



Golfweek ranks the best private golf courses in every state

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Want to play the best private golf courses in each state, or just curious about what's beyond those gates and hedges? Welcome to Golfweek's Best 2026 state-by-state list of the top private courses, as judged by our hundreds of raters.

The members of the ratings panel continually evaluate courses and rate them based [on 10 criteria on a points basis of 1 through 10](#). They also file a single, overall rating on each course. Those overall ratings are averaged to produce these rankings.

All the courses on this 2026 list are private and don't accept daily-fee or resort play. We also publish a list of [each state's top public-access layouts](#). There are only 49 states included on this list because Alaska doesn't have any rated private clubs to include among the rankings.

KEY: (m) modern, built in 1960 or after; (c) classic, built before 1960.

* Indicates new or returning to the rankings

Idaho's best private courses

5. Whitetail

McCall (m)