

## 2015 Big Ten Women's Golf Championship Information

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### **Admission**

There is no fee for admission to the 2015 Big Ten Women's Golf Championships.

### **The Fort Golf Resort**

Depending on who you talk with, The Fort Golf Resort is either more or less difficult than it used to be.

Regardless, it's a far better course, thanks to the guiding hand of legendary golf course architect Pete Dye. After the Indiana Department of Natural Resources acquired the original course and surrounding land, Dye and Tim Liddy set about redesigning the 18-hole layout.

The outcome is a scenic challenge that golfing publications repeatedly rank among the top public courses in Indiana. Natural terrain and impeccable playing conditions are hallmarks of the 7,148-yard, par-72 course.

Kevin Dunleavy of Golf World described The Fort as "a thriving municipal gem. The tree-lined layout has the undulating greens expected on a Dye course and the unexpected level of elevation change."

If you're looking for the "signature" hole, take your pick.

Some say No. 11 has honors because of yardage and elevation changes. Starting from the red tee (442 yards) or the gold (547 yards), proper shot placement is critical to gain a better approach to the green.

Others might say the Dye redesign put No. 4 atop the leaderboard. It's a strong, slightly downhill par-4 with a tree-lined fairway. Potentially intimidating, the options are to drive long into a valley with a blind, uphill short iron, or lay up short and follow with a mid to long iron approach.

And then there's the 18th - majestic, demanding. It's a made-for-TV finish.

### **Fort Harrison State Park**

Landscape and history blend together at Fort Harrison State Park on the northeast side of Indianapolis. Created from the heart of a former military base, Fort Harrison is a state park for many seasons and for many reasons.

Spring is the season to walk with woodland wildflowers in full bloom across the park. Summer is the perfect time for a canoe trip down Fall Creek that runs through the northern part of the park.

Autumn brings warm, sunny days and breathtaking fall colors to one of the last large forested corners of Marion County.

Winter provides thrills on one of the biggest sledding hills in the area. In other words, any time is a great time to visit Fort Harrison State Park and experience its beauty and its history.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated a military post here in honor of our 23rd President and Indianapolis resident, Benjamin Harrison. The fort that bore Harrison's name was the first attempt to create a "national" army out of a collection of state militias.

The post served multiple roles as a troop reception center, classroom, and soldier support facility during every military conflict from World War I to Desert Storm.

The former Citizen's Military Training Camp is preserved around the park office in what was known as Camp Glenn. It was here that Civilian Conservation Corps workers were housed in the 1930s and German and Italian prisoners were detained during World War II.

The Fort was the site of the athletes' village during the 1987 Pan-American Games, but rumors when the U.S. Army closed Fort Benjamin Harrison in 1995, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources acquired 1,700 acres for a state park. Fort Harrison State Park continues to preserve the greenspace that the U.S. Army kept out of development during its presence here.

Nestled among rolling terrain and towering trees, today's park features walking and jogging trails, mountain bike trails, horse trail rides, picnic shelters, fishing access to Delaware Lake and Fall Creek, an 11-acre dog park, two national historic districts, and four state-dedicated nature preserves.

Visitors may also want to stop at the park's Museum of 20th Century Warfare to view exhibits about the lives and history of the soldiers who once marched the grounds of old Fort Harrison.

An oasis of green in an urban landscape, Fort Harrison State Park is one of the hidden gems of Indiana; just minutes from downtown Indianapolis but embedded in nature.

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