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Follow the Fairway to Virginia Beach – Golfers Find Paradise with the Elite Nine

(Virginia Beach, Va., 2009) – Miles of Bent and Bermuda grasses, hardwood forests and impeccably kept greens – Virginia Beach’s golf courses create the perfect setting for an incredible day on the links. The Virginia Beach area features nine top-rate golf courses designed by such world-famous course architects as Fred Couples, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and the legendary Pete Dye. Match that with a mild climate, exhilarating outdoor adventure, lodging to fit all budgets, as well as Coastal Cuisine guaranteed to tempt the palate, and golfers will find every season is golf season in Virginia Beach. For more information or images, please visit www.vbfun.com or www.vbpressroom.com.

Bay Creek Golf Course



Sculpted on Virginia's Eastern Shore and lined by scores of tall, indigenous hardwoods, dogwoods, pines and sand dunes, the two 18-hole courses at Bay Creek designed by golf legends Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus are a nature-loving golfer's paradise. The Arnold Palmer Signature Course at Bay Creek is a 7,250-yard masterpiece, crafted with glass-smooth A-4 greens and perfectly-manicured Tifway Bermuda fairways. The signature 460-yard par-four third features a sharply undulated fairway with three strategically placed bunkers. The second shot on the third hole must be played over the ancient tidal basin, Allegood Pond, into a rock-walled green that's back is separated from the Chesapeake Bay by only a row of willow pines.

If Jack Nicklaus' mark on the 20th century was his golf game, his legacy in the 21st century will be his golf course design. The Nicklaus Course, measuring 7,417 yards with TifSport Bermuda fairways and smooth A-4 bent grass greens, is characterized by large waste bunkers and more than 100 formal bunkers. Both courses offer five sets of strategically-placed tees sure to provide golfers of all skill-levels with a delightfully challenging experience.

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Virginia Beach National

The Virginia Beach National, designed by Pete Dye with assistance from Hall of Famer Curtis Strange, is a must-play for golfers of all levels. This 18-hole championship layout is surrounded in hardwood forests and rolling meadows, just minutes from the oceanfront. Designed for the purpose of tournament play and reaching an intimidating 7,432 yards from the back tees, the course can satisfy the desires of the world's top players, while five other sets of tees ensure an enjoyable round for golfers of all skill levels.

The Signature at West Neck



Equal parts beauty and challenge, Arnold Palmer's latest masterpiece, the Signature at West Neck, is just 20 minutes from the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Sporting smooth, A-4 bent grass greens, expertly-maintained TifSport Bermuda fairways and tees, The Signature is the perfect compliment to the land upon which it was crafted. Roses abound on this challenging 7010-yard, par-

72 championship course. Thirteen lakes and several picturesque natural wetlands accent the wooded and dramatically-landscaped terrain. The granite-wall bulkheads fronting the 11th and 18th greens in addition to Palmer's signature jigsaw-shaped beach bunkers further add to the course's challenge and aesthetic appeal. Five sets of tees make the course fun for golfers of all skill levels.

Hell's Point Golf Club

With shimmering lakes, interesting fairway angles, challenging greens and 61 sculptured bunkers, there's no doubt designer Rees Jones had a devilish inspiration when carving out the 6,766-yard, par-72 Hell's Point Golf Club. Amid lofty pines and tall hardwoods, Hell's Point was designed to reward the strategic golfer, so length is not as critical as careful shot planning for every swing on every hole at Hell's Point. The course has received many awards. Since 1982, Hell's Point has lured golfers of all handicaps to the first tee with the promise of adventure, and has kept them captivated through the final hole with its masterful challenges.



Red Wing Lake Golf Course

Designed by George W. Cobb, this classic 7,124-yard golf course is even better. The course reopened in 2006, after major renovations. All greens were rebuilt, shaped and seeded with Bent grass. Each fairway was created to improve drainage and enhance character, and they remain within corridors of mature loblolly pines. New wetland areas and lakes provide additional challenges, and the course measures longer from the tips with improved playability from the forward tee locations. The Kevin Tucker Design Group created a renovation plan that highlights the best attributes of the old course while providing up-to-date amenities. Red Wing Lake features five sets of tees and an abundance of nature to bring golfers back to play this classic George W. Cobb design again and again.

"Red Wing Lake is a traditional golf course, secluded from modern development. Players can get back to that traditional style in Red Wing's quiet, natural surroundings." – Andrew Mink, PGA Professional, Red Wing Lake Golf Course

Cypress Point Country Club

This country club-set Ault and Clark design measures 6,210 yards from the tips and features distinctive Bermuda fairways accentuated by plush bent grass greens. The signature hole at Cypress Point is the 17th – a 168-yard par-three reminiscent of the infamous island green of the TPC at Sawgrass. Since opening, Cypress Point has been a favored course of the most selective golfers. Play Cypress Point and treat yourself to the ultimate country club experience. The elegant clubhouse includes a dining room, lounge, snack bar and fully-stocked pro shop. The golf facility features a driving range, chipping and putting green, club repairs and lessons.

Heron Ridge Golf Club

Heron Ridge is a Fred Couples signature course featuring 13 holes with water hazards or natural wetlands. The course measures 7,017 yards from the “Boom-Boom” tees (Fred Couples’ nickname). Located just 15 minutes from the Virginia Beach oceanfront, the front nine winds links-style through rolling hills with strategically-placed bunkers and water hazards. The back nine shifts to mature stands of oaks, beeches and more water. Unique topography of elevation changes, natural depressions and meandering streams provide an uncommon setting for a “beach” course. Four other sets of tees on every hole insure that golfers of all skill level will be put to the test.



"Fred Couples golf courses are traditionally both player-friendly and challenging. Heron Ridge is no exception. The course is unimpeded by housing developments, and its year-round excellent conditions make it one of the best in the area."

- Glen Pierce, PGA Professional, Heron Ridge

Honey Bee Golf Club

Nestled among tall pines, Honey Bee is a 6,075-yard championship golf course and another fine example of the Rees Jones's design philosophy of making golf enjoyably challenging for all skill levels. Its relative openness is friendly to the high handicapper, yet challenges the zealous golfer with a blend of length, water hazards, elevated tees and colossal sand bunkers. The clubhouse at Honey Bee features a grill and dining room. Guests also enjoy a complete practice facility with separate putting and chipping greens, practice bunker and an all-grass driving range. Complimenting the golf facilities are two hard surface tennis courts, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and patio perfect for the casual get together.



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