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Golf Expansion at Big Cedar Lodge

Big Cedar Lodge is quickly becoming one of the premier golf destinations in the United States. In 2020, the first public access course by Tiger Woods' TGR Design, Payne's Valley, will open and compliment the four existing and top-rated courses at the resort – Buffalo Ridge Springs (Tom Fazio), Ozarks National (Bill Coore & Ben Crenshaw), Mountain Top (Gary Player) and Top of the Rock (Jack Nicklaus). These world-class courses bring to life Johnny Morris' vision to create an unparalleled golf experience in the Missouri Ozarks, attracting visitors from across the world.

Ozarks National **Designed by: Bill Coore & Ben Crenshaw**
Course Opening: April 29, 2019

The world-renowned golf course architect team of Coore & Crenshaw shares Johnny Morris' passion and appreciation for nature and conservation. Honored as the Best New Public Course of 2019 by Golf Digest, the design of Ozarks National is a striking display for the senses and a fitting tribute to the Ozarks region. It tests avid players and golf travelers from around the country. With breathtaking views, the course also includes interesting features, such as a 400-foot wooden beam and plank bridge, which connects the tee box and fairway of the 13th hole that stands 60-feet above a flowing creek.

Payne's Valley **Designed by: Tiger Woods' TGR Design**
Course Opening: 2020

Named in honor of golf legend and Ozarks native, the late Payne Stewart, the new "Payne's Valley" course will be the first completed fully public-access course in the world designed by Tiger Woods' design firm, TGR Design. The 18-hole layout will showcase the region's natural beauty and feature an extraordinarily dramatic 19th hole, "The Big Rock at Payne's Valley," designed by Bass Pro Founder Johnny Morris. The spectacular finishing hole is a par 3 that can be used to settle unfinished bets and is set against a 200 foot limestone cliff and roaring waterfall. With multiple tee boxes, the course will be challenging for the world's best players yet player-friendly with wide fairways and an unforgettable finish.

Mountain Top **Designed by: Gary Player**
Course Opening: August 31, 2017

The 13-hole Mountain Top Course designed by Gary Player was created to bring a more accessible experience for golfers of all skill levels. Acknowledged by GOLF.com as one of the Best Par-3 Courses in America, Mountain Top routes through unforgettable rock formations. Player teamed up with Johnny Morris to create an unparalleled experience for golfers that features some of the most breathtaking and unobstructed views in the region. Mountain Top also offers a Himalayan-style putting course designed by 5-time Open Champion Tom Watson.

Buffalo Ridge **Designed by: Tom Fazio**

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Springs Course

Course Reopening Following Renovation: June 2014

Buffalo Ridge Springs course is an 18-hole championship public golf course ranked by *GOLF Magazine* as the No. 1 Public Golf Course You Can Play in Missouri, 2019. Following Big Cedar Lodge's acquisition of the course in 2013, renowned course architect Tom Fazio and visionary conservationist Johnny Morris worked side-by-side to complete a major course renovation project. The new layout brings players in close contact with nature and features pristine playing conditions.

Herds of roaming bison graze on the native prairie grasses that surround the golf course boundaries. The renovation unveiled natural rock formations that have been incorporated into the routing of the course. Other improvements include the beautification and enhancement of all water features, the creation of new water features, and completely rebuilt bunkers with new white sand. Buffalo Ridge Springs covers approximately 450 acres and the course measures 7,036 yards from the back tees.

Top of the Rock

Designed by: Jack Nicklaus

Course Reopening Following Renovation: June 2014

Top of the Rock is a true celebration of nature and Ozarks heritage, sitting at the highest elevation in Taney County, Missouri, overlooking the Ozark Mountains and Table Rock Lake. *GOLF.com* acknowledged Top of the Rock as one of the Best Par-3 Courses in America. Honored as the first par-3 course to be featured on a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event, the 9-hole course offers an unrivaled golf experience with unparalleled panoramic views that highlight the work of the course architect, Jack Nicklaus. After their round, golfers are treated to a nature experience like no other on the Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail at Top of the Rock, a two-mile self-guided journey by golf cart through the Ozarks landscape.

In addition to world-class golf, Top of the Rock is a multi-faceted destination featuring: Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail; Top of the Rock Golf Course, Practice Facilities, and Pro Shop; Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum; Arnie's Barn Restaurant & General Store; Osage Restaurant; Buffalo Bar; End of the Trail All-American Wine Cellar; the Chapel of the Ozarks; the Civil War-era Jack's Cabin; and the Cathedral of Nature. The Cathedral originally revealing itself in 2015 when the site opened up due to a sinkhole. Since then 82,500 dump truck loads of dirt have been removed unveiling one of the greatest wonders of the Ozarks.

Big Cedar Golf Rankings

2019 Accolades

- Best New Public Courses: #1 Ozarks National, *Golf Digest*, 2019
- #1 Family Resort in North America: Big Cedar Lodge, *GOLF Magazine*, 2019
- Best Golf Resorts in the Rockies and Great Plains: Big Cedar Lodge, *Golf Digest*, 2019
- Top 100 Best Courses You Can Play: #89 Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Golfweek*, 2019
- Best Courses You Can Play by State: #1 Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Golfweek*, 2019
- Top 12 Golf Resorts in the United States, *Robb Report*, 2019
- 2019 Editor's Choice Awards: Golf Destination that Keeps Rising- Big Cedar Lodge, *Midwest Golfing Magazine*, 2019
- 2019 Best Resort Amenities: Camp Long Creek, *Golf Inc. Magazine*, 2019
- Top 10 Mountain Golf Destinations in North America: Big Cedar Lodge, *Golf Advisor*, 2019
- Top 200 Resort Golf Courses: #64 Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Golfweek*, 2019
- 50 Most Beautiful Golf Courses in the World You Can Play: #45 Top of the Rock, *Golf Advisor*, 2019
- Best Short Courses in America: Mountain Top and Top of the Rock, *Golf Tips Magazine*, 2019
- Top 50 Public Golf Ranges: Big Cedar Lodge, *Golf Range Magazine*

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- Top 6 Range Renovations: Tom Watson Putting Green and Ozarks National Short Game Area, *Golf Range Magazine*

2018 Accolades

- 12 Best Par-3 Courses in America, #9 Top of the Rock, #10 Mountain Top, *Golf.com*, 2018
- A Look Back at my 2018 in Golf: Favorite Rounds- Ozarks National, Best Trip Accommodations- Big Cedar Lodge, *Golf Advisor*, 2018
- 13 New Course Debuts You'll Want to See: Ozarks National, *Golf Advisor*, 2018
- 10 Most Anticipated Golf Courses: #3 Ozarks National, *Golf.com*, 2018
- 5 Diverse Short Courses: Mountain Top Course, *Robb Report*, 2018
- 10 Great Golf Destinations to Visit in 2018: #4 Big Cedar Lodge, *Golf Advisor*, 2018
- Best Courses You Can Play in Missouri: #2 Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Golfweek*, 2018
- Best Golf Holes in the Ozarks: Mountain Top Course, Top of the Rock, Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Springfield Business Journal*, 2018
- The Mobile Golfer's 40 Best Golf Trip Destinations: #10 Big Cedar Lodge, *Golf News Net*, 2018
- Best Coore & Crenshaw Courses: Ozarks National, *Golf Digest*, 2018
- World-Class Resorts Where Golf and Guns Mix: #4 Big Cedar Lodge, *Golf Advisor*, 2018
- Editor's Choice Awards: Best Midwest Rising Destination- Big Cedar Lodge, *Midwest Golfing Magazine*, 2018
- Best Golf Resorts for Each Month of the Year- July- Big Cedar Lodge, *Golf.com*, 2018
- Best of Golf: Emerging Resorts- Big Cedar Lodge/Ozarks National, *Golfweek*, 2018

2017 Accolades

- The Mobile Golfer's Top 50 Golf Courses You Can Play in America: #12 Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Golf News Net*, 2017
- Nine Most Eagerly Awaited Golf Courses: Mountain Top Course, *Forbes*, 2017
- Best New Courses: Spectacular New Short Course- Mountain Top, *Golf.com*, 2017
- Travelin' Joe's Favorite (and Surprising) New Courses: Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Golf.com*, 2017
- The Best Golf Courses in Missouri: Top Public Course- Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Golf Digest*, 2017
- The Travelin' Joe Awards: Best Courses and Travel- Mountain Top Course, *Golf.com*, 2017

2016 Accolades

- Best Places to Play Golf: GOLF Gold Premier Resorts, *Golf.com*, 2016
- Best Courses You Can Play in Missouri: #1 Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Golf.com*, 2016

2015 Accolades

- America's Most Inspiring Practice Ranges: #1 Top of the Rock, *Golf.com*, 2015
- 9 Amazing Spas at Golf Resorts: Big Cedar Lodge, *Golf.com*, 2015
- Golf's Best Kept Secret or Golf's Hottest Destination: Big Cedar Lodge, *Forbes*, 2015
- Best Courses You Can Play In Missouri: #3 Buffalo Ridge Springs, *Golfweek*, 2015

For more details about the golf experience at Big Cedar Lodge, please visit GolfBigCedar.com.

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