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CHÂTEAU ÉLAN HAS 63 HOLES OF GOLF
GOLF DIGEST RANKS THREE CHÂTEAU COURSES TOPS IN GEORGIA

BRASELTON, GA—JANUARY 5, 2009--Golfing at Château Élan is by no means an ordinary experience. The 3,500 acre leisure & conference destination is centered around golf, a spa, wine, distinctive dining and the fine amenities of life.

With golf on three championship layouts augmented by lush vineyards and a 16th-century French-style château, this golf destination in the foothills of the Northeast Georgia mountains is exceptional and the South's best golf offering assembled on one piece of property. There is also a beautiful nine hole, 1,100 yard Executive Walking Course with undulating greens, small bunkers and small ponds, perfect for those who want to sharpen their iron game or do not have time for a full-round.

The Château course opened to the public in 1989. Designed by prominent golf architect Denis Griffith who used the tall stands of pine and hardwood trees as a natural boundary guarding both sides of the fairway, But lots of small lakes and ponds and cleverly placed bunkers force golfers to keep their shots on the mark. .

Chip Spiler, Director of Golf said "The Château is a fun course and not too difficult," Then with a twinkle in his eye-- "That is if you keep your ball in play. If you don't, your score will climb rapidly."

The par 71 championship course is not as forgiving as the typical resort course. However, at 7,030 yards from the gold tees, the course offers opportunity for recovery for the savvy golfer. The contoured fairways invite golfers to "swing away," says Chip Spiler, head professional at Château Élan. However, be warned that the thick Bermuda roughs and strategically placed lakes and ponds are quick to swallow up an errant shot.

Spiler says, "The 14th on the Château Course may be the most difficult to play. It starts with a very narrow driving area and once you get to your ball, you notice the green is triple-tiered with a waterfall on the front right side of the green "

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July of 1996 marked another milestone when The Woodlands, a stunning 18 hole championship course, also designed by Griffiths, opened. The 6,735-yard, par 72 layout has numerous elevations that present memorable views of sparkling lakes, and tree lined holes.

The acclaimed Legends course was designed by three of the game's best -- Gene Sarazen, Sam Snead and Kathy Whitworth. Each of these celebrated golf greats selected six of their favorite holes from around the world and crafted them on to the Legends landscape. The 72 par, 7,100-yard course was the home of the Sarazen World Open Championship from 1994-1998. Among the Sarazen Open winners were Ernie Els, Mark Calcavecchia and Frank Nobilo. Legends is a private, member's only club with limited access provided to Château Élan guests.

Château Élan also offers a "Wee Links" three-hole short game course that places a premium on putting, chipping, pitching and bunker play.

.Private and weekend instruction is also available through Château Élan's PGA professionals.

Having a solid course, from customer service to grounds keeping, is Château Élan's hallmark. "Our goal is to ensure golfers are treated better here than at their own private clubs," says Spiler. Course conditioning and maintaining them at the highest level is a top priority. The clubhouse has well stocked pro shop, superb practice facilities, locker rooms for men and women, a golf grille and full service bar. We have established a high profile reputation for facilitating and staging golf tournaments which number more than 400 annually. Recently introduced was a "Preferred Player Program" designed for frequent players who pay \$2,000 annually which includes all green fees, advance tee times and many other perks." For details call 678-425-6050 or [www. Chateauelan.com](http://www.Chateauelan.com)

Château Élan is located 40 minutes north of Atlanta on Interstate 85 North at Exit 126.