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Why Smart Golfers Head to the Oregon Coast in Autumn

When summer ends, golfers begin their trek to the Oregon Coast seeking calmer weather, gorgeous scenery and well-designed courses for their two-rounds-per-day routine

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CONSIDER THIS a guide to a less demanding Oregon Trail, minus the wagons and oxen.

U.S. Route 101 meanders 363 miles from north to south through the state, passing through seaside towns and connecting a number of estimable golf courses. So many, in fact, that Oregon has become a club-swingers' paradise. The ideal time for a "second summer" sojourn at any of these six golf resorts is autumn, when temperatures average 70 degrees and winds die down. Golfers despise wind. The game is baffling enough without 40 mph gusts hijacking the ball.



One of the scenic spots on the Jack Nicklaus course at Pronghorn Club at Juniper Reserve.

[4. Pronghorn Club at Juniper Reserve](#)

Five hours east of Oregon's coast lies Bend, a high-desert city beloved by outdoorsy types and, more recently, golfers. In Bend, the Pronghorn Club at Juniper Reserve boasts two world-class designs—by legendary golfer Jack Nicklaus and architect Tom Fazio—and surrounds a luxury wellness destination offering yoga classes in a cool lava cave and a designated space for meditation. You might just need spiritual soothing after tackling Nicklaus's desert-style routing, a 7,460-yard odyssey of a course affording mountain views from every hole. Fazio's more exclusive 18-holer snakes through abundant juniper trees and otherworldly landscapes of ancient lava fields. Not a single blade of grass goes untended on either course. Stay at the Juniper Lodge and prepare for serenity, comfort and dark-sky stargazing.