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Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau



“Best Mid-Sized City for Golf” - Rockford, Illinois

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ROCKFORD, IL – One of the best-kept-secrets of USA golf is Rockford, Illinois, just a 60-minute drive west of Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport. Year after year, this mid-sized American city racks up new golf honors.

Best Mid-Sized City for Golf

For three consecutive years in the late 1990’s, America’s prestigious *Golf Digest* magazine named Rockford “Best Mid-Sized City for Golf”, based on the quality, quantity and affordability of the region’s dozen or so public courses.

Golf Digest Gives 4 ½ Stars to Aldeen Golf Course & Practice Centre

Then in 2004, *Golf Digest* gave 4 ½ stars to Rockford’s flagship course, Aldeen Golf Club & Practice Centre. The magazine’s annual “Places to Play” edition features golf courses (both public and private) throughout America that rate 4 ½ stars or better. Also in 2004, *Golf Digest* included Aldeen in an article entitled “Thrifty Fifty”, a list of 50 US golf courses that cost less than \$50 to play, and in 2009 named Aldeen the best municipal golf course in the state of Illinois.

Other Rockford golf courses with high ratings are Sandy Hollow Golf Course with 3 ½ stars and both Elliott Golf Course and Ingersoll Memorial Golf Course with 3 stars.

In addition to Rockford Park District’s four 18-hole courses, the surrounding Winnebago County Forest Preserve District has three 18-hole courses: The Ledges Golf Course, Atwood Homestead Golf Course and Macktown Golf Course, each with 3 stars. Rounding out the selection are 18-hole West Lake Village Golf Course and four nine-hole Rockford courses: Newburg Village, Barwood, Red Barn and Sinnissippi Golf Course, the area’s oldest.

Perhaps the best thing about golfing in the Rockford Region is the price. You’ll never pay more than \$45 for 18 holes, and twilight rounds cost as little as \$11!

Rockford, IL, is located approximately 60 minutes west of Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport off Interstate 90. For information on accommodations and things to do, visit www.gorockford.com. RACVB is a private, non-profit organization established in 1984 to champion efforts to promote the Rockford Region as an overnight visitor destination. The RACVB adds wealth to the region’s economy by investing in marketing programs that grow tourism.

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