

Sanctuary Fact Sheet

Welcome To Sanctuary

Sanctuary was created as a place of refuge, preservation and nourishment. Not just for wildlife, flora and fauna – but for service organizations committed to developing unique relationships with those who support their efforts to improve our community.

Sanctuary was conceived as a golf experience that would gracefully balance exclusivity with accessibility. Play is limited not by membership, but by linking tournaments and other events to the support of charitable organizations devoted to the arts, children, health care, and crisis management.

The vision of RE/MAX, LLC Co-Founder Dave Liniger, Sanctuary is a resource like no other. The golf course has been carefully placed into a fragile and beautiful ecosystem – guided by a commitment to stewardship that focuses not just on habitat protection, but on good citizenship as well.

The philosophy of stewardship, which created Sanctuary, has enabled it to nurture some of our community's most valued non-profit organizations. Success of the concept has exceeded all expectations. To date over 460 charity events have generated more than 96 million net dollars to directly benefit the many constituents they serve.

Protecting a Habitat

Designed by renowned course architect Jim Engh, the course protects a private oasis of 220 acres from residential development, effectively complementing 12,400 surrounding acres of dedicated open space. The course's irrigated area comprises 85 acres.

Sanctuary wildlife includes elk, deer, foxes, coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, black bears, porcupines, wild turkeys and golden eagles. No effort is made to keep wildlife from impacting the greens and fairways. Ongoing maintenance keeps the appearance of damage minimal.

There are 24 acres of fairways, and 164,665 square feet of greens, both covered with bentgrass. Evidence of Sanctuary's elk population is often visible – reminders that this is their home first, and we are simply guests.

Dramatic Elevation Changes

The highest point of the course is the first hole's rattlesnake tee, at 6,590 feet. The lowest point is 350 feet lower, the pond on the 15th hole. The drop from tee to green on the first hole is 245 feet, with a drop of 185 feet to the first landing area. Total downhill play on the course is 850 vertical feet. Only four holes play uphill.

It is estimated that a golf ball travels 11 percent farther at Sanctuary's altitude compared with sea level. The many elevation drops and shifting wind patterns make club selection an interesting challenge.

Course Honors

- ❑ Best New Private Course 1997 – *Golf Digest*
- ❑ Best Private Golf Course (Denver) 1997 – *Westword*
- ❑ One of the 25 Best Courses in the United States – *Landscape Management 1997*
- ❑ 48th Best of the Top 100 Courses in the United States 1999 – *Golf Digest*
- ❑ 89th Best of the Top 100 Courses in the United States 2001 – *Golf Digest*
- ❑ 80th Best of the Top 100 Courses in the United States 2005 – *Golf Digest*
- ❑ 73rd Best of the Top 100 Courses in the United States 2007 – *Golf Digest*
- ❑ 96th Best of the Top 100 Courses in the United States 2009 – *Golf Digest*
- ❑ Consistently ranked in the Top 150 Courses in the United States 2011-2017 – *Golf Digest*

“Simply the most spectacular golf course I have ever seen.”

- Gary McCord, CBS Golf Analyst, Senior PGA Tour Professional

“It is special in the Augusta National, Pebble Beach sense of the word.”

- Tom Cushman, *San Diego Union Tribune*

“Sanctuary is an unbelievable testimony to Jim Engh's architectural skills.”

- Peter Kostis, CBS Golf Analyst

“Sanctuary is perhaps the most magnificent course in Colorado.”

- John Rebchook, *Rocky Mountain News*