

# The Sonoran Desert GOLF TRAIL



## Get Your Daily Dose of Iron

Fountain Hills, Fort McDowell and The Verdes area are home to the highest concentration of world-class golf courses in Arizona. Known as the Sonoran Desert Golf Trail, there are six of Arizona's finest public 18-hole courses located on the five area golf clubs surrounded by the scenic vistas of the McDowell Mountains and the Tonto National Forest.

Designed by some of the most recognized names in golf club design, each course reflects the spirit of its designer and offers a unique blend of challenges to the golfer. Get your daily dose of iron golfing in Fountain Hills!

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### Sunridge Canyon Golf Club

SunRidge Canyon's 6,823-yard, par-71, Keith Foster-designed golf course unfolds around the rugged ridges and shady canyons unique to the Sonoran Desert mountains that divide Fountain Hills from Scottsdale, Arizona. This rugged golf course gradually descends on the way out before doubling back to climb up the slope on the way in. This subtle elevation change lies at the heart of a dramatic golf experience.

SunRidge Canyon is the home of the "Wicked Six," the half dozen holes that are among the most memorable and dramatic closing holes to be found anywhere. Golfers also discover that SunRidge wasn't so much created by a bulldozer as it was carved out over eons by the relentless pressure of wind and water. Foster had the good sense to follow Mother Nature's lead, and in the end, the beauty and challenge of SunRidge Canyon is unlike any other desert golf experience in the Valley of the Sun.

**Address:** 13100 Sunridge Dr, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

**Phone:** 480.837.5100 / 800.562.5178

**Website:** [sunridgegolf.com](http://sunridgegolf.com)

### Tonto Verde Golf Club

Tonto Verde is an active adult community located just 20 minutes east of Scottsdale. Surrounded by breathtaking mountain views and the Tonto National Forest, it's protected from hectic traffic yet is close enough to provide a perfect balance with city life.

With two distinctly different and challenging 18-hole championship golf courses, Tonto Verde is a desert gem with national recognition for its charm and playability. The beauty of the area begins with its magnificent setting and spectacular golf but the true beauty comes from the people and the amazing sense of community. Tonto Verde is, quite simply, a place like no other.

**Address:** 18401 E. El Circulo Dr., Rio Verde, AZ 85263

**Phone:** 480.471.2710

**Website:** [TontoVerde.org](http://TontoVerde.org)

### Vista Verde Golf Club

Vista Verde opened in 2006 and is the newest addition to "The Verdes." Designed by noted Arizona golf course architect Ken Kavanaugh, Vista Verde provides outstanding views on every hole. Ken has created a golf course reminiscent of famed Pinehurst #2 with undulating greens that fall off to surrounding chipping areas. The golf course at Vista Verde has five sets of tees to present a challenge for every skill level, and has served as host to numerous Gateway Tour events. You can prepare for your round at the state of the art practice range. Enjoy! Vista Verde is a course you can have fun playing again and again.

**Address:** 17405 E. Desert Vista Trail, Rio Verde, AZ 85263

**Phone:** 480.471.3232

**Website:** [vistaverdegolf.com](http://vistaverdegolf.com)

### Desert Canyon Golf Club

This scenic 6,415-yard, par-71 championship course is known for its narrow fairways and canyons. Signature hole #7 was voted one of Arizona's best. Fountain Hills' oldest course, Desert Canyon hosts a variety of tournaments.

**Address:** 10440 Indian Wells Dr, El Paso, TX 79938

**Phone:** 480.837.1173

**Website:** [desertcanyongolf.com](http://desertcanyongolf.com)

### Eagle Mountain Golf Club

Located just a chip shot away from Scottsdale, Arizona, The Golf Club at Eagle Mountain provides golfers with a stunning desert golf experience highlighted by scenic vistas, dramatic elevation changes and award-winning course layout. The Scott Miller-designed, 18-hole course (par-71 and 6,800 yards from the back tees) incorporates the property's natural box canyons and native Sonoran Desert into the design of the golf course.

**Address:** 14915 Eagle Mountain Pkwy, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

**Phone:** 480.816.1234

**Website:** [eaglemtn.com](http://eaglemtn.com)

### Firerock Country Club (Private)

Apart from the natural beauty of the area, the FireRock Country Club golf course is one of the finest in the state and an incredible pleasure to play. FireRock has it all...elevated tees, raised greens and challenging approach shots. As the course winds around mountain views, each hole presents a unique challenge, governed by its own set of circumstances. No matter how many times you play, there's always something surprising and new to look forward to as you golf FireRock.

**Address:** 16000 E Firerock Country Club Dr, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

**Phone:** 480.836.3435

**Website:** [firerockcc.com](http://firerockcc.com)

### Rio Verde Country Club (Private and 55+)

Rio Verde features two traditional style courses with a soft desert look, more Midwestern in style with a lot more grass than one would imagine in a desert setting. When Tom Lehman led the \$6 million course renovation project a few years ago, he achieved his vision of creating two uniquely distinct courses, giving members a never-ending variety of golf experiences. Quail Run has all the elements of a traditional golf course, while White Wing plays more like a links course. Common to both courses are meticulously groomed fairways, greens loaded with personality and outstanding mountain views.

**Address:** 18731 E 4 Peaks Blvd, Rio Verde, AZ 85263

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**Website:** [rioverdecc.com](http://rioverdecc.com)