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## **Gaylord in PURE Michigan Offers Golfers Comfortable Summer Temperatures *and* is America's Summer Golf Mecca**



**GAYLORD, MICHIGAN** – Located in the center of northern Michigan on the 45th parallel, Gaylord, Michigan is home to nationally acclaimed golf and is America's Summer Golf Mecca. For 39 years the top golf courses in the Gaylord area have been marketed together as the Gaylord Golf Mecca and gained an impressive reputation. It's because the area truly offers the best combination of quantity and quality of golf in the Midwest, right in the heart of Michigan's beautiful land of lakes and trees.



With the highest overall elevation in Michigan’s scenic Lower Peninsula, the Gaylord area offers stunning views and challenging play with several courses built into the Pigeon River and Sturgeon River valleys. The terrain ranges from dramatic valleys with rolling greens to classic parkland-style courses, all suited for the novice or championship player.



Consisting of 16 unique but equally respectable courses, the Gaylord Golf Mecca meets the needs of golfers of all skill sets and budgets. Robert Trent Jones, Tom Fazio, Rick Smith, Jerry Matthews and even the legendary Wilfrid E. Reid designed holes in the Mecca.

## The Course Collection

The Gaylord Golf Mecca is comprised of 16 championship courses:

**Treetops Resort**, offering 5 award-winning courses by Tom Fazio, Rick Smith and Robert Trent Jones, Sr., premier lodging, a day spa and special events, is nationally recognized as a leading golf destination.

**Otsego Resort**, offering two pristine courses, including The Tribute designed by Gary Koch with some of the most dramatic views you'll find, is also known for its Swiss-style architecture.

If you're looking for an immaculate parkland-style layout and excellent dining, **Michaywe Pines Course** delivers.



**Gaylord Golf Club** unarguably offers some of the finest greens you will ever play and was a founding member of the Mecca.

**Garland Lodge and Golf Resort** offers the full resort experience and boasts 5 courses with some challenging holes built around the natural wetlands.

**Lakes of the North Golf Course** offers a parkland-style layout surrounded by thick, northern forest and was designed by Jerry Matthews and Bill Newcomb.

Just north of Gaylord, you will find **Indian River Golf Club**, a timeless course that recently celebrated its 100-year anniversary and meanders through northern Michigan's wilderness.

For isolated holes designed by famed architect Rees Jones that allow you to truly get lost in the game, **Black Lake Golf Club** and its recently remodeled clubhouse are just a short, scenic drive away.

Completing the lineup is **Black Bear Golf Course**. New to the Mecca in 2025, Black Bear Golf is under new ownership and was ranked as the #1 most improved U.S. golf course by Golf Advisor in 2024.



### **Short Course Stunners**

Along with 16 immaculate 18-hole courses, the Gaylord Golf Mecca is home to three par-3 short courses. The Little Course at Black Lake Golf Club celebrated 25 years in 2025. This chip and putt course keeps your skills in check and makes a great add-on to playing the main course.

Last summer, Garland Lodge and Golf Resort debuted The Sawyer, a reversible par-3 featuring grassy undulations, numerous bunkers and challenging greens. The Mecca's most acclaimed par-3, Threetops at Treetops Resort, has been recognized as the best par-3 course in the nation. Threetops rose to fame when Lee Trevino made his million-dollar ace on hole #7 during the ESPN Par-3 Shootout.



### **Summer and Fall in the Mecca**

As temperatures rise above 100 degrees in the southwest and southern states, comfortable temperatures prevail in northern Michigan. With breezes finding their way from the Great Lakes only 60 minutes away, average summertime temperatures reach just 80 degrees.

Along with picture-perfect weather, Gaylord is located in the Eastern Time zone where Daylight Savings makes you wait just a little longer for a beautiful sunset over the many lakes and golf courses in the region. Extended play is the name of the game and golfers will find themselves swinging into the twilight hours, finishing up their last round of the day as late as 10:00 p.m. as the sun is finally setting. Get in 36 holes without rushing one bit or set your ambition high and play even more.

Autumn golf is also spectacular throughout the Gaylord Golf Mecca. With brilliant blue skies, deep green fairways and mosaic-like colors lining each of the 16 championship courses, autumn (September and October) is a blissful time for a golf escape to Pure Michigan. With smaller crowds and post-peak season rates, fall golf getaways put the finishing touch on a spectacular season.



### **Getting Here is Easy**

Whether your golf getaway starts behind the wheel or on the runway, the Gaylord Golf Mecca is easier than ever to get to. Mileage from major Midwest hubs is reasonable, and the drive couldn't get any easier with Gaylord conveniently located right on I-75 and M-32. Distances from major cities include Detroit - 250 miles, Grand Rapids - 180 miles, Chicago and Indiana - 350 miles and Cleveland - 380 miles. It's as easy as that!

As far as flying, well it just keeps getting better with the partnership the Mecca has forged with the ever-expanding TVC-Cherry Capital Airport located in nearby Traverse City, where it's only one hour from runway to fairway. Back by popular demand, 19 nonstop flights will be available through TVC this summer. Convenient nonstop and one-stop services are available from Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Washington DC (Reagan National and Dulles International), Philadelphia, New York (LaGuardia), Newark, Boston, Charlotte, Atlanta, Dallas-

Fort Worth, Houston, Denver, Phoenix/Mesa, Orlando/Sanford, Tampa/St. Pete, Punta Gorda and Houston. TVC-Cherry Capital Airport is serviced by Allegiant Airline, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue, Sun-Country Airlines and United Airlines. For up-to-the-minute flight information, visit [tvcairport.com](http://tvcairport.com).

The Mecca is undeniably one of the most impressive golf destinations you can visit, but don't just take our word for it. Golf Digest named Gaylord and northern Michigan the 12<sup>th</sup> best golf destination in the WORLD and 8<sup>th</sup> in the United States. The Gaylord Golf Mecca was also recognized as the Best Golf Destination by Golftime Midwest. Our members regularly receive individual accolades for not only their immaculate courses but also their friendly service and dining experiences.

Lose yourself in the game and discover an unparalleled golf destination in the Gaylord Golf Mecca. For packages and more information, visit [gaylordgolfmecca.com](http://gaylordgolfmecca.com).