

SOME SAY GIRDWOOD IS TOO RAINY
FOR GOLF...WE SAY IT'S PERFECT

With the long summer days and incredible alpine terrain, the Girdwood valley is an ideal climate for golf. Girdwood's monthly rainfall averages just over 3 inches from April through September. On average, the mountain resort community of Whistler, British Columbia receives a similar amount of rainfall. Whistler is home to successful courses designed by Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Robert Trent Jones and Robert Cupp. In fact, Girdwood receives less rainfall on average than the Pine Valley region in New Jersey, home to the number one ranked golf course in the nation, according to *Golf Digest*.

Average Monthly Rainfall (April - September)



Source: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration and Environment Canada.



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More information about the future of golf in Girdwood is available, including a series of case studies involving similar golf course development projects in the United States and Canada, can be viewed on our website at www.girdwood2020.org.



Golf and Girdwood... it's a natural.

EXPERTS ENDORSE GIRDWOOD GOLF

Golf has been an integral part of the Girdwood vision for half a century. First proposed in the 1950s, it has been extensively studied by several internationally recognized experts, including Robert Trent Jones II and the National Golf Foundation. All agree that a golf course in Girdwood would be feasible – and fabulous. Golf is low impact and compliments residents' desire to preserve the valley's natural setting.



GOLF AND NORDIC RECREATION IN THE UPPER VALLEY

Two potential sites have been identified for the golf course, and experts say both have a high probability of success. An area commonly referred to as the "upper valley" is located near the Alyeska Resort and features alpine meadows. Streams define the lower site in the "squirrel cage" area.

The benefits of a Girdwood golf course explode in the winter by providing Nordic recreation activities to residents and visitors. The upper valley site includes terrain suited for World Cup competition. The lower valley offers more beginner and intermediate terrain.

"Given the incredible beauty of the Girdwood valley, I believe a properly designed golf course would be a candidate for "Top 100" status in America. The site is simply that good!"

- Dr. Michael Hurdzan
Internationally honored golf course architect

NEW TECHNIQUES CREATE ECO-FRIENDLY GOLF COURSES

The ability to develop a successful golf course in the Girdwood valley is tied directly to protecting the local ecosystem. Today's golf course architects and developers employ modern, state-of-the-art techniques to create environmentally sound courses. Michael J. Hurdzan, PhD, is an award-winning golf course architect with more than 30 years of experience designing courses in a variety of climates. By managing sources of irrigation, conducting pre-construction water analysis of surrounding water bodies and wells, and completing a comprehensive environmental assessment, an ecologically friendly golf course within the Girdwood valley is achievable, he says.

**MINIMAL, IF ANY, PESTICIDES
AND FERTILIZERS TO BE USED**

The course will be designed with plants and grasses that are naturally suited to the Girdwood area and its unique growing conditions. Ongoing maintenance will be based on Integrated Plant Management principles that utilize the most natural methods for growth and pest control. In fact, because of these techniques and the unique climate, Dr. Hurdzan believes it is unlikely that pesticides and fertilizers will be needed to maintain a Girdwood course.



Golf facilities similar to one proposed for Girdwood:

- Westwood Plateau Golf Academy, Coquitlam, B.C. www.westwoodplateaugolf.com
- The River Course at Keystone, Golf & Nordic Center, Keystone, Colorado www.widowswalkgolf.com
- Widow's Walk Golf Course, Scituate, Massachusetts www.golfkeystone.com
- Dundarave Golf Course & Golf Academy, Prince Edward Island, B.C. www.goldlinkspeci.com
- Banff Springs Golf Course, Banff Springs, Alberta www.banffsprings.com

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