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Ten Top New U.S. Golf Courses That Opened In 2025



As recreational golf enjoys a renaissance – with a growing participation base and record rounds for one of the nation's most popular participation sports – new course development still remains relatively limited given the wealth of existing supply (nearly 16,000 golf courses in total nationwide).

But as 2025 came to a close, there were more U.S. golf course projects in the works than any time since 2010, according to the National Golf Foundation. This year saw dozens of new course openings (and even more investment in the form of renovations and restorations), with some of the most prominent being additions at resort destinations and high-end private clubs.

Rodeo Dunes in Colorado and Wild Spring Dunes in Texas – created by the Keiser family behind Bandon Dunes (OR) and Sand Valley (WI) – each opened a limited number of holes for early preview play in 2025, with full reveals scheduled for 2026. There was also a soft opening of The Commons, a 12-hole layout at Sand Valley that's set to open fully for guest play in 2026.

But when it comes to new course debuts, here's a look at some of the year's most notable openings and what makes them special:

Loraloma (Texas)

The golf anchor within the emerging Thomas Ranch community in the Texas Hill Country, Loraloma is the first David McLay Kidd course (Bandon Dunes and Mammoth Dunes) in the Southern U.S. The course emphasizes strategic width and thoughtful green complexes across the site's rolling topography, with several holes playing across 100-foot ravines – decidedly atypical for Texas golf. As both a residential draw and lifestyle centerpiece, Loraloma reflects the continued growth of high-end, golf-centric communities across the Sun Belt, and certainly in Texas.