

GOLF ON KINTYRE

"In Scotland, true links golf courses are not created, they are born of the land"

Carradale Golf Club, founded in 1906, is regarded by many as one of the Golf Course gems in Scotland yet fairly unknown.

It is located on the east coast of the Kintyre peninsula with panoramic views across the Kilbrannan Sound towards the Isle of Arran. Although only a 9 hole course, each one has its own feature and is very popular with the local and visiting players. Children are also made most welcome and during the summer months it is not unusual to see complete families tackling the course. The Clubhouse provides changing facilities and golf trolleys are available.

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Machrihanish Golf Club is situated on the Kintyre Peninsula 140 miles by road from Glasgow. Our superior natural 18 hole golf course is well known throughout the world, voted to have "the best opening hole in golf" by golf architects and players and listed in the top 100 golf courses outside the USA by the Golfer's Digest.



There is also a nine hole golf course with a Ladies Clubhouse and 2 practice areas.

The course presents a spectacular opening hole, large sandy bunkers, neat fairways, tough rough and greens of the highest standard. Little has been changed to disturb the natural scenic beauty and

inspiring challenge of the delightful 18 hole links golf course. The outward nine follow the hills and hollows among the sand dunes, with the stunning clear waters lapping on the sandy beach by the opening hole. The inward nine holes are pleasant with the backdrop of the south Kintyre hills. The back nine feature two par fives and three tricky par threes.

The course, unlike mainland courses, plays differently every day with wind temperatures, strengths and directions changing quickly and regularly affected by the Atlantic currents and the coastal conditions.

The club here is very friendly and welcoming, with visitors returning from around the globe to play this unique course then finish the day watching the stunning sunsets over Islay. Contact 01586 810213

Dunaverty Golf Club is situated by the village of Southend in a glorious setting on the south coast of the Kintyre peninsula.

The course is a fine Par 66 18 hole natural links extending to 4,799 yards. High and low handicappers alike will enjoy its testing layout, the springy turf on the undulating fairways and arguably one of the finest set of greens in Scotland.



Spectacular views over the landscape, Sanda Island to the south, Ailsa Craig and Ayrshire to the east and Northern Ireland to the south west, will add to the golfer's enjoyment of this challenging and exceptionally well maintained course. Contact: 01586 830677



Gigha Golf Club, this is a lovely little golf course offering the most wonderful panoramic views of the island and mainland. The course has three par 3's and some testing par 4's. You had better have your driving in good trim when playing the Gigha course, as the rough can be very unforgiving! Those of a weak disposition should take real care when teeing off the 4th medal, it can be very intimidating.

Gigha Golf Club is now affiliated to the Scottish Golf Union, which means that, on production of three score cards, members are issued with an official handicap and are eligible to take part in competitions anywhere.

Golf was introduced on Gigha in the late 1800s and continued to be played at the Leim course until around 1925. There followed a 60 year gap until 1986, when keen local golfers Alastair "Plumber" Brown and gamekeeper John Wright designed and built a nine hole course at Tarbert Farm. Contact 01583 505242

Tarbert is a short yet stunning moorland nine holer, with well-maintained undulating fairways and even better greens. Tarbert is particularly picturesque in parts with a number of holes serving up views of the local countryside, including West Loch Tarbert.

Although relatively short in length, this course will require you to be reasonably straight from the tee. Indeed, it is a great challenge for the novice as it is the more seasoned player. Tarbert is hilly in parts while being an enjoyable little amble, even if your game isn't up to the standard of the course's panorama. Contact 01546 606896



Machrihanish Dunes measuring 7,300 yards and featuring six greens and five tees at the ocean's edge. Set hard against the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, Machrihanish Dunes shares breathtaking views with the adjacent Machrihanish Golf Club links laid out by "Old Tom" Morris in 1879, one of Scotland's classic and most revered links.



The routing, as well as the positioning of its tees and greens, was dictated by the lay of the land - and the presence of several endangered species of flora and fauna. Machrihanish Dunes is the only course ever created on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Because of the fragility of this pristine coastal environment and in order to preserve for all time the unmatched natural beauty of the site, the course was built and will be maintained with the lightest touch possible. Of the 259 acres on which the course sits, only seven - yes, seven - were disturbed during the construction of the course. Only the tees and greens were shaped. The fairways upon which golfers tread are just as they were found, only mown shorter. Contact 0800 151 3701