
BEAR MOUNTAIN GOLF RESORT & SPA

Unmatched Golf Experience

Canada's First and Only 36-Hole Nicklaus Design Golf Resort

Discover a Victorian gem, a golfer's paradise nestled on a celebrated coastal oasis. Bear Mountain Resort is putting Vancouver Island on the map as Canada's premier golf destination with its rugged alpine setting and temperate climate. Jutting rocks, roaring rivers, majestic valleys, lush forests and distant white-capped mountain peaks provide the ideal backdrop for the first and only 36-hole Nicklaus Design golf offering in Canada, all within minutes of the beautiful seaside harbour city of Victoria, British Columbia.

The premier destination and first and only master-planned resort community on Vancouver Island, Bear Mountain Resort provides a complete lifestyle experience, offering a variety of residential and vacation real estate opportunities as well as The Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa, Victoria. Situated on 1,300 acres of mountainside property, the community features unmatched golf offerings, traditional aesthetics at the Santé Spa, a dining mecca with eclectic and world-class restaurants and the state-of-the-art Mountainside Athletic Club.

No name is more legendary in the game of golf and course design than Jack Nicklaus, and the developers at Bear Mountain Resort are the first to bring that name to Victoria. Originally introduced in 2003, the cornerstone of the Bear Mountain Resort community is the Jack and Steve Nicklaus co-designed Mountain Course, a 19-hole beauty that is the first Jack and Steve Nicklaus co-designed course on Vancouver Island. The Mountain Course is a masterpiece, offering challenging terrain and spectacular natural beauty. A par 72 playing at 7,212 yards, the course takes full advantage of its setting atop a 1,100-foot mountain, exhibiting dramatic elevation changes and awe-inspiring views. The course has been assigned a slope rating of 152 from the back Golden tees, making it one of the most inspiring courses in North America. From the Grizzly tees, the course plays 6,744 yards, the Black Tees play 6,345 yards, the Spirit tees play 5,783 yards and the Cinnamon tees play 5,014 yards.

JACK & STEVE NICKLAUS CO-DESIGNED MOUNTAIN COURSE

Highlights of the Mountain Course include the 11th hole, a par-3 island green. This spectacular hole is completely surrounded by water and could make or break a round. Playing at approximately 135 yards with a stunning waterfall in view directly behind the green, it takes every effort to focus on your shot and not get swept away by the scenery.

The 480-yard, par-5 14th hole boasts views of Mount Baker, and the cities of Victoria and Port Angeles in nearby Washington State. Following the 14th, a hole not to be missed on this course is the bonus 19th, a recreational betting hole built to capture a 360 degree vista of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Olympic Mountain range and the city of Victoria. The panoramic view is sure to take one's breath away—even if some cash is lost.

NICKLAUS DESIGN VALLEY COURSE

The 18-hole, par-71 Nicklaus Design championship course measures 6807 yards from the Golden Bear tees. The Valley Course plays at a lower elevation than the Mountain Course and together, the two courses will be the only 36-holes of Nicklaus Design golf offering in Canada. Coupled with the uniquely challenging course terrain and unsurpassed natural beauty, Bear Mountain Golf Resort assures its stature among the most sought-after golf destinations in the Americas.

Bear Mountain's course greens are managed with keen environmental awareness. A pond at the fifth hole of the Mountain Course has been designated as an environmentally sensitive area and is protected for the endangered red-legged frog. As well, a pond on the fifteenth of the Valley is home to 10,000 juvenile Coho, called appropriately enough, Parr. A member of the Audubon Sanctuary Program through Audubon International, Bear Mountain Resort has the goal of becoming a certified environmental stewardship golf course in the future. For regular maintenance, the Bear Mountain Golf Club uses a combination of organic and standard fertilizer, implementing a special technique that eliminates any chance of leaching or runoff. Additionally, Bear Mountain Golf Club has developed an integrated pest management program and does not use insecticides, instead opting to eliminate weeds by pulling them out by hand. Bear Mountain also creates natural habitats out of dead trees rather than having them removed.

Members of the Bear Mountain Golf Club are treated to first-class service and amenities including access to the luxuriously appointed men's and women's private lounges in the clubhouse, bag drop and cleaning services, golf carts equipped with GPS, British Columbia Golf Association membership and handicapping system, preferred guest rates and membership in the Jack Nicklaus International Golf Club, allowing for reciprocal rates at participating Nicklaus courses. World-class amenities extend to the greens as well, with food and liquor service available on the course featuring delectable offerings such as the lobster sandwich and chilled vodka at the 9th hole snack bar and grill.

Bear Mountain Golf Club offers memberships that are unique to Western Canada. They allow members, be they individual, family, or corporate, to recoup up to 90 percent of their initial fee, should they choose to sell their membership back to Bear Mountain Golf Club at a later date.

ABOUT BEAR MOUNTAIN RESORT

Bear Mountain Resort, the premiere master-planned resort community on Vancouver Island, defines resort living. The only resort in Canada to feature 36 holes of Nicklaus Design golf, this lush mountainside community features a montage of residential and vacation real estate opportunities as well as The Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa, Victoria. Santé Spa, where spa therapies inspired by natural elements await, a dining mecca with eclectic and world-class restaurants, the state-of-the-art Mountainside Athletic Club and The Village round out the complete lifestyle experience, all within minutes of the beautiful seaside harbour of Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit bearmountain.ca or call 1.888.533.BEAR.

