold Nine, the 3rd hole stands out because it plays well over 400 yards and features water in play on both the tee shot and approach.

## River Oaks Country Club

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[riveroakssc.net](http://riveroakssc.net)

1600 River Oaks Blvd, Houston, Texas 77019

Designed by the legendary Donald Ross, River Oaks is a timeless, traditional layout that is one of the most exclusive in the country. The layout features some of the area's best short holes—distance isn't an issue, but accuracy is imperative. In addition to the oaks and pines, the skinny fairways are lined with azaleas, magnolias, and dogwoods.





### **Sterling Country Club**

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[sccathn.com/golf](http://sccathn.com/golf)

16500 Houston National Blvd, Houston

Sterling Country Club at Houston National includes a double-sided driving range and practice facility. Sterling members enjoy unlimited golf on our private course, as well as access to our daily-fee course, Houston National. Sterling is perfect for fun or business outings with clients.

### **Westwood Golf Club**

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[www.golfclub.com](http://www.golfclub.com)

8888 Country Creek Dr, Houston

Westwood Golf Club, founded in 1928 as Westwood Country Club, has the distinction of being the second oldest private golf club in Houston on its original site. Originally designed in 1928 by John Bredemus, in 2002 the members chose to reestablish Westwood as a premier private club with an emphasis on golf.

### **Golf Club of Houston - Member Course**

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[golfclubofhouston.com/golf/member-course](http://golfclubofhouston.com/golf/member-course)

5860 Wilson Rd, Humble

Two entirely different designs present two distinct sets of challenges. The Member Course at Golf Club of Houston offers a constantly evolving and unpredictable golf experience, true to the spirit of the game. With exceptional course conditions, stunning views, and a challenging layout, the course is a true test for golfers of all skill levels. Measuring 7,508 yards at par 72, the course features native wetland flora and fauna, strategic bunkering, and well-manicured fairways and greens.

### **Sugar Creek Country Club**

Holes: 27 (Three 9-Hole Courses)

[thesugarcreek.com](http://thesugarcreek.com)

420 Sugar Creek Blvd, Sugar Land

Sugar Creek Country Club's 27-hole golf course features a traditional layout and is one of the best in the Houston area. Established in 1972, this course puts a premium on shot placement off the tees. There are opportunities for long hitters to cut off yardage, but not without the risk of posting a big number. Sugar Creek Country Club is a true shot makers course with a good mix of bunkered greens and water hazards that will keep every golfer on their toes.

### **The Golf Club at Longwood**

Semi-Private | Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[longwoodgc.com](http://longwoodgc.com)

13300 Longwood Trace Dr, Cypress

Golf Club at Longwood is a unique adventure. We have meticulously carved our golf course out of lush forests that tower over the trimmed fairway. Our aim is to make the game as exciting as possible. Step into your golfing shoes on our ideal golf course, where each hole is a mystery you have to unravel.

### **Riverbend Country Club**

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[riverbendcountryclub.org](http://riverbendcountryclub.org)

1214 Dulles Ave, Sugar Land

Press Maxwell came along in 1957 with the goal of building one of Houston's most prestigious courses on the southwest edge of the city limits. The terrain he was given to work with was ideal void of housing developments, it sat in the middle of a cattle farm on the north shore of Oyster Creek. Maxwell carved the course out of a pecan orchard and created a course to stand the test of time.











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## Clear Creek Golf Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[clearcreekgolfclub.com](http://clearcreekgolfclub.com)

3902 Fellows Rd, Houston

Clear Creek Golf Course is a flat, wide-open links-style track loaded with water and bunkers. The back nine is the more challenging, spiced up by some interesting par 3s and two outstanding par 5s.

## East River 9

Holes: 9 | Par: 27

[eastriver9.com](http://eastriver9.com)

65 Hirsch Rd., Houston

Houston's executive Par-3 golf course features a driving range and pickleball facility, all equipped with LED lights for evening play.

## Gus Wortham Park Golf Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 71

[hga.org/gus-wortham](http://hga.org/gus-wortham)

7000 Capitol St, Houston

Texas' oldest existing 18-hole track was originally built in 1908 to serve members of Houston Country Club. When the club found a new location in the 1950s, Gus Wortham bought the facility and opened it to the public with \$60 annual dues. The city of Houston took over in 1973, and it's been one of the busiest courses in the state ever since.

## Hermann Park Golf Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 70

[hermannparkgc.com](http://hermannparkgc.com)

2155 N McGregor St, Houston

Another of Houston's old-school golf courses, Hermann, was built by John Bredemus and became the playground of Tommy Bolt, Jack Burke, Jr., and Jimmy Demaret, among others. After shutting down in 1997 for extensive renovations, the facility has become one of the finest municipals in the Harris County area. Today, you'll encounter prominent fairway mounding and huge, multi-tiered greens.

## Houston National Golf Club

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[houstonnationalgolf.com](http://houstonnationalgolf.com)

16500 Houston National Blvd, Houston

Houston National Golf Club, located in the northwestern part of the city, definitely follows the old adage that "everything is bigger in Texas." This whopping course stretches to 7,337 yards from the back tees. It is a lengthy golf course, no doubt, but it doesn't just favor those who can hit long. The layout has a unique link design, so long hitters will be pleased, but they will have to be careful of the numerous pot bunkers and other strategically placed hazards waiting treacherously throughout.



## Jersey Meadow Golf Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 70

[jerseymeadow.com](http://jerseymeadow.com)

8502 Rio Grande St, Houston

Once home to one of the world's largest herds of Jersey dairy cattle, the site is now the Jersey Meadow Golf Course. The layout is routed through groves of mature oaks, providing a secluded feel to most of the holes. The golf course has a classic design that is still a fair test, even by modern standards.

## Melrose Golf Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 54

[houston.tx.gov/parks/golf-melrose.html](http://houston.tx.gov/parks/golf-melrose.html)

401 E Canino Rd, Houston

Melrose is one of eight municipal tracks inside the Houston city limits, Melrose is a lighted par 3 course that is ideal for cold beers and late-night practice rounds.

## Memorial Park Golf Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[memorialparkgolf.com/memorial-park-golf-course](http://memorialparkgolf.com/memorial-park-golf-course)

1001 Memorial Loop Dr E, Houston

Memorial Park Golf Course is known as one of the best municipal courses in the nation and is visited by more than 60,000 patrons each year. The Original John Bredemus routing from 1936 has been tweaked to make better of the flat site, with lots of understory and trees removed to expose the ravines and make it spectator friendly for the PGA Tour's annual Houston Open.

## Pasadena Municipal Golf Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[pasadenatx.gov/206/Golf-Course](http://pasadenatx.gov/206/Golf-Course)

1000 Duffer Ln, Houston

On the grounds of the old Ellington Air Force Base that shut down in the 1970s lies the 18-hole Pasadena Muni, upgraded by Jay Riviere in 1981 with an additional nine. Water and out-of-bounds comes into play on every hole of this links-style track.

## River Terrace Golf Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[facebook.com/riverterracegolf](https://facebook.com/riverterracegolf)

16777 Wallisville Rd, Houston

Formerly known as Channelview Golf Course, which was built by Howard Hughes in the late 1940s, Channelview found a new location and built a brand-new course. Known for its immaculate, champion Bermuda greens that lean toward the fast side, the design features seven water holes and is mostly flat.

## Royal Oaks Country Club

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[royaloaksgolf.com](http://royaloaksgolf.com)

2910 Royal Oaks Club Dr, Houston

The Royal Oaks CC serves up an unparalleled Fred Couples signature course highlighted by the superb features of the country's finest golf clubs: tall Texas pines, scenic waterfalls, undulating, multi-level greens, and even a few island holes. A whopping six sets of tees allow just about anyone to enjoy the game at this exclusive club.

## Sharpstown Park Golf Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 70

[memorialparkgolf.com/sharpstown-park-golf-course](http://memorialparkgolf.com/sharpstown-park-golf-course)

6600 Harbor Town Dr, Houston

With its generous fairways, the course is primarily known as a hacker-friendly track. Wayward tee shots are recoverable because of the relatively sparse tree-lined fairways. The final stretch of golf is the best, with a few short par 4s and 3s as well as a birdie-able par 5.

## Wildcat Golf Club

[wildcatgolfclub.com](http://wildcatgolfclub.com)

12000 Almeda, Houston

## Highlands Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

The Highlands Course is probably the more stimulating of the two tracks at Wildcat GC, offering better views of the city, natural wetlands and grasses, and some intriguing flat sand bunkers. Case must have an affinity for the No. 7, because like the Lakes track, the 421-yard, par 4 hole 7 is the most difficult rated hole. Watch out for the par 5s on this one, three of which play at or above 570 yards from the tips.

## Lakes Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

As its name implies, the Lakes Course, which tips out at a par 72 7,016 yards, is loaded with water. The best hole is the 539-yard No. 7, which is listed as the number one handicap. Interestingly, the four easiest holes are the par 3s, which range from 165 to 218 yards.

## Golf Club of Houston - Tournament Course

Holes: 18 | Par: 72

[golfclubofhouston.com/golf/tournament-course](http://golfclubofhouston.com/golf/tournament-course)

5860 Wilson Rd, Humble

The Tournament Course at Golf Club of Houston offers a world-class golf experience. Host of the Houston Open, this Rees Jones and David Toms-designed course features well-manicured fairways, expertly crafted greens and strategic bunkers, making it challenging yet enjoyable to play.





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