



JUST THE FACTS

LOCATION:

Erin, Wisconsin
35 miles northwest of Milwaukee

ADDRESS:

7160 County Road O, Erin, WI 53027

SIZE OF PROPERTY:

652 acres

NUMBER OF HOLES:

18

ARCHITECTS:

Michael Hurdzan
Dana Fry
Ron Whitten

DATE OPENED:

2006

OWNERS:

Bob Lang (1999-2009)
Andy Ziegler (2009-present)

GRASSES:

Tees: Penncross bentgrass
Greens: A-4 bentgrass
Fairways and roughs: Fine fescue

BLACK TEES:

7800 yards, par 72
Course rating: 77.9
Slope: 145

TYPE OF COURSE:

Public – Walking only
The 2016 green fee is \$265

ONSITE LODGING:

A variety of rooms, suites and cottages
Total of 37 beds



USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links
(won by Tiffany Joh)
- 2011 U.S. Amateur Championship
(won by Kelly Kraft)
- 2017 U.S. Open Championship
June 15-18, 2017

OTHER COMPETITIONS:

- 2015 Wisconsin State
Amateur Championship
- 2013-2015 Erin Hills Intercollegiate
(hosted by Marquette University)
- 2012, 2013, 2015 – Lake Country
Charity Invitational

OTHER DISTINCTIONS:

Golf Digest:

- 42nd among America's 100 Greatest Courses
- 8th among America's Greatest Public Courses

Acreage of fairways:

39 acres

Putting green sizes:

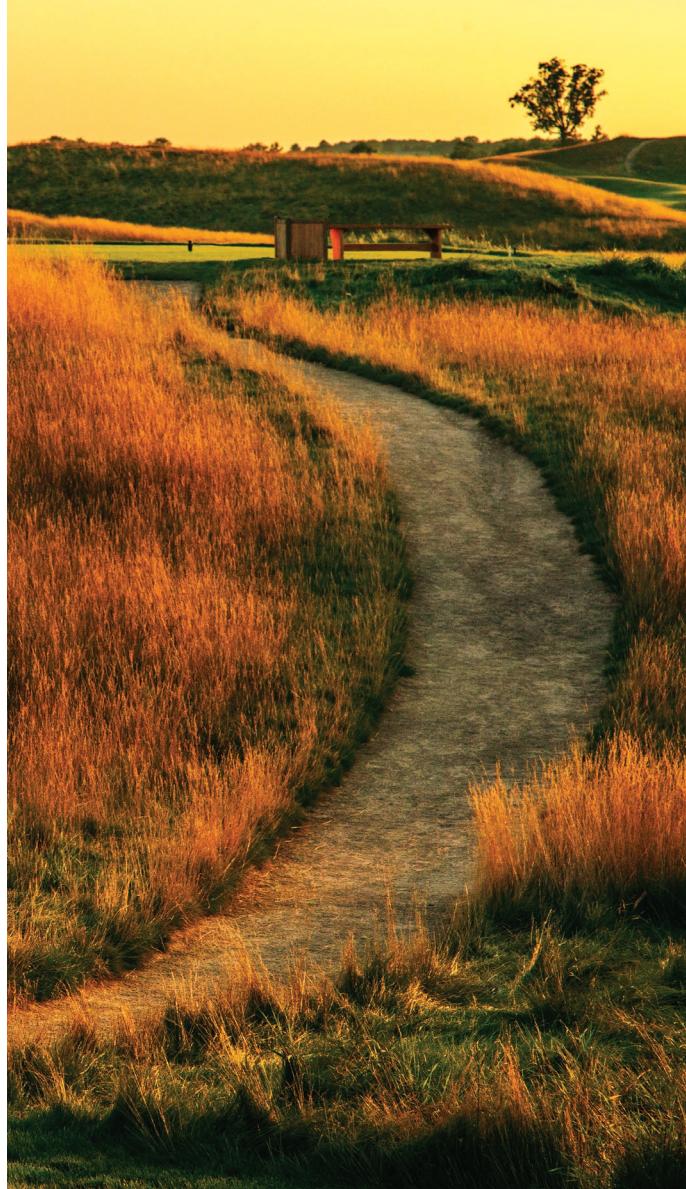
Average: 6,650 square feet

Smallest: 3,800 square feet (2nd hole)

Largest: 10,900 square feet (7th hole)

Course record:

66 by Ben Geyer and Mike Ignasiak
in the stroke-play portion of the
2011 U.S. Amateur Championship.



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ERIN HILLS GOLF COURSE



A Course Created by Nature and Revealed by Architects.

Over 20,000 years ago, Erin Hills was formed by colliding glaciers that left dramatic ridges, contours and vistas. The minimalist and sustainable approach to design and maintenance respects the course's place in Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine region. When architects Michael Hurdzan, Dana Fry and Ron Whitten set out to draft the course, they needed to move only a few shovels of dirt to reveal the rare landscape that can test the game's best in a major championship.

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Course Description

Bentgrass carpets the tees and greens, while fine fescue fairways provide a fast and firm-playing surface on 652 acres. The course is walking-only and played in a traditional atmosphere with few artificial distractions.

Tees/Par 72	Yardage	Rating/Slope
Black	7,800 yards	77.9 / 145
Blue	7,174 yards	75.0 / 139
Green	6,754 yards	73.2 / 135
White	6,233 yards	70.5 / 129
Gold	5,082 yards	69.2 / 118
Blue/Green Combo	6,990 yards	74.1 / 137
White/Gold Combo	5,581 yards	67.6 / 123

The Architects of Erin Hills

Dr. Michael Hurdzan – An internationally respected authority on golf course design, renovation, and the environment, has received golf's highest non-player honors. Dr. Hurdzan has designed or co-designed courses on five continents, including numerous “Top 100” designs in the U.S. and Canada.

Dana Fry – This one-time junior and collegiate competitor developed a keen passion for golf course design in the early 1980s. His background as a golfer and his personalized, hands-on approach are integral to his renowned designs, which have earned him many accolades and honors.

Ron Whitten – Although his day job is Golf Digest’s Senior Editor for Architecture, Mr. Whitten has also co-designed five courses. In addition, he’s the author of five books on golf course design, including the first history of golf course architecture, “The Golf Course”(1981).

Significant Events at Erin Hills

Erin Hills has hosted an assortment of championships and competitions since its opening in 2006.

- 2015 Wisconsin State Amateur Championship
 - 2013-2015 Erin Hills Intercollegiate Championship (hosted by Marquette University)
 - 2011 U.S. Amateur Championship
 - 2008 U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship
 - 2017 U.S. Open Championship
- Erin Hills proudly looks forward to hosting the first U.S. Open Championship to be played in Wisconsin June 12-18, 2017. In preparation, the course will close in the fall of 2016 and general play will not resume until after the U.S. Open concludes.

Course Recognition

Golf Digest ranked Erin Hills 8th among America’s Greatest Public Courses and 42nd among America’s 100 Greatest Courses overall.

“I COMPARE ERIN HILLS TO SOME OF THE GREAT U.S. OPEN SITES, LIKE SHINNECOCK, LIKE PEBBLE BEACH, LIKE OAKMONT. THIS STANDS UP WITH ALL OF THEM.”

– Mike Davis, USGA Executive Director

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ACCOMMODATIONS & AMENITIES



A Quiet and Intimate Destination Awaits Golf Enthusiasts.

Located 35 miles northwest of downtown Milwaukee and 110 miles from Chicago's O'Hare Airport, Erin Hills occupies a stunning swath of rolling land left by the collision of receding lobes of the Green Bay and Lake Michigan glaciers 20,000 years ago. That land in Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine region is now Erin Hills, a golf course whose fairways, vistas and mystical appearance clearly could not have been made by man.

To serve the golfers who tackle this minimalist, championship course, the cottages and the Lodge provide a variety of accommodations. The dining room, clubhouse porch, pub, terrace (with fire pits) and meeting rooms offer many opportunities for gathering before or after golf. Dining options are casual or elegant and feature a unique selection of food, wines and liquor. The practice facility includes bunkered greens for targets and an extensive short game area.

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Hospitality at Erin Hills

- Four-bedroom cottages
- Lodge with individual rooms and suites
- Fine dining in the Clubhouse Dining Room and Porch
- The Irish Pub and Terrace
- The Sports Lounge
- Private meeting and dining rooms
- Extensive practice facility
- Professional caddies

Accommodations

The five private cottages each boast a central great room complete with gas fireplace and a wet bar with views overlooking the course, practice facility and/or prairie. All of the bedrooms, both in the cottages and in the Lodge, are fitted with classic comforts—Egyptian cotton linens, down comforters and pillows. All have wireless Internet and flat screen TVs.

Dining

There are a variety of dining options at Erin Hills. The Clubhouse offers two venues for dining, outside on the porch with a view of the course, or inside under cathedral ceilings in front of a two-story stone fireplace. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are available. Dinner is classic steak house with a full complement of wines and cocktails.

At the Irish Pub, the food is traditional pub fare with a wide selection of beer, scotch, or wine. Enjoy the casual atmosphere around gas fire pits outside on the brick terrace, or inside in the Sports Lounge with space to play cards in front of a large-screen television.

Private meeting and dining space is also available for small groups.

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THE 117TH U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT ERIN HILLS



The Site of Wisconsin's First U.S. Open Championship.

Since 1895, the United States Golf Association (USGA) has conducted the U.S. Open to identify golf's national champion. What started as a competition among ten professionals and one amateur has today become one of sports' most celebrated contests.

Each year, in addition to the world's top golfers who have exemptions, approximately 10,000 amateur and professional players enter qualifying tournaments hoping to make the final 156-player field. The only requirement for entry into these qualifying contests is a Handicap Index not exceeding 1.4. This truly open system has made the U.S. Open one of the most exciting events to watch. In its history, competitors ranging in age from 17 to 61 have advanced to weekend rounds and five amateurs have claimed its trophy.



The USGA accepts invitations from the best courses in the country to host national championships and is proud to bring the U.S. Open to Erin Hills for the first time in 2017. Important facts are listed below.

2017 Dates:

June 12-14 (Practice rounds)

June 15-18 (Championship rounds)

Location:

Erin Hills Golf Course, Erin, WI

Field:

156 professionals and amateurs; a portion of the field will earn exemptions into the championship through designated exemption categories. The remaining players will earn a spot through U.S. Open qualifying. Any professional or an amateur golfer with a USGA handicap index not exceeding 1.4 may enter U.S. Open qualifying.

Format:

72 holes stroke play. Field will be cut to low 60 scores (and ties) following the completion of 36 holes. An 18-hole playoff will take place on Monday if two or more players are tied after 72 holes.

Tickets:

Tickets will be available to the general public for purchase at www.usga.org/tickets beginning on Monday, June 13, 2016. A variety of packages and price points are available.

Hospitality:

Information about corporate hospitality can be obtained by contacting MSG Promotions, Inc., the USGA's official corporate hospitality marketing company for the U.S. Open Championship at (484) 223-3295 or www.msgpromotions.com.

USGA History at Erin Hills:

This is the third USGA national championship to be conducted at Erin Hills, following the 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship and the 2011 U.S. Amateur Championship.

Web Site:

Additional championship information can be obtained by visiting www.usopen.com.

Media Inquiries:

All media inquiries should be directed to the USGA. For questions regarding the conduct of the championship and players, contact:

Pete Kowalski, *Championship Communications Director* at (908) 326-1886

For spectator information:

Janeen Driscoll, *PR Director* at (908) 326-1978



THE TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ERIN HILLS GOLF EXPERIENCE.

The Owner of Erin Hills

Andy Ziegler – Chairman of Artisan Partners Asset Management, this native Milwaukeean purchased Erin Hills from founder Bob Lang in October 2009. Today Mr. Ziegler remains a passionate steward of the Erin Hills legacy.

General Chairman of the 2017 U.S. Open

Jim Reinhart – The founder of Reinhart Partners, Inc. in Mequon, Wisconsin, Reinhart served on the USGA's Executive Committee from 2001-2007, retiring from the USGA as Vice President. He was the General Chairman for the 2011 U.S. Amateur Championship at Erin Hills.

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