

It's the getaway that is not far away. The Galena, Illinois, area is nearly mountainous, with scenic vistas, exposed rock outcroppings, and water features; it is hard to believe you are still in the land of Lincoln. Located in the far northwest corner of Illinois, the terrain is unspoiled by the skyscraping city structures and the suburban sprawl of housing developments and strip malls. At Eagle Ridge Resort you will discover 63 holes of stunning golf. All 63 holes are just a three-hour country drive from downtown Chicago.

The Eagle Has Landed

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Eagle Ridge Resort is spread over 6800 acres, and for golfers and naturalists this property truly does have it all! If you categorize Illinois golf as flatland fairways, then be prepared to redefine your Illinois golf perspective. Eagle Ridge has elevation changes that will make you exclaim, "This can't be Illinois!"

In 1997 Roger Packard and two-time U.S. Open Champion Andy North collaborated on the award-winning The General golf course. This rugged layout was blasted out of undulating Midwestern terrain where the topography takes center stage. Each hole is different from the next. You need to navigate your shots with the foresight of a billiards player. The 14th hole gets everyone's attention; it is the highest point on the property and on a clear day you can actually see Wisconsin and Iowa. The tee is perched high above the hole (folks say it's equivalent to a 14-story building) making it a drivable, 357-yard, par 4. This tee provides an entertaining tee shot that has some serious hang time. *Golfweek* magazine thinks highly of The General

as well, routinely ranking the track as one of Illinois' top ten courses that you can play. Perhaps the good folks at Eagle Ridge should erect a Ulysses S. Grant statue so that golfers can salute the General after completing an exciting round of golf on a masterful design which is filled with endless challenges. Think of it like the terrific Payne Stewart sculpture behind the 18th green at the Pinehurst Number 2 where nearly everyone mimics his victory fist pump.

"You have to play golf in places like California or Colorado to see the type of elevation that we have here. There are 14 to 15 holes that definitely have a wow factor!" shared Reagan Davis, Eagle Ridge's director of golf. Although the General has softened in recent years, this is a good thing. Numerous trees have been removed, and native areas have been pushed back to increase the playability and enjoyment. This means you can play more unobstructed shots than in previous years; plus, you'll have a lot more balls in your bag at the end of the day!



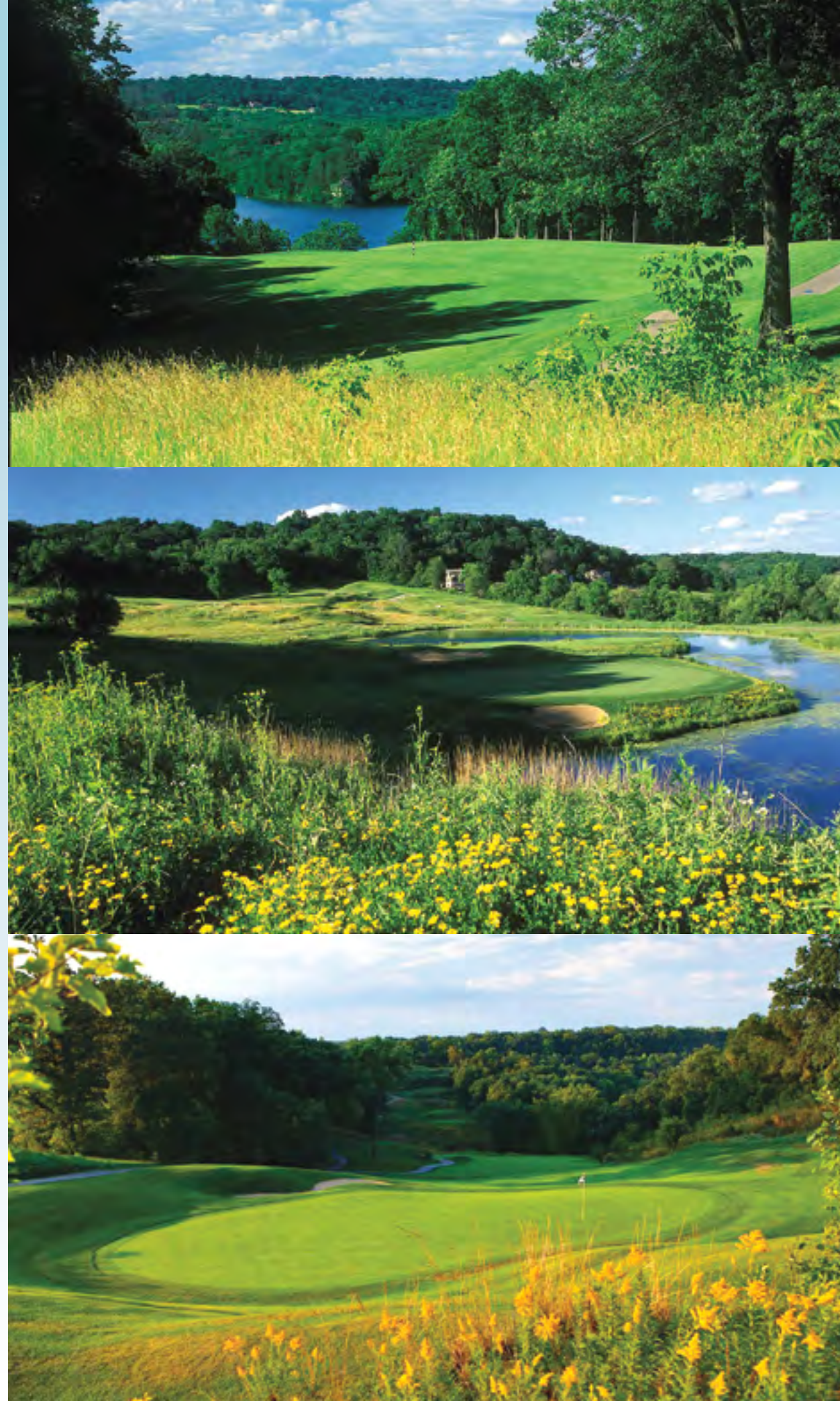
To have a great golf resort, you certainly need to have a strong supporting cast. Eagle Ridge delivers just that with their championship North and South courses, and the nine-hole East course.

The North was the first course at Eagle Ridge, built back in 1977. It starts off innocently enough with a dogleg par 4 that stands as the welcoming opening hole. After that things get amped up a bit with the double-dogleg par 5 #2 hole that is lined with large oak trees to an elevated green surrounded by bunkers. The final three holes of the front nine are arguably the best of the bunch; each hole is filled with scenery and strategic shots. The tree-lined par-4 #7 hole requires an accurate tee shot which sets up an approach shot that features Lake Galena standing as a gorgeous backdrop. The 165-yard par-3, #8 hole is probably the signature hole with a picturesque view of the lake on the left and rock formations next to the putting surface. #9 is a beast of a par-4 that doglegs left and uphill. You can pretty much feel the earth push you while you are addressing your shot on this 397-yard hole. The approach plays an extra one or two clubs to a green surrounded by large bunkers. With all of the undulations, this places a premium on putting. You'll need command of your putting stroke on all four layouts at Eagle Ridge.

Over at the South Course, you will find a bit more target golf. You will need a compass to help guide you around this layout. The back nine is a rousing romp of thought-provoking golf shots. It all culminates with the spectacular finishing hole. This 406-yarder features a meandering stream that runs completely across the fairway at about 250 yards out. You have to make that decision of laying up short, or trying to carry the stream. Either way, it leads to an uphill shot to undulated green; make par here and that 19th hole beverage will be especially rewarding.

The East Course is a nine-hole layout that matches the characteristics of the other courses; however, it is a gentler round that is ideal for families and resort golfers. The East course is engaging and also offers Hack Golf and Foot Golf.

There are plenty of dining options available throughout the resort, including the acclaimed Woodlands Restaurant & Lounge.



From casual to formal dining, the hallmark of the Eagle Ridge culinary approach is a strong partnership with local farmers, butchers, fishermen, and artisans, which ensures the freshest regional ingredients and superb seasonal cuisine throughout the year.

If you have some aches and pains on the links, then you'll want to visit the resort's indulgent 6,000-square foot Stonedrift Spa. Plus, there's an adjacent indoor swimming pool complete with a retractable roof.

There are numerous golf and resort packages that can cater to any guest's needs with a multitude of options. The lodging boasts 80 "rustic elegant" rooms, and over 200 distinctive homes and villas.

Just ten minutes from Eagle Ridge Resort, no trip to Galena is complete unless you visit its quaint downtown. Stroll through charming Main Street to enjoy a flock of interesting stores, tasty restaurants, and historical buildings. If you remember the movie *Field of Dreams*, then you may recall Burt Lancaster and Kevin Costner have a scene where the two men are walking down this historic street.

There are also plenty of other activities at Eagle Ridge, such as heading down to the lake for a leisurely cruise on one of the resort's pontoon boats, paddleboats, kayaks, or canoes. Be sure to bring your fishing rod-and-reel, or rent one. Put your head in the clouds as Galena On The Fly lifts guests up, up, and, away over the rolling hills of The Galena Territory and downtown Galena. Enjoy all four seasons of The Galena Territory with trail rides and lessons at the nearby Shenandoah Riding Center. With 40 miles of groomed riding trails, Shenandoah offers something for riders of all experience levels, from beginner to advanced.

If you're like us, you come to Eagle Ridge to tee it up and have some laughs with your friends and family on their four outstanding golf courses. Michigan and Wisconsin are not the only Midwestern states with almost-alpine golf—go experience the most enjoyable golf you will find in the Land of Lincoln. Yes, the Eagle has landed, and its nest is spectacular.

For more information, visit www.EagleRidge.com.

