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Illinois Office of Tourism Releases Golf Guide

Enthusiasts will find plenty of tee-time inspiration at new state guide

Chicago, May 2016 – Illinois, among the Midwest’s top golfing outposts, today announces the release of its first, comprehensive guide to golfing locales across the state, encouraging avid enthusiasts of the sport to explore new courses and learn about additional activities and restaurants near their favorite fairways.

Just in time for summer, the guide includes information and insider tips on the state’s most popular and pristine courses, some of which have played host to prestigious PGA Tour events like the U.S. Open, PGA Championship and BMW Classic.

Browsing the guide, readers will find details on such courses as:

- **Kokopelli Golf Club** – The Kokopelli course in Marion was designed by internationally-renowned golf course architect Steve Smyers, who has created courses in five different continents. Kokopelli has also been recognized by *Golf Week Magazine* as a top course in Illinois.
- **Pine Meadow Golf Course** – Located in Mundelein, Pine Meadow was considered as the best new public golf course in the U.S. Its practice facility is considered the best in the suburbs of Chicago, and it possesses an award-winning golf shop for merchandising both on the state and national level by the PGA of America.
- **Cantigny Golf** – Cantigny is a full-service golf facility with 27 holes of golf that offers 18 and 9-hole play. The golf course is part of the historic 500-acre Cantigny Park and includes a museum, gardens and picnic areas.

“This state offers such a variety of activities to inspire travel, and our guides allow us to showcase how Illinois tourism can cater to individual interests and hobbies” says Cory Jobe, Director of the Illinois Office of Tourism. “Illinois’ golfing scene is exceptional because you can find gorgeous greens throughout the entire state, from Galena down to the Southern Illinois Golf Trail.”

For more information on Illinois golf destinations, or to download the official state tourism golf guide, visit enjoyillinois.com.

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