

Fact Sheet on Hidden River Golf & Casting Club

Opened: 1998

Architect: W. Bruce Matthews III, American Society of Golf Course Architects

Location: Brutus, Michigan, 13 miles north of Petoskey

Directions: From I-75: take Indian River exit 310, west on M-68 to Alanson and north 4 miles on US-31; From US-31, 13 miles north of Petoskey on US-31

Address: 7688 Maple River Rd., Brutus. MI 49716

Telephone: 800 325-GOLF (4653)

Web site: www.hiddenriver.com

Club type: Public

Owners: Tom & Lisa Foster

Manager/PGA Professional: Jerry Roman

Superintendent: David Little, CGCS

Chef: Ken Willoughby

Turf: Bentgrass tees, fairways and greens

Memberships: Annual, Full, Limited, Twilight. Visit Web site.

Holes: 18; Par 36-36—72, Five Tees, yardage ranges 4,787 to 7,101.

Course Record: 69 by Jerry Roman from the championship tees

Practice: Full grass range and putting green.

Fees: Visit Web site. Cart included. Walking permitted.

The area: Pure Northern Michigan. Tall mature pines and firs, three ridges run through the course with some elevated tees, wetlands, broad open areas and some sandy waste areas. While the pristine Maple River, a blue ribbon trout stream, isn't in play it meanders through the course. "It just feels good being there," said course designer Bruce Matthews of Michigan's First Family of golf course architects.

Restaurant: *PGA Travel* named the Rainbow Room a "Top 4 Golf Course Restaurant in the Midwest." A patio overlooks the scenic ninth hole and the Maple River. Consult the website for Golf & Dinner specials.

Air travel: Served by nearby Pellston Regional Airport with daily flights by Delta Airlink.

Golf packages: Available through several area motels as well as the Odawa Casino Resort. Also, Hidden River is a member of the play-and-stay Big Fore golf group along with Black Lake, Dunmaglas, and Little Traverse Bay golf courses. Visit

www.bigfore.com