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### **GOLF COURSES IN FOUR OHIO STATE PARKS TO OFFER SEASON PASSES THAT MAKE GREAT GIFTS; PURCHASE BEFORE DEC. 31 TO RECEIVE FIVE FREE GUEST PASSES**



*Punderson Manor State Park Lodge in Northeast Ohio is conveniently located for Cleveland-area golfers. The lodge is offering a special deal on season passes.*

OHIO STATE PARKS, December 15, 2010 – Four Ohio State Park Lodges are offering season golf passes – and five guest passes if purchased by Dec. 31, 2010 – for those who want to give the gift of golf or treat themselves to a season playing one of the state’s most scenic courses.

[Xanterra Parks & Resorts](#) operates eight Ohio State Park Lodges as well as the golf courses inside the Punderson Manor, Maumee Bay, Deer Creek and Shawnee State Park boundaries.

“A season pass at an Ohio State Park golf course certainly makes a great gift not just for the golf but enjoying some of the state’s most beautiful scenery,” said Dianna Rom, regional director of sales and marketing for Xanterra Parks & Resorts.

To purchase these season passes go to [www.ohiostateparklodges.com/golf-season-pass-8293.html](http://www.ohiostateparklodges.com/golf-season-pass-8293.html) or call individual lodges or 1-740-858-6621.

In addition to these season passes, kids staying at the lodges can play golf for free after 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Rates and dates vary according to the courses. Families are defined as two people residing at the same address, and additional family members must also be living at the same address. Seniors must present a Golden Buckeye card, college students must present a student identification card, and a junior is defined as up to 17 years old.

[Deer Creek State Park Golf Course](#) season pass rates are \$800 for an adult walking the course, \$1,200 for an adult with a cart, \$375 for a junior walking, \$1,000 for a family walking and \$1,525 for a family with a cart. Additional family members may be added for \$200. The season pass is good April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. A pass for 25 walking rounds is also available for \$450. To purchase the passes call the lodge at 1-740-869-2020.

Deer Creek’s golf course south of Columbus was designed by Jack Kidwell and opened in 1982. The course features level terrain that appeals to golfers who prefer

to walk along with four par-3 holes guarded by water and trees, 10 par-4 holes and four par-5 holes. Some 52 sand traps, 10 ponds and maturing trees flank the bluegrass fairways that lead to undulating bent grass greens. The Deer Creek State Park Golf Course measures 6,663 yards. Its U.S.G.A. rating is 73.7 from the blue and 71.2 from the white tees. It has a slope rating of 113.

The [Shawnee State Park Golf Course](#) season pass is valid Feb. 18 to Nov. 30 2011. Rates are \$700 for an adult walking, \$1,550 for an adult with a cart, \$350 for a junior walking, \$630 for a senior walking, \$1,395 for a senior with a cart, \$450 for a college student walking and \$1,300 for a college student with a cart. To purchase the passes call the lodge at 1-740-858-6621.

Shawnee's 18-hole championship golf course near Portsmouth in Southern Ohio is as scenic as it is challenging. Shawnee's course measures 6,407 yards from the white tees and has a slope rating of 114 and U.S.G.A. rating of 69.7. The course, designed by Jack Kidwell and Mike Hurdzan, is open mid-March to mid-November. For tee times, call the pro shop at 1-740-858-6681.

[Maumee Bay State Park Golf Course](#) golf passes are available for \$550 for weekdays only and \$750 for all seven days of the week. Carts can be added to any pass for \$400. Family members may be added for \$200 each. The course is open April 1 to Oct. 31, 2011. To purchase the passes call the lodge at 1-419-836-1466.

Maumee Bay east of Toledo features the links-style golf course found near the water. Designed by Arthur Hills, the course measures 6,136 yards from the white tees with a slope rating of 122 and U.S.G.A. rating of 69.6 all the way to 6,941 yards from the championship gold tees with a slope of 129 and U.S.G.A. rating of 73.3. The course is the site of regional qualifying for the U.S. Open. For tee times, call the pro shop at 1-419-836-9009.

The [Punderson Manor State Park Golf Course](#) season pass is valid from April 1 to Oct. 31, 2011. Season pass holders may play at any time during the week and after 3 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Rates are \$625 for an adult walking, \$1,000 for an adult with a cart, \$875 for a couple walking, \$1600 for a couple with a cart, \$250 for a junior walking, \$560 for a senior walking and \$900 for a senior with a cart. To purchase the passes call the lodge at 1-440-564-9144.

Punderson Manor east of Cleveland features rolling terrain, bent grass fairways and three ponds. From the championship tees, the course measure 6,815 yards with a slope of 126 and a U.S.G.A. rating of 72.4. From the white tees, the course is 6,600 yards long with a slope of 122 and a U.S.G.A. rating of 71.2. For tee times, call the pro shop at 1-440-564-5465.

To reserve rooms in these state parks or for more information, visit the individual web sites or [www.ohiostateparklodges.com](http://www.ohiostateparklodges.com) or call 1-800-AT-A-PARK (1-800-282-7275). Xanterra also operates the lodges in [Hueston Woods](#), [Salt Fork](#), [Mohican](#) and [Burr Oak](#) State Parks as well as the marina and facilities at Geneva Marina State Park in Geneva-on-the-Lake in northeastern Ohio.

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