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CHALLENGING HOLES IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Keep things interesting with these five drives that offer great views and a challenge

Hole #2

Stoatin Brae in Augusta

Stoatin Brae #2 takes full advantage of the views from one of the highest points in Kalamazoo County. From the putting green, golfers can see the Battle Creek cityscape and the Kalamazoo River valley. It's breathtaking in summer and fall.

With the morning mist and the rolling heath, it feels like you're in Scotland.

Hole #3

Cedar Creek in Battle Creek

A local favorite, it's a par 5 that plays 522 yards from the back tees. The hole is narrow, with the out of bounds down the entire right side, so don't hit a big slice! Carry your shot over two ponds that cross the fairway on the way to a small green. Five conservative shots will get you par, but as a long hitter, you could risk getting to the green in two shots and it'll put you ahead of the game.

Hole #11

Stonehedge South in Augusta

This drive will make you feel like you're in the Carolinas, going through woods and elevation changes. It is a fairly straight fairway with a slight bend to the left. Use your driver to full effect for maximum distance from the raised tees. It changes at 140 yards out, and the hole requires an uphill shot to reach the green.



Hole #4

Binder Park Golf Course in Battle Creek

Binder Park has three nine-hole tracks to choose from, which means there's a total of 27 holes to golf. The Natural's #4 is the most picturesque on the golf course. It has a generous landing area for your tee shot - but don't steer left as you might end up in the zoo with the lions and leopards and bears. It's as challenging as it is beautiful.

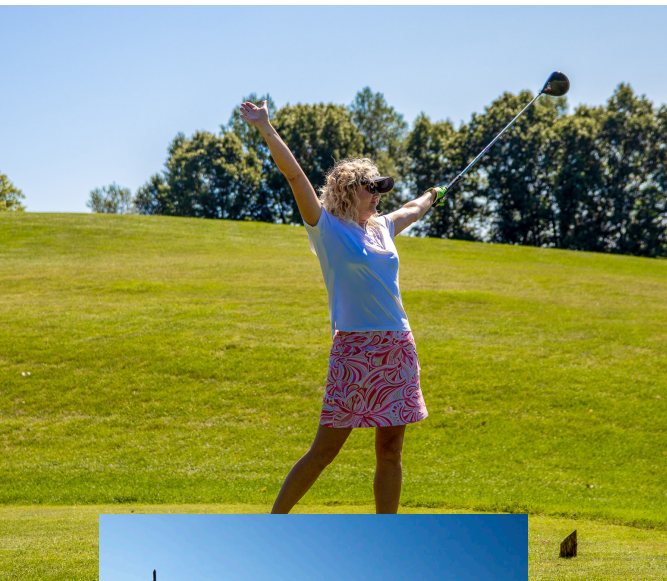
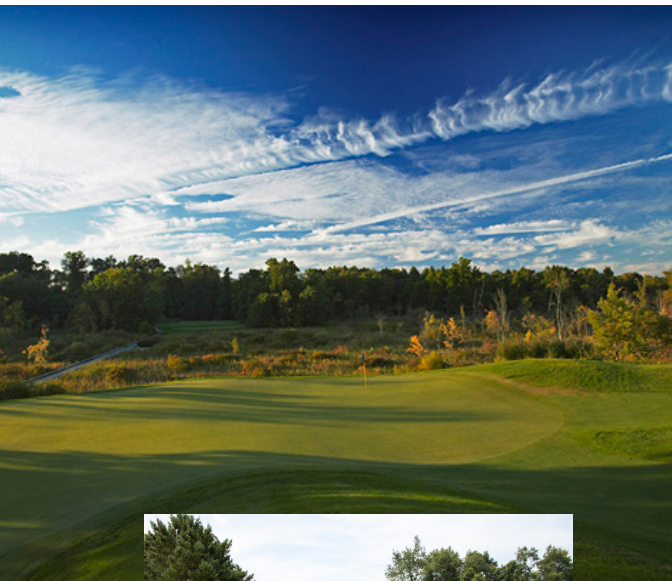


Hole #11

The Medalist in Marshall

Michigan Golf Live named this hole as one of the ten toughest drives in Michigan. The host, **Bill Hobson**, described it as "a tight, tree-lined Par 4 where precision and length are required." The Medalist Golf Club is an award-winning course that's also known for a high level of service and an amazing restaurant.





The MEDALIST

*Keep the fun going
on quick greens*



BINDER PARK Golf Course

*Arrive at Michigan
Wilderness*

The Medalist Golf Club in Marshall is set among 250 acres of Michigan woods and wetlands. You'll feel alone in the wilderness, as 14 of the 18 holes cannot be seen from the rest of the golf course.

But don't worry – food and drinks are only a screen tap away. Order from the golf cart menu and have it delivered straight to you on the course.

The easy-order system keeps the fun going, which

speeds up the pace of play on greens that are quick and challenging. The grounds are kept in great shape. Practice your 70-foot putts, but also be prepared for some tight driving through woods and water. It's an exceptional course design, allowing for many risk-reward shots.

Golfers rank The Medalist as one of the best courses in Michigan, according to the annual GolfAdvisor poll.

Head to Binder Creek Golf Course for an entire day of golf. This course has great golf at affordable prices.

Located near the zoo, you're among old growth forest, wetlands and scenic bluffs. Don't be surprised if you have to wait for a deer to cross before you take your next shot.

It's a Pure Michigan experience.

While golfing through the wilderness, be prepared for dramatic elevation changes.

Binder is also a good compromise if you want more than one round but traveling to two courses is too much – Binder offers 27 holes. That's three 9-hole rounds, which you can mix and match or go for all of them. Experienced golfers can find a challenge while beginners won't be too intimidated.



GULL LAKE VIEW Golf Resort

Gull Lake View Golf Resort is a golfer's dream: golf, eat, sleep and then more golf. With six courses, two restaurants and a cluster of villas, you never have to travel far to play.

Courses

It's hard to choose which of the **six courses** to start with. It depends on your mood. If you want a mature course with old-school play, then **Gull Lake View East and West** should be your pick. They're the courses that started it all.

Stonehedge North and South prove a challenge, with dramatic elevation changes and forested terrain. You'll feel like you're Up North.

Bedford Valley is for the golf purists, with huge greens and

mammoth bunkers. Old oaks line the fairways.

Stoatin Brae is the crown jewel of Gull Lake View. Inspired by Scottish links style, this course has its own windswept heath overlooking the Kalamazoo Valley.



Villas

The **Fairway Villas** are located right next to the Gull Lake View East course, so you have golf right outside the door to your bedroom. There are three options: Villa Suites, Deluxe Suites and Luxury Cottages.



Each suite can sleep four people and has two bathrooms. There's a full kitchen, so you can prepare your own meals or barbecue in the community area.

If you don't want to cook, the main clubhouse is right next door with dining options.

Restaurants

Charles & Darl's Smokehouse & Grill is one of the best barbecue restaurants in Kalamazoo, and it's located in the main clubhouse. Share a smoked chicken nachos plate with your friends, then dig into a cowboy burger, topped with smoked pulled pork, pepper jack cheese, grilled onions and crispy jalapenos.

Stoatin Brae has its own restaurant called **Blue Stem**.



It serves both lunch and dinner options. Indulge in a 8oz sirloin with mashed potatoes or a Cubano sandwich with truffle fries. If you're just feeling social, share the charcuterie board and order a cocktail. The views from the porch are stunning.





MEET KELLI

your Guide to Golf

If you want to golf at some of the best courses in Michigan, you should call Kelli Pash. She's the sales coordinator for Michigan's Southern Swing, which is like being a travel agent. She'll set you up with tee times, accommodations and restaurant reservations in Southwest Michigan.

But first, you should ask her about her snowmobile, a Ski-Doo Renegade. "I love snowmobiling for the comradery and scenery," Kelli says. "I have met so many really cool people snowmobiling."

Like golf, Michigan has a wealth of snowmobile trails. In the Upper Peninsula, Kelli once rode 208 miles in one day.

"I let my ride be my mojo, inspiration and decompression."

Kelli is also a CPR instructor, certified EMT and volunteer firefighter with the Johnstown Township Fire Department.

Jay Gladstone, director of sales for the Calhoun County Visitors Bureau, says one reason she's good at her job is because she likes to take care of people.

"She's really personable, she understands the golf business and she works well with the golf groups," he said.

The two first met while working at Yarrow, where Kelli was a conference service manager and golf coordinator. But booking golfers and planning events wasn't all she did.

"I was one of those employees, that if I had to bartend, I bartended. If I had to wait tables, I waited tables. If I had to carry bags, I carried bags; clean golf carts, snack shop, front desk. Pretty much everything," Kelli said.

When Yarrow closed, Kelli stayed on for the new property owners until Jay called her about

Southern Swing, in 2018. She was back in the golf business.

The first thing Kelli had to do in her new job was build bridges with people, which is one of her greatest assets. She likes to joke that she wants to make sure she's not dealing with a serial killer, but she is genuinely interested in people, asking questions and listening carefully. The golf-organizing part of it is second nature to her now. "They contact me and all they have to do is show up because I book everything for them," she said.

So give Kelli a call. Ask her about her Ski-Doo. Then find out what a great golf trip in Southern Michigan can be.

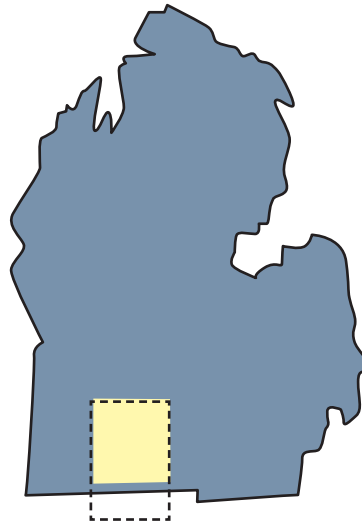
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Conveniently located off I-94 and I-69, most Southern Swing golf courses and hotels are located within 30 minutes of each other.

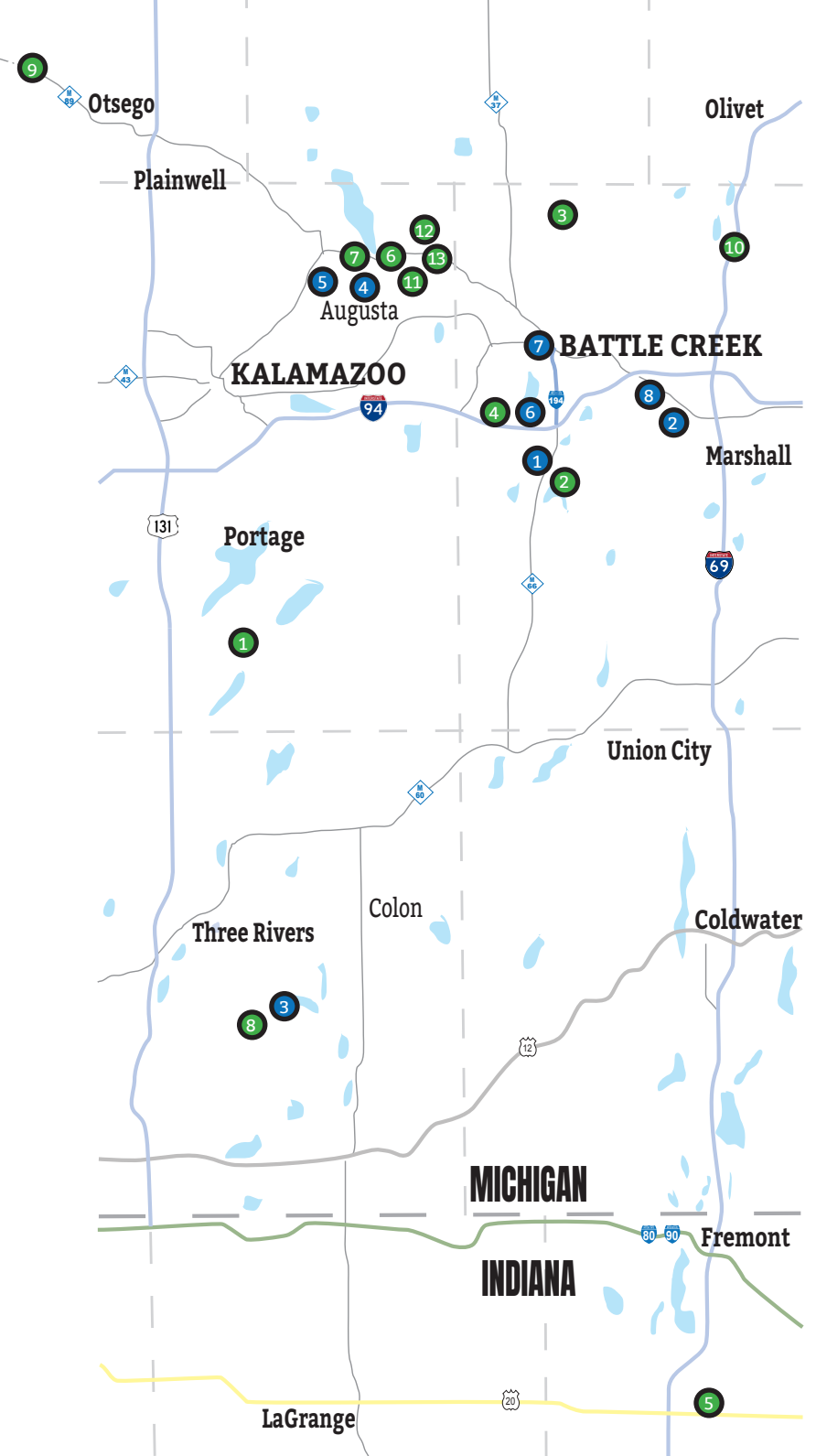
GOLF COURSES

- ① Angel's Crossing
- ② Binder Park
- ③ Bedford Valley
- ④ Cedar Creek
- ⑤ Glendarin Hills
- ⑥ Gull Lake View East
- ⑦ Gull Lake View West
- ⑧ Island Hills
- ⑨ The Lynx
- ⑩ The Medalist
- ⑪ Stoa-tin Brae
- ⑫ Stonehedge North
- ⑬ Stonehedge South



HOTELS

- ① Fairfield Inn
- ② FireKeeper's Casino Hotel
- ③ The Golf Villas at Island Hills
- ④ Gull Lake View Fairway Villas
- ⑤ The Inn at Gull Lake
- ⑥ Country Inn and Suites
- ⑦ DoubleTree by Hilton
- ⑧ Quality Inn & Suites (Casino)





Angel's Crossing

Angel's Crossing is running up the list of must-play venues not only in Michigan, but in the entire Midwest region! Recognized by Golf Digest and Golf Week as one of America's Best Courses. Rated by Golf Digest - 4.5 stars.

18 72 7,169 74.3 135



Binder Park

Binder Park is a 27-hole course located in Southwest Michigan among rolling hills, natural ponds and wildlife areas. Rated by USA Today as the best value in Michigan.

27 75 6,622 71.7 130



Cedar Creek

Cedar Creek Golf Club is an 18-hole, par 72 course that is always in top shape. There are four sets of tees on each hole, which make this course very enjoyable for all skill levels.

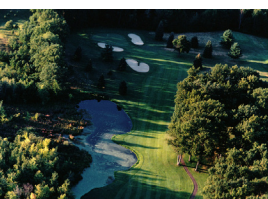
18 72 6,467 70.4 124



Glendarin Hills

Indiana's acclaimed Glendarin Hills sits on 450 acres of sloping terrain and features 18 unique holes along with five sets of tees. Golfers of all abilities find it fair and fun but most of all exciting.

18 72 7,055 74.6 140



Bedford Valley

Bedford Valley is one of Michigan's most frequent championship sites. The classic design has huge greens, large bunkers, and fairways lined with mighty oaks. Rated by Golf Digest - 4.5 stars.

18 72 7,020 73.6 138



Gull Lake View East

Gull Lake View East maintains its reputation as one of the finest courses in Western Michigan. Hilly terrain, water hazards and undulating greens put a premium on accuracy and shot making. Rated by Golf Digest - 4.5 stars.

18 70 6,032 68.9 124



Gull Lake View West

Located directly across the street from the East course, Gull Lake View West is a mix of fields, hills, valleys, woods and ponds, blended into a mature and challenging layout. Rated by Golf Digest - 4.5 stars.

18 71 7,074 73.9 135



Island Hills

Island Hills is a golf masterpiece with 18 of the most scenic and unique golf holes found in a link-style course. With six tees on every hole, Island Hills can be enjoyed by players of all skill levels.

18 71 7,074 73.9 135



The Lynx

The Lynx provides a perfect day for all guests. This highly rated, superbly conditioned golf course boasts 18 holes, with six holes along the Kalamazoo River.

18 72 6,452 71.3 139



The Medalist

Rated 4.5 stars by Golf Digest, The Medalist was voted as the #3 golf course in the state of Michigan and #31 in the country. A day on the fairways is like a trip into the beautiful northern Michigan wilderness.

18 72 6,955 74.7 139



Stoatin Brae

Stoatin Brae sits atop one of the highest points in Kalamazoo County and offers breathtaking views of the Kalamazoo River Valley. A links-style course, Stoatin Brae affords generous fescue-lined fairways and four sets of tees.

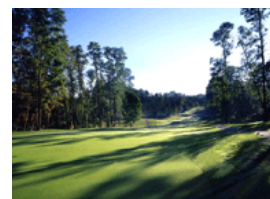
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Stonehedge North

One of Gull Lake View's most talked about courses. The championship layout offers grassy, windblown holes, forest terrain, elevation changes and large greens. Rated by Golf Digest - 4.5 stars.

18 72 6,712 72.4 132



Stonehedge South

One of the highest rated courses in all of Michigan, Stonehedge South is a mix of rolling terrain and woodlands, providing golfers an opportunity to hit a variety of shots into quick rolling greens. Rated by Golf Digest - 4.5 stars.

18 72 6,628 72.7 133

Choose from 8 Area Hotel Properties

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The Inn at Gull Lake

A golfer's destination and so much more! We offer an outdoor grill station, 2 fire pits, a gazebo and the Lodge. The lodge has seating for up to 100, full kitchen including 2 refrigerators, stove, pizza oven and microwave. Stay in one of our luxury comfort custom beds from Lady Americana.



Gull Lake View Fairway Villas

Six championship golf courses, on-site accommodations for up to 256 guests, banquet and meeting facilities for up to 300 guests, 3 clubhouses and 3 practice facilities. Each villa is ideal for a foursome - 2 bedrooms with 2 full beds, 2 bathrooms, living room, full kitchen, and a balcony or patio.



Fairfield Inn

Our spacious, modern guest rooms offer comfortable mattresses, fluffy pillows, cozy blankets and clean linens. Before you hit the links, enjoy a complimentary deluxe breakfast. Guest amenities include an indoor pool and whirlpool.



DoubleTree by Hilton

It all starts with a warm cookie when you check in. Guest rooms are upscale and welcoming, so you'll be comfortable in style. Leave for a day of golf, then return for a late-night drink. The on-site restaurant and bars, fitness center, indoor pool and hot tub complete your stay.



FireKeeper's Casino Hotel

"Get your Vegas on" in our hotel that connects to our world-class Vegas-style casino. Finely appointed non-smoking guest rooms. Eight food and beverage outlets, retail shops, business center, fitness center and pool will complete your Vegas-style experience.



Quality Inn & Suites next to the casino

The Quality Inn & Suites is conveniently located next to FireKeepers Casino. Enjoy a full hot breakfast, fitness room and complimentary shuttle service to the casino every evening. Our Pasche's Seafood Kitchen & Gator Lounge is the perfect place to relax, have a great dinner, snack or cocktail.



The Golf Villas at Island Hills

Experience luxury, elegance and comfort with views of the golf course and beautiful Lake Templene. Villas feature 4 or 5 bedrooms, spacious living areas with fireplaces and walkout balconies/patios, refrigerator, electric range, microwave and dinnerware.



Country Inn & Suites

Our newly renovated rooms are ready for golfers. It's an affordable choice with comfort and easy accessibility. We're only eight miles away from FireKeepers Casino. There's a fitness center, an indoor pool and free waffles in the morning.



Onsite Bar



FREE Breakfast



Handicap Accessible Rooms



Fitness Center



Onsite Restaurant



Onsite Pool

Unforgettable Golf, Tailored for You

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