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Through May, Las Vegas welcomed more than 17.5 million visitors – slightly down from a year ago. Those guests translated to a 90.7 percent hotel occupancy rate at the city's nearly 150,000 available rooms at an average of \$134.62 per room night. The city's golf scene appears to be struggling, with plenty of deals to be had for green fees and packages. And the Wynn Golf Club – on the old Desert Inn layout – is reportedly slated to close this fall. On that

Nevada

property will be built Wynn Paradise Park, a hotel/restaurant/meeting space complex replete with a 38-acre lake and a brand-new nine-hole course. It will likely open in 2020.

Tahoe City Golf Course celebrates its 100th year this summer. Meanwhile, **The Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe** opened to the public in June. It features an award-winning 18-hole golf course, along with 154 luxury rooms and suites.



Oregon



Silvies Valley Ranch has opened 130 miles east of Bend. Construction of the golf portion of the resort – built on a working cattle farm – began in 2010. The resort boasts a reversible championship course routing with 16 fairways and 27 greens, nine of which will be rested on any given time. The course direction – one is coined the Hankins Course, the other the Craddock Course – is reversed each day. Also opening this summer at Silvies Valley Ranch is the Chief Egan nine-hole par-3 course. In the next two years comes the seven-hole McVeigh's Gauntlet, just south of the reversible course. The course features par-3 and par-4 holes, and is carved into a razorback mountain. The resort includes a boutique lodge and plenty of outdoor activities beyond golf.