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The 13 best golf courses built this decade

Our ranking of the best North American courses from 2010 through 2019

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The decade starting in 2010 presented some real challenges to course designers. With the economy struggling, new golf courses were no longer being built, which meant even golf's most well-known architects saw the number of projects sharply declining. Despite those initial lack of opportunities came a level of ingenuity in designing courses, giving us a fascinating period in course architecture. With resources scarce at times, designers championed sustainability and efficiency in a way the 2000s hadn't necessitated. But our biggest takeaway is the renewed emphasis on fun being evident in the building of the next great golf courses. These aspects can be found in the best courses built this decade, a list determined by the scores submitted by Golf Digest's 100 Greatest course-ranking panel before our latest [100 Greatest](#) and [Best in State](#) rankings, published this year.

[Ohoopee Match Club](#) and [Ozarks National](#), which just earned the No. 1 spot on our [Best New Private and Public](#) rankings, were not eligible for this list, since the deadline for the below list was Sept. 2018. They'd surely make our list, but we can't add them retroactively. **Also note: Our 100 Greatest panel only evaluates United States and Canadian courses, so this ranking does not include international stalwarts such as Tara Iti, Cape Wickham or Adare Manor.**

Though this decade was marked mostly by clubs seeking course designers to do renovations at already existing courses, this decade's contribution to the collection of great golf in North America is still strong. Here are the 13 highest-scoring courses, built between 2010 and 2019, as voted by Golf Digest's 1,700+ course-ranking panelists:



The 12th tee at Silo Ridge.

11 . **Silo Ridge Field Club, Amenia, N.Y.** — About an hour and 30 minutes north of Manhattan, Silo Ridge is a Discovery Land Co. project built on the site of the former Segalla Country Club, which was made public and renamed Island Green Country Club, then blown up and totally redesigned by Tom Fazio and his son, Logan. The topography is impressive, winding through old farm fields before routing its holes close to the mountainside. [Silo Ridge made an impressive debut on Golf Digest's Best in New York list](#), ranking just [behind Long Island stalwarts such as Piping Rock, The Creek and Atlantic](#), but did not earn enough votes for our last ballot to be eligible for our Second 100 Greatest ranking.
