

## **Pros N Hackers**

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### **Maryland Southeast**

The area from Annapolis east to the Atlantic beaches takes in some very diverse landscapes. Newly developed communities are in contrast to longer standing Even communities just across the Chesapeake Bay are readily reached in non-rush hour times. This area will see enormous development in the decade ahead as the region seeks to create affordable housing for the population movement into the area.

While much of the golf infrastructure remains to be built in this area, there are some attractive courses on the outskirts of this territory. One of the area's premier golf complexes is at Queenstown Harbor. This 36-hole facility was an early course leader in the Washington & east region. It is still a standard leader to this day. Swan Point has the same history as a golf operation. Both operations remind you of Myrtle Beach as they offer waterfront golf with interesting hole designs. The Atilt, Clark design at South River remains a strong player's favorite in the region with several spectacular uphill and downhill holes - unusual for this normally flat part of the mid-Atlantic.

Long known as the gateway to the Delaware beaches, this Maryland region has other strong candidates for play for golfers on their way to the beach. Upland and Hog Neck come to mind. Each offers a quiet setting for beachgoer golf or players looking to play away from the crowd.

And the courses at or near the beach have really improved in the last twenty years. Some spectacular tracks have been built in what was really a summer-driven area. These courses have helped attract spring and fall golfers to the shore and expanded the beach season to nearly nine months! That's a significant change that beach communities all over the east coast have sought to market to America's beachgoing crowd.

So-called off-season golf trips to this area can offer great package prices and super tourism values for the smart golfer. There are so many places to stay at the beaches that you can literally negotiate room prices with lodging providers in the non-beach parts of the year. Try it - you'll be surprised!

This part of our region is the coming gold mine for course development. It calls to be explored for new golfers to the area. Bundling a trip east to the eastern and Delaware shores is a must for people who have not been there yet.

#### Featured Courses

##### **BAYWOOD GREENS**

Long Neck, DE (302) 947-9800

[www.baywoodgreens.com](http://www.baywoodgreens.com)

Public 18 holes

Designed by Auk, Clark & Associates

This course is as pretty as it gets this far north. Challenging and scenic holes make this a great beach stop.

##### **RENDITIONS GOLF CLUB**

Davidsonville (410) 798-9798 [www.renditionsgolf.com](http://www.renditionsgolf.com)

Public 18 holes Designed by David Edsall

Architect Edsall faithfully recreated some of the best golf holes in the world for you to experience. The "Amen Corner" holes from Augusta National are worth the trip alone and there are others that are just as much fun. American and European courses are represented at this extraordinary facility.

#### POTOMAC RIDGE GOLF LINKS

Waldorf (301) 372-1305

[www.mdgolf.com](http://www.mdgolf.com)

Public 27 holes

Designed by Ault, Clark & Associates

One of the better values in our region, Potomac Ridge is a shotmaker's course where many tree-lined fairways challenge you to find your driving game quickly. There are three distinct nines - some play on flat land, some on sloping terrain and some play from elevated tees. Judge your game on these courses.

#### QUEENSTOWN HARBOR GOLF LINKS

Queenstown (800) 827-5257

[www.mdgolf.com](http://www.mdgolf.com)

Public 36 holes

Designed by Lindsay Bruce Ervin

One of the earliest upscale complexes in the area and still one of the best. This is an extremely beautiful golf site with well-crafted holes and excellent services. Located near where the Chester River meets the Chesapeake, you won't find a bad hole here and will find plenty of natural and golf beauty. A solid operation.

#### RUM POINTE SEASIDE GOLF LINKS

Berlin (888) 809-4653

[www.rLimpointe.com](http://www.rLimpointe.com)

Public 18 holes

Designed by PB Dye & Pete Dye

Don't like tree? This is the course for you! seaside links course from Pete Dye and P.B. Dye that plays right along the water and quickly captivates you with its shot requirements. Despite the above, all levels can play this windswept beauty.

#### SOUTH RIVER GOLF LINKS

Edgewater - (410)798-5865

[www.mdgolf.com](http://www.mdgolf.com)

Public 18 holes

Designed By Brian Ault

The first few holes tell you what to expect - great shot values and spectacular holes make this course one of the "Try" ones in our area. The par 3s appeal to you for their beauty and challenge. There are some strong elevation changes yet the course is very playable. Staff is friendly and helpful at South River.

#### SWAN POINT GOLF, YACHT & CC

Issue (301)259-0047

[www.swanpointgolf.com](http://www.swanpointgolf.com)

Semi-private 18 holes

Designed by Bob Cupp

You'll swear you're in the Carolinas at this well-rated track that rewards you with solid golf from start to finish. You'll hit shots over marshland and through the trees on this scenic beauty. Staff is able and the whole feel of the place is professional. Very good course for all level players.

#### UPLAND GOLF CLUB

Demon (410) 634-1200

[www.upLindgolfclub.com](http://www.upLindgolfclub.com)

Public 18 holes

Designed by Joel Weiman

Like links play? This one is worth a beach stop or just a drive over the Bay to play. Usually, conditioning supports the links strategy and that makes for real fun. Not that long a track so it's playable for most.