

Silvies Valley Ranch, Oregon



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Tucked away in remote eastern Oregon, [Silvies Valley](#) offers one of the more distinct experiences in golf, with goat caddies, a reversible course that plays in one direction one day and the opposite the next (there are actually 27 greens, so it's not a strict reversal) and a quirky 7-hole, par-23 course so hard it might make you cry. Built in 2017 and set on a 140,000-acre working cattle ranch, the 18-hole courses, the Craddock/Hankins, boast wide fairways and large, firm greens with plenty of contours, which give everyday players a chance to post low scores. Then there's the Gauntlet course, where designer Dan Hixson only cleared out areas for the greens and tee boxes, leaving the rest of the site's sage brush undisturbed. You'll never have so much fun posting a terrible score.