

Where are new golf courses being built? These 5 states and regions are the hottest for new development

Sunbelt meccas like Florida and Texas and even some less-expected places are seeing new courses sprout up.



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Texas



Everything is big in Texas, including momentum for new golf course development. The Austin area continues to be one of the fastest-growing metros in America, and golf is continuing to spring up beyond its city limits. Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston continue to attract new residents, with Texas' relatively low taxes attracting folks fleeing the northeast and California.

David McLay Kidd is hard at work on Loraloma, a private club on a bend in the Pedernales River just north of Austin Golf Club. Just a few miles away, Beau Welling is building the Travis Club, which will feature lakeside holes and homes. Welling is also the architect of record on a project called Freestone Lake Club outside of Dallas, while in Fort Worth, Discovery Land is prepping a new community called Maverick Golf & Ranch Club. In typical fashion, it will feature a Tom Fazio-designed course.

Some of the most exciting new courses coming to Texas are farther-flung. At the private Childress Hall in the Texas Panhandle southeast of Amarillo, Tom Doak is finishing up a course on choppy sandy land near the Red River, and Gil Hanse & Jim Wagner are building a course there as well. In the forested eastern regions of the state, near Nacogdoches, Dream Golf is nearing groundbreaking on Wild Spring Dunes, one of three new resorts the Mike Keiser-founded company is currently developing. Also near Fort Worth, Tiger Woods' next golf course, Bluejack Ranch, is expected to be open sometime in 2026.