

Tee Time in Western Maryland

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Maryland's Garrett and Allegany Counties offer golfers a variety of choices in outstanding courses open to the public. Enjoy some of the best playtime in the state! Those who travel to the Deep Creek, MD area will find that **Wisp** at Deep Creek Mountain Resort, McHenry has a challenging, but forgiving, mountain layout. Their 18 hole course hails a demanding length of 6,911 yards for a



Deep Creek Lake is home to Wisp at Deep Creek Mountain Resort and offers many activities. While visiting Garrett County for golf, take time to relax on this pristine lake.

Wisp offers golf clinics and classes for all ages, instructed by golf pro, Bill Cox.



73.7 rating from the back tees. There are multiple tee sets however, down to 4,771 yards, for the less accomplished ball strikers in your foursome. Both open holes, and plenty of tree lined fairways test the golfer's ability to bring in a score they can brag about at DC's Mountain Steakhouse.

Need a helping hand with your game? PGA Golf Pro Bill Cox offers Pee Wee Day Camp for ages 4-7. Junior Day Camp takes 8-18 year olds from novice to able. Group Clinics are tailor-made by reservation as are the Women's Clinic series. For those looking for a few strong pointers on their stance and swing, Wisp offers complimentary Golf Clinics at 10am on Saturdays at the driving range throughout the summer months. Call 301-387-4911 for more information.



Mature manicured greens and fairways, green mountains, lots of trees, blue sky and blue lake help make golf at Wisp at Deep Creek Mountain Resort memorable.



Above: Photo by Dave Christopher of Cumberland, MD shows the serene beauty of the Rocky Gap Golf Course.

Left: Photo by Lance Bell shows Fall in all its glory at lake Habeeb in Rocky Gap State Park.



At Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort just off Route 68 east of Cumberland, MD, you will be delighted to find a 26 acre fairway, 18 hole Jack Nicklaus Signature course. This par 72 challenge is set along Lake Habeeb and Evitts Mountain for a day of beauty on a course where the Golden Bear has yet to break par!

Rocky Gap is one of the few courses in the state to offer you the Pro Link Global Positioning System. It is like having a caddy who doesn't expect tips! The satellite advises you on pin selection, upcoming hazards, and yardage. Call 301-784-8500 to set up your tee time, or have the golf pro video-tape and analyze your swing. Take the tape home for ongoing study. Manager John Johnson invites you to, "Swing on by and stay awhile. It's a beautiful, well maintained course." No denim or soft spikes. Shirts with collars required.

Golf in the mountains at the 18 hole Oakland Golf Club. PGA Pro Pat Warren offers lessons customized to fit your individual needs whether young or not so young. Ask Pat about free of charge "Club Fitting". Call now at 301-334-3883.

Larry Liller is proud to open his 9 hole par 3 Evening Breeze Golf Course near Deep Creek Lake. He opens at 8am every day, and no reservations are needed! Take Rt. 219 south from the lake to Sand Flat Road. Go 3.6 miles, make a right on Pysell Crosscut Road, and a right at the Evening Breeze sign. Call 301-533-4448 for more information.

At 4 Sister's in Rawlins, MD, Allegany County, you will find a great 18 hole 72 par course to test your abilities. It is located just off of Route 220 at 16302 Condayway. Call 301-729-4000 and enjoy!

