

# Golf Digest


## The best golf courses in Virginia

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The rolling terrain of Virginia has blessed the state with some tremendous golf—including five layouts currently ranked in the top 200 of Golf Digest’s national lists. The state’s public courses are a standout—with three tracks ranked in our upcoming 100 Greatest Public rankings and nine public options within the state’s 25 best courses—one of the highest ratio of public versus private out of any state.

For those planning a buddies trip, Virginia presents a variety of great golf at an affordable price compared to other upscale public resorts. William Flynn, who had a hand in designing five of our nation’s 100 best courses, built the legendary Cascades course at the Omni Homestead, which also boasts another classic (The Old Course). The Highlands course at Primland has been a mainstay in our 100 Greatest Public ranking since its Donald Steel design opened. And Golden Horseshoe in Williamsburg, Va., and Rivermill Resort boasts multiple quality 18-hole courses that would be perfect for any group.

Below you'll find our 2023-'24 ranking of the Best Golf Courses in Virginia.



PRIVATE

**25. (20) Full Cry at Keswick Golf Club**

Keswick, VA

★★★★☆ 45 PANELISTS

Best In State

Pete and Alice Dye’s renovations to an existing Arnold Palmer course at the 600-acre boutique Keswick Hall resort opened in 2014—garnering a ranking inside Golf Digest’s top 20 in Virginia ever since. Located just outside of Charlottesville on a serene piece of land with vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Dyes’ minimalist design offers options off the tee and open approaches to run balls onto greens if desired, but challenges golfers that are off line with tough, small bunkers.

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