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## Oakland County Parks golf courses open for play beginning March 29

Five golf courses offer a variety of experiences throughout the county

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI – March 21, 2024** – While warmer temperatures have already provided a sample of spring, a sure sign the seasons are changing is when the five golf courses operated by Oakland County Parks open for the season. This year that date is set for Friday, March 29, weather permitting.

"The opening of the golf courses always generate excitement," Chief Park Operations and Maintenance - North District Tom Hughes said. "Golf is a great way for people of all ages and abilities to socialize, get outdoors in the fresh air and squeeze some exercise into their busy schedules. Golf rates will remain the same as 2023, keeping play affordable and available to everyone looking to golf close to home or experience a new golf destination."

Glen Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Springfield Oaks and White Lake Oaks golf courses are 18-hole courses that feature scenic views and challenging play. All four offer clubhouses with pro shops and food and beverage service while Lyon Oaks also has a driving range.

In addition to a 9-hole executive course, Red Oaks Golf Course is home to FootGolf, which combines the popularity of golf with soccer.

New this year at White Lake Oaks Golf Course are four electric golf bikes available for rent. These individual rentals are an alternative to a larger golf cart, providing the rider with the ability to go directly to their ball. Golf bags are mounted in the center of the bike, which has wide wheels for a balanced and controlled ride. Currently the bikes are limited to 18-hole rentals due to the limited fleet available and expected demand since White Lake Oaks is one of the first golf courses in the area to make the electric bikes available.

Junior rates will continue this year at the golf courses. Individuals ages 17 and younger can play 9 holes for \$10 and 18 holes for \$15 Monday-Friday and weekend afternoons. Specific hours are posted at each golf course. Juniors ride free with a paid adult during those times.

"We've seen many junior golfers developing a love for the game thanks to these affordable rates," Hughes said. "It's great to see increased family participation."

Discounted rates are also available for seniors ages 62+, individuals with disabilities, veterans and active military personnel. Twilight golf offers special rates during the evening hours.

Single rider Americans with Disabilities (ADA) golf carts are available for golfers with physical disabilities or limited mobility. Some carts feature a swivel seat that moves to a standing position and also pivots left and right for maximum range of motion during play.

Oakland County Parks golf courses are conveniently located throughout Oakland County:

- Glen Oaks Golf Course 30500 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 248-851-8356
- Lyon Oaks Golf Course 52221 Pontiac Trail, Lyon Township, 248-437-1488
- Red Oaks Golf Course 29600 John R Road, Madison Heights, 248-541-5030
- Springfield Oaks Golf Course 12450 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, 248-634-2261
- White Lake Oaks Golf Course 991 Williams Lake Road, White Lake, 248-698-2700

Online tee times will be accepted seven days before play at OaklandCountyParks.com. Golfers can also call the pro shops starting at 7 a.m. to reserve a tee time seven days in advance.

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