



Hues of BLACK ROCK

The private community's golf course provides a roller coaster ride along Lake Coeur d'Alene.

"THE GOLF CLUB AT BLACK ROCK has bobsled-run fairways and rollicking putting surfaces framed by squiggly bunkers." – *GOLF DIGEST*

"TWO PLAYERS can be feet apart in the fairway and play shots in completely different ways. The better your imagination, the more fun you are going to have." – *TREVOR FOX, DIRECTOR OF GOLF*



The waterfalls of Black Rock tell a story. With spring comes melting winter snow creating strong cascades of water. As the calendar advances to the warm and much drier summer months, water flows reduce dramatically.



MEMBERS AT BLACK ROCK have access to a marina, the 7,000 square-foot event center, a private beach, a kids' camp, and a 31,000 square-foot clubhouse (with a pool, spa, tennis courts, in-season caddie program, and fitness center). Its Jim Engh design was named "Best New Private Course in 2003" by *Golf Digest*.



IT'S NOT UNCOMMON to see deer, wild turkey, and osprey share the wetlands, rock cliffs, dense forests, and rolling meadows surrounding the course. Resident elk seem to be able to foretell when fairways have their final mow of the fall season. The herd, up to 50 strong, call Black Rock home each winter.

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO: This year will mark the 24th time the U.S. Census has counted America's population since 1790. Statistics are an interesting read. For example, roughly 4 percent of households are considered millionaires.

One of the most honored data points in our sport is *Golf Digest's* ranking of "The Top 100 Courses in America." With over 15,000 golf courses across the country, to make the privileged group deserves recognition.

The list contains the usual suspects of Pebble Beach and Augusta National and a small group of clubs that are so private and exclusive that you may not be familiar with their names. One of those stunning facilities is The Golf Club at Black Rock. "Nothing is contrived. We already had long-range views, beautiful trees, and wonderful contours of the land," stated Jim Engh, golf course architect. "I knew Black Rock would be special."

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The Golf Club at Black Rock is named for rugged outcroppings of black basalt that jut up throughout the property. Its steep crags, sunken marshes, and precipitous bluffs change color each season. "Our course can have very different looks," detailed Trevor Fox, director of golf. "During the first shoots of spring, surroundings become a vibrant green. As the more arid summer approaches,



native grasses turn a golden brown, providing stark contrasts to the fairways. When crisp fall mornings arrive, vegetation starts to thin out, exposing natural earth tones."

The front nine's gentle terrain gives a taste of the lake. As you make the turn, the topography becomes much more rugged with jaw-dropping views of Lake Coeur d'Alene. "We refer to holes 10-14 as our highlight reel that showcases the best Black Rock has to offer," said Fox. "The environment is so clean, so natural, that it's easy to understand why *National Geographic* named the lake one of the five most beautiful on earth." ■

For membership information at The Golf Club at Black Rock, please visit BlackRockIdaho.com.