

GOLFING NEAR VANCOUVER

Play golf year-round at four popular destination areas – Metro Vancouver, Mighty Fraser Country, the Sunshine Coast and Sea to Sky Country – in the Vancouver, Coast & Mountains region.

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Mayfair Lakes Golf & Country Club: At Mayfair Lakes, enjoy beautiful Coast Mountain views in a peaceful valley setting. After golfing the 6,641-yard, Les-Furber-designed course, hit the Lakeside Grill for a AAA New York steak sandwich and onion rings.

Westwood Plateau Golf Club: Hit soaring tee shots that plummet down Westwood Plateau's tree-lined playing corridors. Michael Hurdzan designed this course – watch out for the ravines and rock outcroppings! After a day on the links, enjoy pan-seared tandoori salmon at Rogues Bar and Grill.

Northview Golf Club: Northview has two Arnold-Palmer-designed courses. The club has hosted the PGA Tour's Air Canada Championship, won by Canadian Mike Weir in 1999. Stop by The Palmer Room for appetizers and a cool beverage after a round.

Northlands Golf Course: Enjoy friendly greens and downhill par 3s that offer spectacular views on this 6,504-yard course, named as "Runner-Up, Best New Course in Canada" by Golf Digest in 1998. Golfers share the course with local wildlife such as deer, coyotes and bears

Mighty Fraser Country Golf Courses

Swan-e-set Bay Resort & Country Club: Located in Pitt Meadows, Swan-e-set Bay has 36 holes of championship golf designed by PGA Tour legend Lee Trevino. Both courses feature artistic bunkering in hushed valley settings. The 6,040-sq-m/65,000-sq-ft clubhouse, featured in the movie Happy Gilmore, is home to a legendary pasta night on Fridays.

Sandpiper Golf Resort: Sandpiper is a serene, 6,500-yard riverside course in Harrison Mills. View wildlife and soak in the Coast Mountain views, but watch out for the Sasquatch's footprint – a deep swale that guards the 5th green. Stay at Rowena's Inn on the River and dine at The Rivers Edge Restaurant (the garlic herb seared halibut is delicious).

Sunshine Coast Golf Courses

Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club: Located in Roberts Creek, the 6,337-yard layout at Sunshine Coast Golf Club is the home of the 2012 BC Junior Boys Championship. Play secluded fairways that swerve through the forest. Before departing, enjoy a pint on the patio – it's one of the most popular patios on the Sunshine Coast. Sechelt Golf & Country Club: Sechelt Golf Club is a nature-lover's course complete with views of Porpoise Bay and the Coast Mountains. The course features generous fairways and four sets of tees for players of all skill levels. After a round, sit down for a meal at Porpoise Bay Grill.

Myrtle Point Golf Club: Further north along the Sunshine Coast, near Powell River, is the Myrtle Point Golf Club. This Les-Furberdesigned course meanders through dense forest and incorporates a number of natural water hazards. Après golf, enjoy a mouthwatering seafood melt and ocean views at the popular Orca Bistro.

Sea to Sky Golf Course

Furry Creek Golf Club: Located between Vancouver and Squamish on the Sea-to-Sky Highway, Furry Creek is sometimes referred to as British Columbia's most scenic golf course. Sail tee shots down big fall lines and over gaping ravines, and aim for slivers of green jutting into Howe Sound. After a round, dine at the Sea to Sky Grill (try the seafood chowder and jumbo prawn linguini).

Accommodation

Coast Chilliwack Hotel in downtown Chilliwack is close to many activities, including golfing, fishing and riverrafting. Enjoy the indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool and fitness centre.

Holiday Inn & Suites - North Vancouver is a great location for checking out the several courses on the North Shore. After a round, pamper yourself at the Paradise Spa and then enjoy pub fare at Seymour's Pub.

The Historic Lund Hotel: Located on the northern tip of the Sunshine Coast (27km/17mi north of Powell River), the Historic Lund Hotel is an oceanfront relic that dates back to 1905.

Transportation

Car rentals are readily available at the Vancouver International Airport, and getting around the city is easy. The Canada Line, part of a rapid transit system, transports travellers from the airport to downtown. Access Mighty Fraser Country by heading east on Highway 1 (Trans Canada Highway). To get to Sea to Sky Country, follow signs to Whistler and the Sea-to-Sky Highway, one of the world's most scenic drives. Visitors heading to the Sunshine Coast will need to catch BC Ferries at Horseshoe Bay. The scenic ferry crossing takes approximately 40 minutes.



