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The Top 10 Environmentally Friendly Courses in the U.S.

The 10 most environmentally friendly courses in the country

With the worldwide celebrations of Earth Day on April 22, it's clear that environmental responsibility and sustainability are more important than ever. That goes for golf as well.

Increasingly, course superintendents are making their courses greener, and not just in the color of the grass. Leading the way are those at the 663 courses in the U.S. that Audubon International has certified as either Cooperative or Signature Sanctuaries. These green spaces, which represent just four percent of all courses in the U.S., have been recognized for their practices, which include limited pesticide use, enhanced wildlife habitats and initiatives like solar-powered carts and geothermal clubhouses.

With the help of Cornell University turfgrass expert Frank Rossi and Audubon International, we have selected the following courses for our list of the top 10 environmentally friendly courses.

It is the first list to recognize golf's greenest courses, and we certainly hope it's not the last. Click the link below to see just how green golf can be.

[>> No. 1: Vineyard Golf Club](#)

Top 10 Green Courses



1. Vineyard Golf Club

Edgartown, Mass.

When the Martha's Vineyard County Commission finally gave the go-ahead to build Vineyard Golf Club after much local opposition (it was the island's first course in 30 years when it opened in 2002), the board placed one stipulation on the club: Make the maintenance operation completely organic.

Designed by British architects Donald Steel and Tom Mackenzie, the course has replaced traditional pesticides with bio-stimulants and composted fertilizers that help protect the island's single-source aquifer. More importantly, the club has succeeded in convincing members that the course doesn't need to look perfect for great playability.

	Eco Distinction: America's only truly organic course
Par	72
Yardage	7,012
Superintendent	Jeff Carlson
->> vineyardgolf.com	

>> No. 2: North Shore Country Club