

## TANDRIDGE, SURREY

**Architect:** Harry Colt (1924).

**Yardage:** 5,992-6,509 (par 71).

**Green fees:** £54 (Oct-Apr).

**In a nutshell...** Top 100 parkland paradise which meanders around the High Weald of the Surrey Downs and is poised to benefit from leading architect Tim Lobb carrying out improvements while ensuring the course retains its natural and historic character.

**To play well you need to...** Read the slick, smooth-as-silk greens well, generally ensure that your approach shots finish up below the hole... and tame Tandridge's own "Amen Corner", the treacherous trio of 12, 13 and 14 with the uphill dog-leg former followed by a 223-yard downhill par 3 and a tough par 4 – including a Surrey version of Rae's Creek – played to an elevated, well bunkered green.

**You'll love...** Tackling that treacherous trio... The 13th, with a chasm on the right, is arguably one of the UK's best par 3s in the UK – plus the approaches to the 9th and 18th framing the gorgeous clubhouse. It affords some spectacular views of the North Downs and the Kent and Sussex countryside.

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## BARTON ON SEA, HANTS

**Architect:** Harry Colt (founded 1897).

**Yardage:** Stroller/Becton – 6,236 (par 71); Becton/Needles – 6,447 (par 72); Needles-Stroller – 5,953 (par 71).

**Green fees:** From £45.

**In a nutshell...** Variety is the name of game at this splendid Hampshire venue with 27 holes of outstanding clifftop links and heathland action stretching across lovely springy turf. A treat to play year-round.

**You'll love...** Hitting into the island green on the Needles' 9th, plus views of the sea from every tee.

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## DIBDEN, HANTS

**Architect:** Unknown (1974).

**Yardage:** 5,986 (par 70).

**Green fees:** £15-£30.

**In a nutshell...** Well-established undulating parkland on the edge of the New Forest with 70 bunkers to negotiate and some breathtaking views, especially from the 18th green. A proper test for golfers of all abilities.

**You'll love...** The par-5 3rd with its sloping fairway and hidden lake and the 18th with its narrow fairway shrouded by dense woodland either side. Excellent parkland pay-and-play value and highly enjoyable.

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## LITTLESTONE, KENT

**Architects:** Laidlaw Purves/James Braid/Alister MacKenzie (1888).

**Yardage:** 6,122-6,632 (par 71).

**Green fees:** From £50.

**In a nutshell...** A classic links layout in between the Romney Marshes and the English Channel. The course is mostly flat, so the challenge is right there in front of you – strike crisply from the tight, dry surfaces, stay out of the bunkers and find the right portion of those fast, upturned and undulating greens. Simple, right?

**You'll love...** The friendly welcome, the condition of the course and the authentic feel.

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## WOKING, SURREY

**Architects:** Dunn, Low and Paton (founded 1893).

**Yardage:** 6,029-6,606 (par 70).

**Green fees:** From £70.

**In a nutshell...** Surrey superstar. When we visited in mid-summer it was an absolute joy to play and was in sensational shape – from the criss-cross trimmed tee boxes to firm, fast, rolling fairways leading to beautifully contoured and pacy greens. Perfection.

**You'll love...** The £70 twilight deal, which is cracking value for a course of this standing and conditioning. It's a sign of Woking's smart design that, despite being relatively short, it still guarantees a stern test.

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## ALDENHAM, HERTS

**Architect:** Unknown (1975).

**Yardage:** 6,092-6,409 (par 70).

**Green fees:** £20 (online).

**In a nutshell...** The Church course has developed into a picturesque parkland layout and though it opens rather gently with a pair of short par 4s, the pace picks up at the demanding 4th which is protected by a combination of trees and a steep slope.

**You'll love...** The variety of par 3s and 4s on offer, a fine set of greens and taking on the 621-yard 13th, one of the longest par 5s in the country. You can warm-up on the nine-hole Village course, too.

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## THE ADDINGTON, SURREY

**Architect:** Abercromby (1913).

**Yardage:** 5,940-6,300 (par 69).

**Green fees:** From £60.

**In a nutshell...** A gem of a Top 100 course at the heart of suburbia, which seems to keep getting better and better. Immensely enjoyable if you can keep it straight, immensely frustrating if you can't! But with secluded holes, scenic surroundings and city views, you'll have fun trying...

**You'll love...** The variety of holes on this demanding – particularly at the memorable 225-yard par-3 13th – but fair layout, which brims with charm and character and boasts a terrific set of greens. There are some memorable dog-legs, some quaint wooden bridges and a real feeling of seclusion as you wander through the birch, pines and heather. You can also even see the City of London from several spots around the course.

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