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The Most Charming Golf Courses in & around San Francisco

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Framed by some truly stunning natural scenery, San Francisco and its surroundings offer a scenic backdrop for a game of golf, with the area home to a number of exceptional courses.



Bayland Golf Links

Formerly the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course, William P. Bell and his son William F. Bell conceived and designed a course where public golf would meet nature; where players could enjoy the outdoors along one of the world's most famous waterways- the San Francisco Bay. Over the years the course lost its luster and Forrest Richardson was engaged to bring new life and pride back to the Palo Alto golf experience. Reopened in 2018, the entirely new golf course features large bentgrass greens, native wetlands, and a true links-style experience featuring Paspalum turfed fairways that beg for a bump-and-run shot into the green. Dunes-like landforms dot the landscape along with creative features such as a large double-green and a par 4 with two alternate greens to play to. Baylands Golf Links is truly keeping with a links golf experience, something long awaited by Bay Area residents and visitors.