



GETAWAY
PINEHURST, NC

PINE NEEDLES

Pinehurst Play

Where to eat, stay and play for your Pinehurst vacay.

By Carson Sellers

WHEN BOB DYLAN CROONED ABOUT the “land of the pines,” he must’ve been talking about Pinehurst. Also known as the Golf Capital of the World, the foliage-filled town only about an hour and a half away from the City of Oaks promises a satisfying getaway *par* none—whether just headed down for the day or looking to stay and play awhile.

As you start your sojourn in an oasis oozing with sprawling green surrounds, bask in the sunshine via a stroll throughout its many locally owned boutiques, grab a seat at one of the several impressive bars and restaurants, snooze heavy at a cozy stay spot, or swing by one of the many golf courses, filling your après tee time with all the village’s various sips, shops and nips. We’ll see you there.

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PINEHURST RESORT | NO. 2

Get ready for a tee party! The “pounding heart of Pinehurst Resort,” and the site of the first U.S. Open Anchor—boasting the most golf championships countrywide—means these greens are just begging to be played. A Donald Ross masterpiece, the evergreen paradise emphasizes a well-rounded unique vibe and a legacy lineup of golf pros who’ve graced the fairway—think Arnold Palmer and “Tiger Tiger Woods, y’all.” Def worth stroking out over. pinehurst.com



SANDHILLS HORTICULTURAL GARDENS

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A legend in its own right—one of a pine, if you will—this top-five NC course (and *Golfweek*’s top 25 in the U.S.!) famously bought and restored by LPGA icon Peggy Kirk Bell and husband Warren “Bullet” Bell remains in the fam to this day. Another feather in Donald Ross’ design cap and the first course to be awarded four U.S. Women’s Championships, the storied course promises a -pine- link of playing indeed. pineneedleslodge.com

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Feeling less the greatest game and more nature is calling? Get botanical in one of nature’s most lush habitats across 30+ acres of enchanting gardens leaning into the NC Sandhills’ unique natural environment—think even a Sir Walter Raleigh garden repping a Sunken Garden. A major area attraction, the passion project of Sandhills Community College students is open year-round dawn to dusk. ... OK, Mother Nature, we see you flexing. sandhills.edu



IRONWOOD

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“Don’t play with your food”—said no one ever on the culinary team at Ironwood, repping innovative cuisine coming out of the kitchen in droves. Sashay through the signature patchwork door to be greeted by classy yet casual surrounds feat. an alfresco ambiance with old Southern magnolias swaying in the wind and a fire-enhanced fountain. Keeping its appeal meaty, the restaurant is the area’s sole spot serving certified prime Angus beef, NTM a smattering of delish signatures appealing to all palates. ironwoodpinehurst.com

ELLIOTT’S ON LINDEN

Right from the farm to your table—and redefining the meaning of fresh—the masterful fare promises to feed your soul (and your belly) via imaginative dishes displaying the flavor of farm-sourced ingredients that showcase a slew of Southern delicacies with a twist. Think staples like shrimp and grits and stuffed chicken and waffles, plus unique offerings such as crab hushpuppies and grilled octopus. And don’t sleep on the global wine program. elliottsonlinden.com