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## Links of Fun : Golf

Shelby County is blessed with some of the finest public access golf facilities in the country! Let's take a brief tour of them, so you can see what special courses they really are.

### **Ballantrae**

On the western side of the county: 4 miles from Interstate 65 let's begin with the Ballantrae Golf Club, located in the sprawling Ballantrae neighborhood in the city of Pelham, Alabama. Ballantrae is an 18 hole, semi-private course designed by noted architect, Bob Cupp. The course is located in a beautiful valley surrounded by stunning mountain vistas. The course offers five different tee settings with distances for beginners, seniors, and ladies from less than 5, 200 yards to more than 7, 300 yards for the advanced player. It is a "player friendly" course with wide landing areas and minimal hazards. Ballantrae has a 20 acre practice facility and offers instruction on all phases of golf by PGA certified teachers. The club offers memberships and emphasizes superior customer service for all guests and members. The Culinary provides all food and beverage services and offers freshly baked bakery products for all to enjoy. Ballantrae hosts many different golf events during the year as well as meetings, parties, dinners, etc. Ballantrae is open seven days per week for your enjoyment.

#### **Ballantrae Golf Club**

1300 Ballantrae Club Drive, Pelham, AL

(205) 620-GOLF (4653)

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

### **Timberline**

Next on the tour, let's visit Timberline Golf Club located just off Interstate 65, 12 miles south of Ballantrae in the city of Calera, Alabama. Timberline has rolling fairways and well-kept greens laid out by PGA TOUR star and U.S. Open Champion, Jerry Pate. The highly-acclaimed golf course architect designed a semi-private course that offers a player's golf course and test for all skill levels.

From the very first hole, you know there's going to be something special about driving your ball through the majestic trees that line the golf course. Friendly and careful service to members and the public alike is what you'll find here.



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### **Timberline Golf Club**

300 Timberline Trail, Calera, AL  
(205) 668-7888  
[www.timberlinegc.com](http://www.timberlinegc.com)

### **Oak Mountain State Park**

Next on the tour, you can travel north on Interstate 65 for 18 miles to Oak Mountain State Park Golf Course. Located in the middle of a fabulous state park facility, Oak Mountain offers excellent value for the golfer seeking lower priced golf. Oak Mountain Golf Course is a public, 18-hole championship course designed by Earl Stone. Repeatedly rated by Golf Digest to be among the top 50-75 public courses in the United States, Oak Mountain has hosted qualifying rounds for the Alabama Open. Oak Mountain Golf Course features a fully-stocked pro shop and an on-course snack bar, Bermuda greens and teas, and a lighted driving range, chipping green, and practice green open year round.

### **Oak Mountain State Park Golf Course**

200 Terrace Drive, Pelham, AL  
(205) 620-2522  
[www.alapark.com/oak-mountain-state-park-golf-course](http://www.alapark.com/oak-mountain-state-park-golf-course)

### **Magnolia Meadows**

Magnolia Meadows opened November 16th, 2001 hosting a tournament for the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce. It is not too long, too difficult, too expensive, or take too long to play. It is only 3,684 yards long. It plays, many say, to an inflated par 68. It takes about 2 hours and 45 minutes to play the course. The fairways are 419 Bermuda and the greens are Tift Dwarf Bermuda. The course was designed and construction supervised by Rick Rounsavall of Pure Turf, Inc. The man knows his grasses and it shows. At Magnolia Meadows seldom is heard a discouraging word. All first timers say they are coming back and they had fun.

### **Magnolia Meadows Golf Course**

315 Highway 47 S, Columbiana, AL  
(205) 670-0031  
[www.magnoliameadows.com](http://www.magnoliameadows.com)



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### **Montevallo Golf Club**

Next on the tour, let's visit the south western area of the County at the Montevallo Golf Club located about 8 miles off Interstate 65, in the city of Montevallo, Alabama. The Montevallo Park and Recreation Board operates the 18-hole golf course which opened in 1955. The Golf Course is open to the public year-round and features over 6,000 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 71. The course rating is 66 and it has a slope rating of 104 on Bermuda grass. This course features beautiful rolling fairways. For the average golfer, some of the par 5's are reachable in two shots, yet the par 3's can be real treacherous. The signature hole is #3, a 156-yard, par 3, requiring a tee shot to an island green with an eighty-foot elevation change in between. With a pro-shop, brand new golf carts, and some excellent greens and fairways, the Montevallo Golf course is a great place to experience some fine leisure time

#### **Montevallo Golf Club**

1481 Shelby County Hwy 204, Montevallo, AL 35115

(205) 665-8057

<http://www.cityofmontevallo.com/>