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1. Alta Sierra*

Address: 11897 Tammy Way, Grass Valley

Contact: (530) 273-2010; www.altasierracc.com

Prices: Weekday: \$69; **Friday:** \$76; **weekend:** \$76; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,700-6,550

Local knowledge: Expect to hit a pine tree or five on tight layout. Public access after 1 p.m. on weekdays and noon on weekends.

2. Ancil Hoffman

Address: 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael

Contact: (916) 482-3284; www.golfancilhoffman.com

Prices: Weekday: \$28; **Friday:** \$31; **weekend:** \$41; **cart:** \$16

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,300/6,800

Local knowledge: There's not a prettier flatland setting for a golf course. Penalty shots are few, but punch shots from the trees are plenty.

3. Antelope Greens

Address: 2721 Elverta Road, Antelope

Contact: (916) 334-5764

Prices: Weekday: \$20; **Friday:** \$20; **weekend:** \$25; **cart:** \$10

Yards from forward/back tees: 3,000/3,200

Local knowledge: The par is 58, the expectation is a fun-filled round. The downhill fourth hole, measuring between 63 and 82 yards, will test your nerve.

4. Apple Mountain

Address: 3455 Carson Road, Camino

Contact: (530) 647-7400; www.applemountaingolfresort.net

Prices: Weekday: \$44; **Friday:** \$50; **weekend:** \$59; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,500/6,175

Local knowledge: Underbrush has been trimmed, making for a more open feel – and the trees seem even bigger – on the tight, par-70 layout.

5. Auburn*

Address: 8800 Auburn Valley Road, Auburn

Contact: (530) 269-1837; www.auburncountryclub.com

Prices: Weekday: \$49; **Friday:** \$59; **weekend:** \$59; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,600/6,850

Local knowledge: A solid test with a nice variety of hole shapes. Greens always among the area's most subtly difficult. Tee times available to public after 10 a.m.

6. Bartley Cavanaugh

Address: 8301 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento

Contact: (916) 665-2020; www.bartleycavanaugh.com

Prices: Weekday: \$26.50; **Friday:** \$26.50; **weekend:** \$36.50; **cart:** \$16

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,725/6,150

Local knowledge: Couldn't be more wide open in places, which makes the five or so holes that require precision seem that much more difficult.

7. Bass Lake

Address: 3000 Alexandrite Drive, Rescue

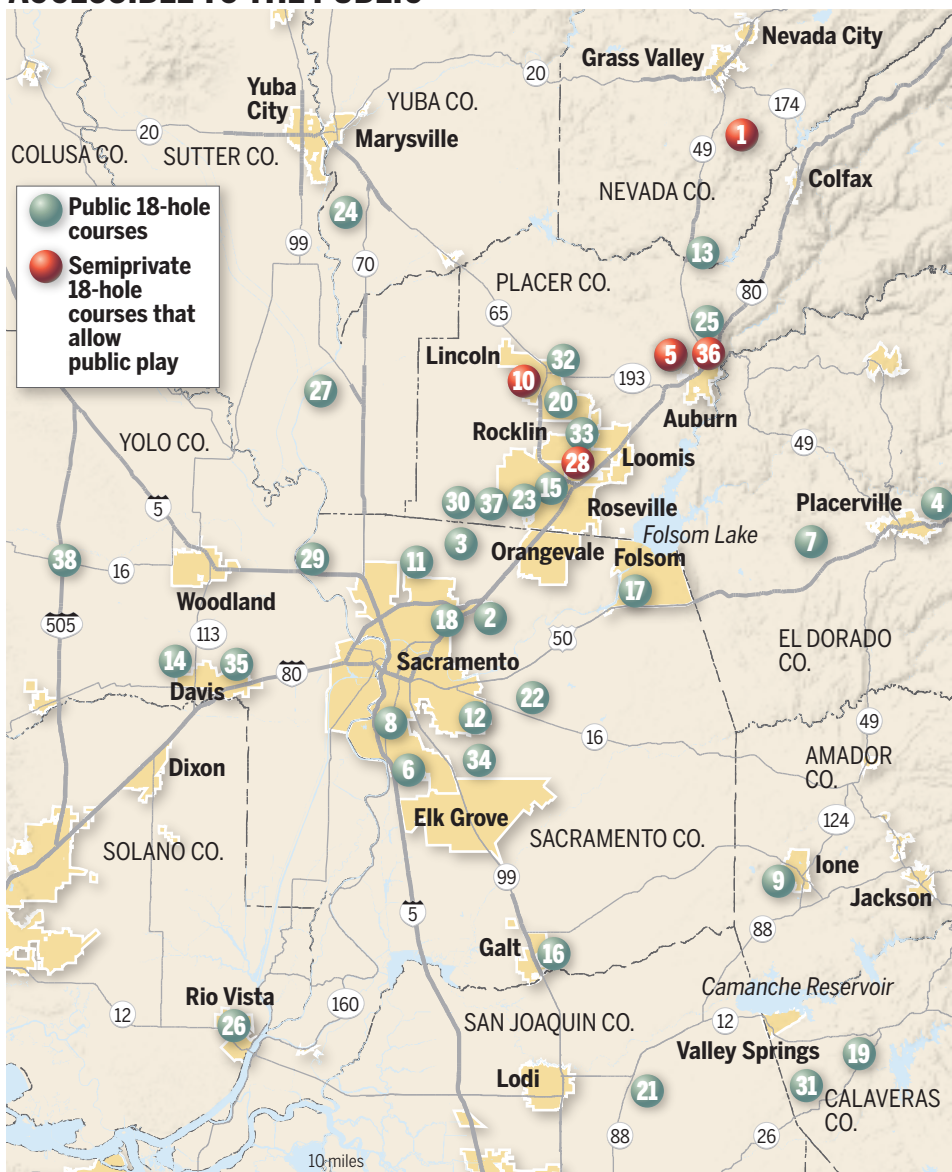
Contact: (530) 677-4653; www.basslakegolfcourse.com

Prices: Weekday: \$25; **Friday:** \$25; **weekend:** \$34; **cart:** \$12

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,600/5,950

Local knowledge: Par-70 layout requires accuracy more than length, offers some great vistas and won't ruin your budget.

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8. Bing Maloney

Address: 6801 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento

Contact: (916) 433-2283; www.bingmaloney.com

Prices: Weekday: \$26.50; **Friday:** \$26.50; **weekend:** \$36.50; **cart:** \$16

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,925/6,600

Local knowledge: The yardage difference between the white (6,550) and blue (6,600) tees is negligible, so if want to brag about playing the tips, this might be your place.

9. Castle Oaks

Address: 1000 Castle Oaks Drive, Lone

Contact: (209) 274-0167; www.castleoaksgolf.com

Prices: Weekday: \$42; **Friday:** \$45; **weekend:** \$58; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,950/6,750

Local knowledge: Nos. 16-18 provide strong finish to a quality test of golf. Walking rates available when twilight fees kick in.

10. Catta Verdera*

Address: 1111 Catta Verdera, Lincoln

Contact: (916) 645-7200; www.cattaverdera.com

Prices: Weekday: \$60; **Friday:** \$70; **weekend:** \$70; **cart:** bundled with greens fee and range balls

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,040/7,020

Local knowledge: Public access Tuesday-Friday and Sunday after 11 a.m., Saturday after noon. Closed Monday. Rates vary by the month: May-June \$65/\$75; July-August \$55/\$65; Sept.-Oct. \$65/\$75.

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11. Cherry Island

Address: 2360 Elverta Road, Elverta

Contact: (916) 991-6875; www.golfcherryisland.com

Prices: Weekday: \$25; **Friday:** \$28; **weekend:** \$37; **cart:** \$15

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,160/6,560

Local knowledge: Improve your greens-in-regulation percentage on some of the area's largest – and well-maintained – putting surfaces.

12. Cordova

Address: 9425 Jackson Road, Sacramento

Contact: (916) 362-1196; www.cordovagc.com

Prices: Weekday: \$13; **Friday:** \$16; **weekend:** \$19; **cart:** \$11

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,725/4,800

Local knowledge: A great practice area, snack bar and attitude at par-63 (66 for women) layout particularly inviting to juniors and seniors.

13. DarkHorse

Address: 13450 Combie Road, Auburn

Contact: (530) 269-7900; www.darkhorsegolf.com

Prices: Weekday: \$49; **Friday:** \$69; **weekend:** \$69; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,050/7,200

Local knowledge: Myriad risk-reward options make birdies possible, bogeys doable depending on what challenge you're seeking – there are 2,150 yards between forward and back tees.

14. Davis

Address: 24439 Fairway Drive, Davis

Contact: (530) 756-4010; www.davisgolfcourse.com

Prices: Weekday: \$16; **Friday:** \$16; **weekend:** \$20; **cart:** \$11

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,425/4,950

Local knowledge: Reasonable fees, good conditions and a no-nonsense attitude at par-67 layout. A sign on the first tee says rounds "must" be completed in less than four hours.

15. Diamond Oaks

Address: 349 Diamond Oaks Road, Roseville

Contact: (916) 783-4947; www.golfroseville.com

Prices: Weekday: \$28; **Friday:** \$28; **weekend:** \$34; **cart:** \$16

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,475/6,175

Local knowledge: An area staple since its 1964 debut, it has lost a few critical trees and some teeth over the years but still ranks near the top in rounds played among area courses.

16. Dry Creek

Address: 809 Crystal Way, Galt

Contact: (209) 745-2330

Prices: Weekday: \$25; **Friday:** \$25; **weekend:** \$34; **cart:** \$13

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,650/6,750

Local knowledge: Being in the fairway isn't always good enough – it's where in the fairway on Nos. 9, 10, 13 and 14.

17. Empire Ranch

Address: 1620 East Natoma Street, Folsom

Contact: (916) 817-8100; www.empireranchgolfclub.com

Prices: Weekday: \$47; **Friday:** \$57; **weekend:** \$67; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,025/6,675

Local knowledge: Swing away at forgiving links-style course. Renovated range provides more hitting area/time from grass.

18. Haggin Oaks (MacKenzie)

Address: 3645 Fulton Ave., Sacramento

Contact: (916) 808-2525; www.hagginoaks.com

Prices: Weekday: \$47; **Friday:** \$47; **weekend:** \$57; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,450/7,000

Local knowledge: Even though No. 11 (631-yard par-5 from the tips) and No. 12 (214-yard par-3) seem like monsters, the front and back nines are exactly the same yardage from each set of tees.

19. La Contenta

Address: 1653 Highway 26, Valley Springs

Contact: (209) 772-1081; www.lacontentagolf.com

Prices: Weekday: \$24; **Friday:** \$29; **weekend:** \$34; **cart:** \$16

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,150/6,425

Local knowledge: Do whatever it takes to keep your ball short of the hole on Nos. 12-13 greens. Play farther right than instinct tells you off Nos. 14-15 tees.

20. Lincoln Hills (Hills/Orchard)

Address: 1005 Sun City Lane, Lincoln

Contact: (916) 543-9200; www.lincolnhillsgolfclub.com

Prices: Weekday: \$59; **Friday:** \$59; **weekend:** \$69; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,411/6,876 (Hills); 5,401/7,046 (Orchard)

Local knowledge: Two courses, 36 holes. Keep your ball between the houses on the expansive fairways and life is good.

21. Lockeford Springs

Address: 16360 North Highway 88, Lodi

Contact: (209) 333-6275; www.lockefordsprings.com

Prices: Weekday: \$20; **Friday:** \$20; **weekend:** \$30; **cart:** \$15

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,550/6,850

Local knowledge: Willow trees, vineyards, marshlands, undulating greens and generous fairways – a little something for every nature lover and caliber of player.

22. Mather

Address: 4103 Eagles Nest Road, Mather

Contact: (916) 364-4354; www.playmather.com

Prices: Weekday: \$28; **Friday:** \$31; **weekend:** \$38; **cart:** \$15

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,730/6,730

Local knowledge: So flat that Nos. 5 and 17 qualify as "elevated" tees. Common area has been upgraded to provide pleasant pre- and post-round experience.

23. Morgan Creek

Address: 8791 Morgan Creek Lane, Roseville

Contact: (916) 786-4653; www.morgancreekclub.com

Prices: Weekday: \$38; **Friday:** \$45; **weekend:** \$55; **cart:** \$12/\$13

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,430/7,290

Local knowledge: Started accepting public play earlier this year after operating as private/semiprivate since its 2003 opening. A serious course with a slope that tops out at 143.

24. Plumas Lake

Address: 1551 Country Club Road, Olivehurst

Contact: (530) 742-3201; www.plumaslake.com

Prices: Weekday: \$25; **Friday:** \$25; **weekend:** \$32; **cart:** \$13

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,750/6,450

Local knowledge: Modern clubhouse, greens renovated in 2006, same ol' quaint gravel-lined parking lot amid the trees.

25. The Ridge

Address: 2020 Golf Course Road, Auburn

Contact: (530) 888-7888; www.ridgegpc.com

Prices: Weekday: \$50; **Friday:** \$60; **weekend:** \$70; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,350/6,725

Local knowledge: More visually intimidating than difficult. A tribute to designer Robert Trent Jones Jr. Very walkable for players so inclined.

26. Rio Vista

Address: 1000 Summerset Drive, Rio Vista

Contact: (707) 374-2900; <http://www.golflink.com/golf-courses/course.aspx?course=1560456>

Prices: Weekday: \$40; **Friday:** \$40; **weekend:** \$50; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,330/6,800

Local knowledge: You won't see any rivers, but you'll probably feel plenty of Delta breeze. If walking is a priority, a fee reduction can be negotiated.

27. River Oaks

Address: 201 Lee Road, Nicolaus

Contact: (530) 656-2182; www.riveroaksgolfclub.net

Prices: Weekday: \$25; **Friday:** \$25; **weekend:** \$37; **cart:** \$12

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,750/6,500

Local knowledge: Get back to nature in rural Nicolaus. The par-3 third hole, measuring between 155 and 194, as demanding as any in the area.

28. Sunset Whitney*

Address: 4201 Midas Ave., Rocklin

Contact: (916) 624-2610; www.sunsetwhitney.com

Prices: Weekday: \$45; **Friday-Sunday:** \$55; **Saturday:** \$65; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,500/6,620

Local knowledge: However far you envision the putts to break coming away from the hill at the course's center, double your estimate.

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29. Teal Bend

Address: 7200 Garden Highway, Sacramento

Contact: (916) 922-5209; www.tealbendgolf.com

Prices: Weekday: \$46; **Friday-Sunday:** \$56;

Saturday: \$66; **cart:** bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,075/7,050

Local knowledge: Plenty of parallel fairways but you wouldn't know it because of reeds that separate holes. The par-5 17th is home to some of the area's easiest eagles – and triple bogeys.

30. Timber Creek

Address: 7050 Del Webb Blvd., Roseville

Contact: (916) 774-3850; www.timbercreekgc.com

Prices: Weekday: \$50; **Friday:** \$50; **weekend:** \$66;

cart: bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,025/6,500

Local knowledge: Nonresidents of retirement community are best-served making their tee times 5-7 days in advance, either through website or via phone, for best rates.

31. Trinitas

Address: 9209 Ospital Road, Valley Springs

Contact: (209) 887-9150; www.trinitasgolf.com

Prices: Weekday: \$100; **Friday:** \$100; **weekend:**

\$100; **cart:** bundled with greens fee, boxed lunch and range balls

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,975/6,700

Local knowledge: It has so many memorable holes you'll have a hard time remembering them all.

32. Turkey Creek

Address: 1525 Highway 193, Lincoln

Contact: (916) 434-9100; www.turkeycreekgc.com

Prices: Weekday: \$48; **Friday:** \$58; **weekend:** \$68;

cart: bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,800/6,925

Local knowledge: These are not the most difficult holes by course handicap, but potential scorecard disaster lurks on No. 2 (demanding tee shot, false-front green), No. 4 (risk-reward par-5) and No. 18 (two forced carries).

33. Whitney Oaks

Address: 2305 Clubhouse Drive, Rocklin

Contact: (916) 632-8333; www.whitneyoaksgolf.com

Prices: Weekday: \$45; **Friday:** \$55; **weekend:** \$59;

cart: bundled with greens fee and range balls

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,980/6,790

Local knowledge: A stern test that favors the disciplined player who plots a way around a course and is OK with hitting irons off the tee.

34. Wildhawk

Address: 7713 Vineyard Road, Sacramento

Contact: (916) 688-4653; www.wildhawkgolf.com

Prices: Weekday: \$31; **Friday:** \$31; **weekend:** \$41;

cart: \$13

Yards from forward/back tees: 4,850/6,725

Local knowledge: There's no better place to let the big dog eat, grip it and rip it, swing out of your ... well, you get the idea.

35. Wildhorse

Address: 2323 Rockwell Drive, Davis

Contact: (530) 753-4900;

www.wildhorsegolfclub.com

Prices: Weekday: \$30; **Friday:** \$30; **weekend:** \$44;

cart: \$5-6

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,325/6,725

Local knowledge: Links-style course plays hard and fast all year. Not saying it can't be done, but you've got to go some to hit a tree.

36. Winchester*

Address: 3030 Legends Drive, Meadow Vista

Contact: (530) 878-3001;

www.winchestercountryclub.com

Prices: Weekday: \$75; **Friday:** \$95; **weekend:** \$95;

cart: bundled with greens fee

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,290/7,140

Local knowledge: Once the area's most exclusive private club, public play has been accepted after noon for two years. Closed on Tuesdays.

37. Woodcreek

Address: 5880 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd., Roseville

Contact: (916) 771-4653; www.golfroseville.com

Prices: Weekday: \$28; **Friday:** \$28; **weekend:** \$40;

cart: \$16

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,475/6,525

Local knowledge: So many people try to drive the short par-4 seventh hole, so many people pay with a big number because the bunker-guarded green just doesn't set up for it.

38. Yocha Dehe

Address: 14455 Highway 16, Brooks

Contact: (530) 796-4653;

www.yocha-de-hegolfclub.com

Prices: Sunday-Thursday: \$85; **Friday-Saturday:**

\$105; **cart:** bundled with range balls

Yards from forward/back tees: 5,425/7,340

Local knowledge: Isolated over a hill from Cache Creek Casino, it can't be beat for natural beauty. It's 54 miles from downtown Sacramento.