

Berkshire County Golf Course Guide

Course lengths are from back and front tees. Many courses have other tee boxes to offer golfers more options. Course ratings and the Slope ratings are from the back tees for men and front tees for women and are for 18 holes.

Open to the Public

18-HOLE COURSES

Bas Ridge Golf Course

Public with memberships available.
Location: 151 Plunkett Ave., Hinsdale
Par: 70
Yardage (Back/front tees): 5,051, 4,369.
Course rating: 63.7 (m); 65.9 (w)
Slope: 111 (m); 110 (w).
Greens fees: Weekdays: \$15 for 18 holes, \$12 for 9. Seniors (over 60): \$12 for 18, \$10 for 9. Weekday specials: \$50 for two people with cart before 4 p.m., \$20 per person with cart for seniors. \$10 twilight fee (walking after 4 p.m.) Weekends: \$20 for 18, \$15 for 9.

Cart fees: \$10 for 18 holes; \$5 for 9.
Range: No
Proprietor: Bill Basiliere
Head professional: Gary Norton
Website: www.basridge.com
Phone: (413) 655-2605
Tee time policy: Call the pro shop.
Course description: While Bas Ridge is a relatively short course, there are challenges for low and high handicappers alike. It is an especially fun course for recreational golfers and seniors. The course fits in with the USGA's initiative to create shorter courses in an effort to spur more play and quicker rounds.

Noteworthy: First-time memberships are available for singles (\$425), husband and wife (\$600). Juniors ages 13-18 can get a membership that is good for Monday-Friday play for only \$100.

Cranwell Golf Club

Resort, open to public. Memberships available.
Location: Route 20, Lenox
Par: 69 (m), 70 (w).
Yardage (Back/front tees): 5,991, 4,881.
Course rating: 70.0 (m), 70.2 (w)
Slope: 123 (m), 121 (w).
Greens fees: Spring and fall rates, including carts (until June 20 and Sept. 3-closing) Monday-Thursday: \$69 for 18 holes, \$49 for 9, \$40 after 1 p.m., \$30 for juniors under 16. Friday-Sunday, holidays: \$79 for 18 holes, \$55 for 9, \$45 after 1 p.m., \$30 for juniors under 16. Peak-season rates (June 20-Sept. 2) Monday-Thursday: \$99, \$65 after 1 p.m. for 18 holes, \$53 after 4 p.m., \$30 for juniors under 16. Friday-Sunday: \$104 for 18

holes, \$65 after 1 p.m., \$53 after 4 p.m. and \$30 for juniors under 16.

Range: Yes
Head professional: David Strawn
Website: www.cranwell.com
Phone: (413) 637-2563
Tee time policy: Call pro shop. During peak season, times can be made a week in advance.

Course description: It isn't necessary to be a long hitter to play well. You will need to be accurate, however. The resort course offers relatively narrow fairways, plus undulating, well-guarded greens, some of which slope dramatically from back to front.
Noteworthy: Memberships are available and include free range balls, four complementary passes for guests, and access to the resort's fitness center and pool. A membership also includes 50 percent off greens fees at the renowned Crumplin-Fox Club in Bernardston. ... LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Hall of Famer Kay McMahon's eduKaytongolf company is located at the club's outstanding practice facility.

Egremont Country Club

Public with memberships available
Location: Route 23, Great Barrington
Par: 71
Yardage (Back/front tees): 6,036, 4,894.
Course rating: 68.7 (m), 68.1 (w).
Slope: 122 (m), 113 (w).

Greens fees: Weekdays: \$26 for 18 holes, \$17 for 9; \$17 twilight fee (after 4 p.m.); \$20 for seniors (65 and over Monday-Thursday); \$17 for 9 holes, \$20 for 18 for juniors (16 and under). Weekends and holidays: \$45 for 18 holes until 1 p.m., \$28 after 1 p.m.; \$35 for Berkshire County residents until 1 p.m., \$16 after 5 p.m.; \$17 twilight fee (after 5 p.m.);
Cart fees: \$18 for 18 holes per rider, \$9 for 9 holes per rider.

Range: Yes
General Manager: Frank Mazzarelli
Website: www.egremontcountryclub.com
Phone: (413) 528-4222
Tee time policy: Seven days in advance.
Course description: Egremont is more about accuracy than distance. With small greens – especially on the front nine – and well-placed bunkers, finding the fairway off the tee and picking the right club to approach the green with is key. The final three holes are strong. Given the smallish greens, you're likely to get plenty of chipping practice during your round.
Noteworthy: With only a handful of elevation changes and with the tee boxes and greens in close proximity to each other, this is an excellent course for walkers.

Pontoosuc Lake Country Club

Public with memberships available.
Location: 38 Kirkwood Drive, Pittsfield

Par: 70
Yardage (Back tees/front tees): 6,207, 5,240.
Course rating: 69.7 (m), 74.7 (w)
Slope: 115 (m), 119 (w).
Greens fees: Weekdays: \$28 for 18 holes, \$22 for seniors. \$20 for juniors. \$20 twilight fee (after 4 p.m.); \$18 for 9 holes. Weekend: \$32 for 18 holes, \$20 for 9.
Cart fees: \$16 for 18 holes for singles, \$10 for 9 holes for single, \$25 for 18 for two players, \$13 for 9 for two players.

Range: No
General manager: Jeff Moxon
Teaching professional: Bob Dastoli
Website: www.plcc.biz
Phone: (413) 445-4217
Tee time policy: Starting times on Friday-Sunday. It's first-come, first-served Monday-Thursday.

Course description: Though tree-lined, Pontoosuc offers the feel of a links-style course with its rolling terrain. An excellent layout with some challenging holes.
Noteworthy: The course opened in 1925, with several design changes since. The first was prompted by a visit from famed architect A.W. Tillinghast, who suggested some improvements that were made. A redesign was undertaken in 1939 by Wayne Stiles, who as a member of the Stiles and Van Kleek design firm which did work on a number Berkshire County courses.

Skyline Country Club

Public with memberships available
Location: Route 7, Lanesborough
Par: 71
Yardage (Back tees/front tees): 6,110, 4,708.
Course rating: 68.8 (m), 67.5 (w)
Slope: 117 (m), 114 (w).

Greens fees: Weekdays: Prices range from \$11-17 depending on starting time for nine holes; prices range from \$15-20 for 18 holes depending on starting time. Special spring rate through April, including carts, range from \$23-\$29 depending on starting time. Weekends: Prices range from \$15-\$18 depending on starting time for 9 holes; prices range from \$17-26 depending on starting time for 18 holes. Special spring rate through April, including carts, range from \$25-33 depending on starting time.

Cart fees: Weekdays: Prices range from \$6-\$8 per person depending on starting times for nine holes; prices range from \$10-\$14 per person depending on starting times for 18 holes. Weekends: Prices range from \$6-\$9 per person depending on starting times for nine holes; prices range from \$12-\$16 per person depending on starting times for 18 holes.
Range: Yes
Head professional: Jim Mitus
Website: www.skyline-cc.com

Phone: (413) 445-5584
Tee time policy: One week in advance.
Course description: Skyline has plenty of elevation changes and offers great views of the Berkshires. ... The scorecard includes tips that will help on a few holes where blind shots make local knowledge a must.
Noteworthy: A full-season pass for the driving range is available for \$175 and \$250 for a couple. ... 18-hole greens fee is good for all-day play.

Taconic Golf Club

Semi-private with memberships available.
Location: 19 Meacham St., Williamstown
Par: 71
Yardage (Back tees/front tees): 6,800, 5,143.
Course rating: 73.5 (m), 122 (w)
Slope: 136 (m), 122 (w).
Greens fees: \$145, first time only, for unaccompanied guest; \$50 for unaccompanied guest restart; \$80 for Williams College alumnus/spouse; \$80 for guest of alumnus; \$70 for college employee; \$70 guest with member, \$35 for nine holes; \$80 for employee guest; \$35 for Williams students; \$80 for student guests; \$80 for a student's parent.

Cart fees: Greens fees include cart
Range: No
Head professional: Josh Hillman
Website: www.taconicgolf.net
Phone: (413) 458-3997

Tee time policy: One week in advance
Course description: A visual beauty that opened in 1927, Taconic is another example of the work of Wayne Stiles. A renovation by Gil Hanse in 2009 has only added to the course's beauty and reputation as a great test of golf. Elevation changes, well-bunkered greens and putting surfaces that will challenge the best golfers await those fortunate enough to play the Williamstown gem.
Noteworthy: The course is owned by Williams College but is run by an independent board of directors. ... Taconic has earned rave reviews from numerous golf publications, including Golf Magazine, which rated it as the best public course in Massachusetts and ranked it as the 39th best course you can play in the U.S. Golfweek Magazine also rated it the No. 2 college course in the country behind Yale Golf Course in New Haven, Conn.

Wahconah Country Club

Semi-private with memberships available.
Location: Intersection of Orchard Road and East Main Street/Old Windsor Road, Dalton
Par: 71
Yardage (Back tees/front tees): 6,558, 5,431.
Course rating: 72.5 (m), 75.1 (w).
Slope: 135 (m), 128 (w).

Greens fees: Weekdays: \$70 for guest, \$40 for guest with member for 18 holes, \$25 for 9 holes for guest with member. Weekends: \$80 for guests, \$45 for guest with member, \$25 for 9 holes for guest with member.
Cart fees: \$15 per person for 18 holes, \$8 for 9.
Range: Yes
Head professional: Peter Egazarian
Website: www.wahconahcountryclub.com
Phone: (413) 684-1333
Tee time policy: Call pro shop.

Course description: Always among the county's most challenging and best-conditioned layouts, Wahconah is a real beauty to behold. The east branch of the Housatonic River comes into play on the second, eighth, ninth, 10th and 18th holes.
Noteworthy: Connecticut native Peter Egazarian, who most recently was an assistant pro at The Oaks Golf Links in New Hampshire, is the new head professional, replacing Jim Underdown. ... The Little Brown Jug, a medal-play team event, is one of the tournament highlights of the summer in the Berkshires. ... Golfing legend Bobby Jones played his last round of golf on the Dalton course on Aug. 15, 1948.

Waubeeka Golf Links

Public with memberships available.
Location: 137 New Ashford Road, Williamstown
Par: 71
Yardage (Back tees/ front tees): 6,229, 4,878.
Course rating: 70.6 (m), 69.6 (w).
Slope: 126 (m), 119 (m).
Greens fees: Spring special (April-May walking): \$35 for 18 holes, \$20 for 9. Summer rates: Weekdays (walking): \$45 for 18 holes, \$25 for 9. Weekends and holidays (walking): \$55 for 18 holes, \$30 for 9.
Cart fees: \$20 per person for 18 holes, \$10 for 9.

Range: Yes
Head professional: Eddie Cano
Website: www.waubeeka.com
Phone: (413) 458-8355
Tee time policy: Seven days in advance for public, eight days for members.
Course description: There's plenty of variety on this scenic layout that offers generous driving areas and large, undulating greens. The front nine is longer, while the renovated back nine offers more elevation changes with spectacular green complexes and deep, challenging bunkers.
Noteworthy: If you are in North Berkshire and need to practice, this is the place. A massive putting green, a short-game practice area and an all-grass driving range are first-class. ... The course's future was in doubt with former owner Jim Goff put-

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ting it up for sale. Fortunately, North Adams insurance man and developer Mike Deep, an avid golfer, purchased the course in March. Deep and his staff are currently working on upgrades to the golf shop and clubhouse while superintendent Greg Tudor, who has always had this public course in country club condition, has been retained. ... Memberships are available. ... New head professional Cano worked the past two years as an assistant at Stockbridge GC.

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Donnybrook Country Club

Open to public with memberships available. Location: 775 Williamstown Road, Lanesborough

Par: 36

Yardage (back/ front tees): 6,676 for 18 holes, 4,852.

Course rating: 74.2 (m), 69.2 (w).

Slope: 137 (m), 124 (w).

Greens fees: April special: \$28 with cart for 18 holes. Weekdays: \$ 45 midday for 18 holes, \$ 35 for 9; \$ 35 for 18 holes, \$ 30 for 9 before 8 a.m. and at twilight (times vary by season). Weekends: \$ 50 midday for 18 holes, \$ 40 for 9 holes; \$ 40 for 18 holes, \$ 35 for 9 holes before 7 a.m. and at twilight. Walkers and seniors (62 and over), 10 percent off on any price above. Juniors 15 percent off any price above.

Cart fees: Included in greens fees.

Range: No

General manager: Matt Kelly

Website: www.donnybrookgolf.com

Phone: (413) 499-7888

Tea time policy: Call pro shop to set times

Course description: Donnybrook is a challenging and fun course. There are some elevation changes and your short game will be tested by the undulating putting surfaces. The tee shot from the back tee on the par-5 fifth hole offers both a breathtaking view and a knee-knocking challenge.

Noteworthy: While the course measures an imposing 6,676 yards from the tips for 18 holes, large teeing areas give golfers plenty of options, with the next set of tees measuring a more manageable 6,038 yards. ... Last year, the course was the site of a 67 million-to-1 happening when Pittsfield's Rick O'Neill made two aces in three holes, the par-3 fourth and the par-4 sixth.

Forest Park Country Club

Open to public with memberships available.

Location: 41 Forest Park Ave., Adams

Par: 34

Yardage (Back/ front tees): 5,110 for

18 holes, 4,216.

Course rating: 65.9 (m), 67.8 (w)

Slope: 118 (m); 118 (w).

Greens fees: \$15 for 9 holes, \$20 for 18.

Cart fees: \$15 for 9 holes, \$27 for 18.

Range: No

General manager: Bruce Cardin

Website: www.forestparkadams.com

Phone: (413) 743-3311.

Tea time policy: First come, first served.

Course description: Forest Park is a relatively short course with rolling fairways that create plenty of uneven lies and greens that rarely give you a straight putt. The emphasis is on accuracy. With its relatively small greens, your short game will be tested.

Noteworthy: Nicknamed "The Rock," Forest Park is one of the nation's oldest courses, opening in 1900. It was designed by Alexander Findlay, who often is referred to as the Father of American golf for his prolific portfolio of course designs, about 200 of which have been identified. ... The club is a junior-friendly course with bargain prices for junior memberships.

General Electric Athletic Association

Open to public with memberships available.

Location: 303 Crane Ave., Pittsfield

Par: 36

Yardage (Back/front tees): 6,205 for 18 holes using a blue-white combination of tees, 5,274.

Course rating: 70.6 (m); 69.2 (w).

Slope: 115.3 (m), 113 (w).

Greens fees: \$23 for 18 holes, \$15 for 9. Weekend special: \$32 for two with a cart after 2 p.m.

Cart fees: \$14 for 9 holes, \$22 for 18

Range: No

Head professional: Jay Abair

Phone: (413) 443-5746

Website: geaagolf.com

Tea time policy: Call pro shop to set times

Course description: Built in the 1930s for General Electric employees and executives, the course includes some elevation changes — the downhill second shot on No. 2 being a prime example — that will challenge golfers. The par-4 holes all measure less than 400 yards, but look out for the par-5 sixth, which is 539 yards from the white tees and 570 from the blue. GEAA is the only course in the county that begins with a par-3 hole.

Noteworthy: There is a high volume of league play during the afternoons. ...

GEAA is a popular spot for senior golfers.

Greenock Country Club

Open to public with memberships available.

Location: 220 W. Park St., Lee

Par: 35 (m), 37 (w)

Yardage (Back tees/front tees): 6,230 for 18 holes, 5,796.

Course rating: 69.8 (m), 72.2 (w)

Slope: 122 (m), 117 (w)

Greens fees: Spring rates: Weekdays: \$27 for 18 holes, \$18 for 9. Weekends: \$30 for 18 holes, \$22 for 9. Summer rates: Guest fees — Weekdays: \$35 for 18 holes, \$25 for 9. With member — Weekdays: \$28 for 18 holes, 20 for 9 holes. Weekends: \$45 for 18 holes, \$32 for 9. With member: \$38 for 18 holes, \$28 for 9.

Cart fees: \$12 for 9 holes, \$21 for 18.

Range: No

Head professional: Bob Mucha

Website: www.greenockcc.com

Phone: (413) 243-3323

Tea time policy: Five days in advance.

Course description: For avid golfers with a sense of history, most Donald Ross designs are must-plays, and this charming 9-hole layout is no exception. It is a traditional, old-style course that is a perfect fit for recreational golfers.

Noteworthy: The club was established in 1897, with the redesign by Ross in 1927. ... A great course for a good walk, with all the tee boxes located in close proximity to the previous greens.

Worthington Golf Club

Open to public with memberships available.

Location: 113 Worthington Rd.,

Worthington

Par: 35

Yardage (Back tees/ front tees): 5,594 for 18 holes, 4,974.

Course rating: 66.8 (m), 69.5 (w)

Slope: 118 (m), 114 (w).

Greens fees: Weekdays: \$25 for 18 holes, \$18 for juniors; \$15 for 9 holes, \$10 for juniors. Weekends: \$35 for 18 holes, \$25 for 9. Weekday special: 8 a.m.-noon, 18 holes and a cart for two, \$65; 18 holes and a cart for four, \$120.

Cart fees: \$15 per rider for 18 holes, \$10 per rider for 9.

Range: Yes

Head professional: Erik Tiele

Website: worthingtongolfclub.net

Phone: (413) 238-4464

Tea time policy: Call pro shop to set times

Course description: Worthington presents golfers of all ability levels a place to enjoy their games. It isn't long, making it playable for the recreational or occasional golfer, but the tight fairways and sloping greens still make it a challenge for the more accomplished player.

Noteworthy: The club dates to the turn of the century. ... A very junior-friendly course. ... Worthington is in Hampshire County but is a member of Berkshire County's Allied Golf Association.

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Berkshire Hills Country Club

Location: 500 Benedict Road, Pittsfield

Holes: 18

Par: 72 (m), 73 (w).

Yardage (Back tees/ front tees): 6,780, 5,458.

Slope: 126 (m), 123 (w).

Course rating: 72.8 (m), 72.9 (w)

Guest policy: With a member, \$35 for 18 holes on weekdays, \$25 for 9, \$45 for 18 holes on weekend, and \$25 for 9 holes. An unaccompanied guest can play at the head professional's discretion for \$90.

Range: Yes

Head professional: Mike Hillman

Website: www.berkshirehills.com

Phone: (413) 442-1451

Course description: One of the area's true gems with strong shot values. The course has several elevation changes, making some holes play shorter than the scorecard yardage and others longer. The par-4 sixth hole, a dogleg right over water, is a classic risk-reward hole. ... The course includes five par-5 holes, five par-3s and six par 4s, an unusual and fun mix for a par-72 layout.

Noteworthy: The course is the only one in the state totally designed by A. W. Tillinghast, one of the great golf course architects of the first half of the 20th century. ... The club hosts two of the area's premier events, the best-ball Pewter Cup in June and the Berkshire Hills Singles in July.

Country Club of Pittsfield

Location: 639 South St., Pittsfield

Holes: 18

Par: 71

Yardage (Back tees/ front tees): 6,395, 4,987.

Course rating: 71.5 (m), 71.8 (w)

Slope: 127 (m), 127 (w).

Guest policy: Guests must play with member.

Range: Yes

Head professional: Brad Benson

Phone: (413) 447-8504

Website: www.ccpittsfield.org

Course description: Originally designed by Donald Ross in 1917, the course now is officially listed as a Wayne Stiles course after he made changes to it in the 1920s. This timeless beauty was also upgraded and renovated in 2003. The course offers golfers plenty of elevation changes that make it play longer than the scorecard would suggest and makes club selection difficult. The bunkering around the greens and the undulations of the pristine putting surfaces call for a strong short game.

Noteworthy: Steeped in history, the club counts Willie Anderson, the U.S. Open champion four times between 1901-05, as one of its past head professionals. ... Current head pro Benson is the dean of Berkshire County professionals. ... As part of the USGA's Play It Forward initiative, new tee markers were added last year ahead of the women's tees to create a 3,843-yard course.

Stockbridge Golf Club

Location: 6A Main St., Stockbridge

Holes: 18

Par: 71 (m), 73 (w)

Yardage (back, front tees): 6,567, 5,344.

Course Rating: 73.1 (m), 72.2 (w).

Slope: 130 (m) 124 (w).

Guest policy: Guests must play with a member, although the club has an arrangement that allows play by those staying at some Stockbridge-area inns.

Range: No

Head professional: Steve Mazzariello

Website: www.stockbridge.com

Phone: (413) 298-3423

Course description: This beautiful course is not overly long, but it's far from easy. The greens are small and the fairways tight — with the Housatonic River ever-present — so accuracy, not distance, and a strong short game are the keys to scoring. ... A rarity in the Berkshires, Stockbridge is relatively flat.

Noteworthy: Established in 1895, Stockbridge has a long and rich history. The club's Men's Invitational — a two-man, best-ball event — is believed to be the oldest annual invitational team tournament in the United States ... A new set of forward tees were added last year to create a 4,500-yard layout as part of the USGA Play It Forward initiative.

Wyantenuck Country Club

Location: West Sheffield Road, Great

Barrington

Holes: 18 Par: 70 (m), 72 (w)

Yardage (back, front tees): 6,456, 5,364.

Course rating: 70.8 (m), 70.3 (w)

Slope: 123 (m), 116 (w).

Guest policy: Guests must play with member.

Range: Small practice area.

Head professional: Tom Sullivan

Phone: (413) 528-3229

Website: www.wyantenuck.org

Course description: Wyantenuck is one of the Berkshires' elite courses and one of its most challenging. There's room to drive the ball, but the greens are tricky and require local knowledge, giving a member an edge over his invited guest. The five par-3 holes, varying in length from 246 yards to 164 from the back tees, are particularly challenging, and the par-4 17th is a visual beauty filled with danger.

Noteworthy: Wyantenuck is always one of the best-conditioned courses in the Berkshires thanks to superintendent Peter Bacon and his crew. ... Club member Andy Congdon, the 24-time club champion, is a dominant force in county golf. ... Wyantenuck was founded in 1896 and moved to its current site in 1914.

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