

25 COURSES THAT OFFER THE MOST BANG FOR Your Buck

Identifying golf courses with the most value isn't simply finding the cheapest rounds. For most golfers, rounds of golf that scream value are ones we can't wait to tell others about. To us, there's an unwritten formula including some combination of price, amount of fun, level of intrigue with the design, conditioning, overall experience and history. We all have our own barometers of what makes a valued round of golf. Here are our choices, nominated by readers, our course-ranking panelists and our editors. (Note: All listed prices represent the peak-season 18-hole fee.)

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Gold Mountain Golf Club (Olympic), Bremerton, Wash. Price: \$70

Site of the 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur, where Jordan Spieth took the title with a local caddie named Michael Greller on the bag, this 36-hole facility includes the rolling Olympic course, carved out of the woods with natural vegetation and outcroppings that offer dramatic views, including this one from the par-3 16th hole (*shown*), and a memorable, drivable par-4 finishing hole. --SH