

BIG MEADOW GOLF COURSE OVERVIEW

An authentic mountain golf experience, Big Meadow Golf Course was designed by the legendary Robert Muir Graves, debuting in 1970.

The original golf venue at Black Butte Ranch, much of the Big Meadow's spirit and character is derived from the inherent beauty of the Cascade Mountain region, its panoramic vistas integrated with towering stands of Ponderosa Pines and Aspens.

Big Meadow's straightforward design provides classic challenges from tee to green. Expansive fairways appeal to golfers of all skill levels, and elevated greens complexes are punctuated by strategically placed cape and bay bunkering, which feature a dramatic, high-faced flair.

Significant renovations were made to the golf course in 2008, under the direction of Damian Pascuzzo, a longtime Graves associate. The par 72 now plays between 7,002 yards to 5,485 from its four sets of teeing areas.

With 16 holes reaching into the forest and only two fairways aligned parallel, the isolation of the great outdoors is as present as the abundant wildlife that inhabits Big Meadow. The rolling terrain nonetheless is accommodating to golfers who want to walk the golf course, although they will discover that the elevation changes on the back nine are more evident than on the front.

The signature moment of a round at Big Meadow is the arrival at the 14th tee. Perched some 75 feet above the target line, the teeing area offers one of the Northwest's finest golf course photography opportunities, providing golfers with a dramatic view of Three Fingered Jack, a jagged volcanic peak rising above the Central Oregon landscape.

The tenacity of the design has not gone unnoticed, either, as it has been selected to host numerous Pacific Northwest professional and amateur championships.