



# Golf by the Midnight Sun... Anchorage Golf Course

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YOUR LOCAL  
COURSE IS ALWAYS  
BOOKED SOLID?

Here's a solution:  
**Plan a trip to Alaska.**

At Anchorage Golf Course actually part of Alyeska Resort in the town of Girdwood, 35 miles south--summer hours take on a new meaning. Want to tee off at 5:00 a.m.? No problem. How about a twilight round? That's fine, too--as long as you remember that twilight in Anchorage means after 8:00 p.m. In the land of the midnight sun, golf balls soar through the air virtually around the clock from the beginning of May until mid-October, or whenever the first snowfall hits.



Nestled amid the Chugach Mountains on Alaska's south-central coast, Anchorage Golf Course offers mesmerizing views not only of Cook Inlet but also of three separate mountain ranges, highlighted by the spectacular Mount McKinley (officially known in native Alaskan as Denali, or "the Great One"), North America's highest mountain at over 20,000 feet. "The exquisite view is equalled only by the challenge of the course," says head golf professional Rich Sayers. Rolling, tree-lined fairways place a premium on accurate play, and the number of protected, undulating greens make a low score worthy of ad-

miration. "It may look short on the scorecard," says Sayers, "but it demands precision. You have to think out there."

In case the picturesque layout and majestic scenery aren't enough to draw you, perhaps the variety of non-human spectators will. While birdies might be rare, you are likely to spot moose, fox or bald eagles. Even the occasional bear might wander by to watch you attempt that 40-foot double-breaker. It's all part of the unique golf experience in what many consider North America's last frontier--where the sun hardly ever sets.

## VITAL INFO

The 18-hole, par-72 Anchorage Golf Course, designed by Bill Newcomb, opened in 1987

Greens fees vary according to age, time, residency (Alaskans play for less) and whether you're staying at the Alyeska Prince.

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Apart from a driving range, pro shop, snack bar and restaurant, the course also offers individual and group lessons for golfers of all ages and skill levels.

## ANCHORAGE

Founded in 1915 as construction headquarters for the burgeoning Alaska Railroad, Anchorage--"a place where a ship lies at anchor"--quickly grew to become Alaska's financial and commercial hub.

Today, the city sometimes referred to as the "Hanging Basket Capital of the World," or by aviation buffs by its former official slogan, the Air Crossroads of the World, comprises more than 40 percent of the entire state's population.

## FUN FACTS

- Anchorage lies at the northernmost reach of the Pacific Ocean, about as far north as Stockholm and as far west as Hawaii
- Anchorage's midnight sun results from its location near the top of the Earth; at higher latitudes, the sun seldom sinks below the horizon during summer even as the planet rotates
- Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling was born in Anchorage