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Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach: The Ultimate Golf Destination

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach, FL – May 1, 2024 – Nestled along the stunning Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast, Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach invites golfers from around the world to experience the pinnacle of the sport in Southwest Florida. With a backdrop of clear blue skies, sunny days and award-winning courses, this destination promises an unforgettable golfing getaway year-round. *Golf Digest* ranked the greater Punta Gorda area the third best places in America to live and golf.

Golf aficionados will be delighted to discover over 20 exquisite golf courses throughout the region, each oQering a unique and picturesque setting for play. Whether you prefer a full round, practice session, or refining your skills with lessons, there's something for every golfer's preference and skill level.

A few of the top golf courses in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach include:

Heritage Landing Golf & Country Club was remastered in 2019 by renowned Architect Gordon G. Lewis. Mr. Lewis reimagined the original concept and focused his knowledge and expertise on a new 18-hole layout, reshaping bunkers, redirecting the routing, and providing more visual aesthetics while improving friendlier playability for Heritage Landing. The course was recognized as the #2 golf course in the state of Florida in the "Top 50 U.S. Public Golf Courses-Golfers Choice" by Golf Pass, ranked by player reviews and #11 in the country.

Riverwood Golf Club is consistently rated in the Top 50 courses in the US and in Florida. Riverwood features truly unique design features, natural beauty, and varying challenges. Riverwood is a Par 72 Championship golf course with a full-length practice range, multifaceted short game practice area, and putting green. The front nine flows through heavily wooded terrain, rich in stands of natural pine. The back nine meanders through saltmarsh and wetlands.

Our Best Side is Outside."

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau 1700 Tamiami Trail, Suite G-2, Port Charlotte, FL 33948 941.743.1900 Aileron Golf Club, formerly Kingsway Golf & Country Club is a newly redesigned golf course owned by the new Sunseeker Resort Charlotte Harbor and is exclusive to resort guests. Renowned golf architect Kipp Schulties, who has designed more than 50+ championship level golf courses in the state, led the renovation and is known for his work on Boca Raton Resort & Club and Quail Lodge Resort & Club. Aileron Golf Club made its fully reimagined debut in December of 2023, oQering a brand new 10,800 square foot clubhouse, restaurant, bar, and pro shop. The course, which features 17 water holes, delivers the ultimate resort-level golf experience. Additionally, Aileron Golf Club has earned accolades as one of the "Best Courses to Play in Southwest Florida" by PGA of America.

Babcock National Golf Club features an 18-hole course layout that provides a unique golfing experience. They have multiple tee lengths to cater to players of all ages and skill levels. Designed by Gordon Lewis be prepared to play through idyllic scenery, pristine fairways, and strategically placed.

ABOUT PUNTA GORDA / ENGLEWOOD BEACH

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is Florida's best-kept secret of a charming natural paradise located on the idyllic Southwest Gulf Coast. This coastal community surrounding the state's second-largest harbor sits conveniently between Tampa and Naples. Outdoor enthusiasts will find a haven of vibrant experiences in the sun-soaked oasis of the Southwest Florida islands, characterized by almost year-round sunshine and sub-tropical weather. Relaxation and discovery await in miles of waterways and inland exploration trails filled with unspoiled natural beauty. From beaches to boating, hiking to harbor tours, fishing to nature paths; to sun, shelling, and fossilized sharks' teeth, Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach immerses lively locals and active adventurers in a pure island experience. Most notably known for its 830 miles of pristine unparalleled shoreline, including captivating river passages, a mangrove-edged aquatic preserve, and more than a dozen miles of natural Gulf beaches, the Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast includes the areas of Boca Grande, Don Pedro Island, Englewood-Cape Haze, Little Gasparilla Island, Manasota Key, Knight Island, Placida, Babcock Ranch, Port Charlotte, Charlotte Harbor and Punta Gorda.

To learn more about Punta Gorda /Englewood Beach, visit <u>PureFlorida.com</u>, call 941.743.1900 or discover the destination on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook @RealPureFlorida</u>.

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