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When planning your next great golf getaway,

Adventure Guide David Raper says that checking out Casper's Robert Trent Jones Jr. designed **Three Crowns Golf Club** (307.472.5591) should top your list. After all, explains Raper, "We just won an award as being one of the top 50 new golf courses in the country!"

One of the most striking features of **Three Crowns** is the fact that it is built on a former Amoco Oil Refinery site along the North Platte River. There are 110 acres of playable turf, with A-1 bentgrass on the putting surfaces. The tees, fairway and rough are predominately Kentucky Bluegrass. Other features are white sand from Idaho, and eight bodies of water scattered throughout the course. *Golfweek* listed **Three Crowns** as one of the "50 Best New Courses" in 2006.

"One of the unique features about **Three Crowns** is the *Lavia Linda Trail*. It's a walking path that circles the entire golf course with an extension that takes you along the

North Platte River. The trail provides an excellent opportunity for non-golfers to get some fresh air and have a great walk. Also, we're so close to downtown—it's 10 minutes to anywhere, so you have lots of opportunities to stay occupied and entertain yourself while others enjoy the great golf course."

For avid golfers, however, hitting the links at **Three Crowns** is only the beginning. "I would also suggest exploring the other courses in town," says Raper. "Each offers something unique for both the beginner and the seasoned pro."

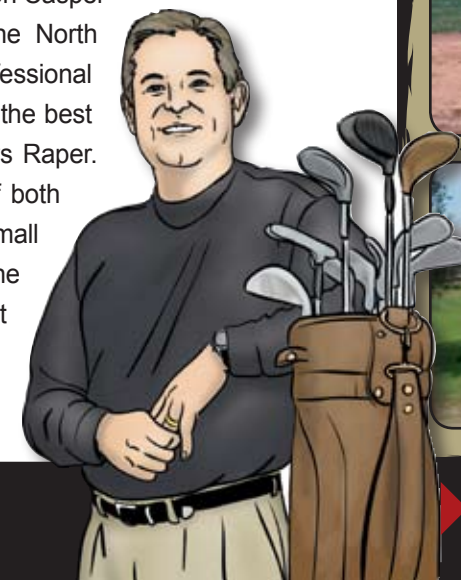
Paradise Valley Country Club (307.234.3079), for example, has undergone recent construction (a new irrigation system, the lengthening of holes and new sand bunkers) that Raper says "continues to enhance the golf course. It's a different type of layout as compared to **Three Crowns**—there are more mature trees and it's been established for quite some time."

Similarly, Raper says the **Casper Municipal Golf Course** (307.237.9470) is special because "they have three nines. They present a good challenge. The greens are very difficult to play." And don't forget the **Casper Country Club** (307.265.0767), "a place where you can go and tune up your

game a little bit ... it's not a real difficult course, but it's not an easy course, either. All golf courses require good shots to play well."

Even the best players lose a ball every now and then. But at the **Salt Creek Country Club** (Highway 387 in Midwest), you won't be penalized if you lose your ball down a hole in the fairway on this pasture golf course. For a mere \$2, adventurous golfers can play nine holes of mowed prairie grass fairways and sand greens.

For golf or any activity, Raper says Casper is the place to be. He believes the entire family can find adventure whether they're golfing or not. A morning round, followed by hiking on Casper Mountain, fly-fishing in the North Platte, or enjoying professional sporting events is "one of the best things about Casper," says Raper. "Here you get the best of both worlds: you have the small town community, but at the same time, you have a lot of conveniences of the city. Casper has a lot to offer."



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Casper Municipal Golf Course
2120 Allendale Blvd • 307.237.9470

Excellent public golf course featuring a total of 27 holes. Open from April 1 to November 1. Tee times available one day in advance through the Pro Shop. Restaurant & lounge open during daylight hours.



Three Crowns Golf Club
2435 King Blvd • 307.472.5591

Award-winning, 18-hole public course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Open from April 1 to October 31. Tee times available online or by phone at least seven days in advance. Water features on 14 holes.



Casper Country Club
4149 E. Country Club • 307.265.0767

Private non-equity golf course with reciprocal membership. Eighteen-hole regulation length course. Open from April 15 to October 15. Hilly terrain with clear view of mountain. Tight fairways, water on eight holes.



Salt Creek Country Club
Highway 387 in Midwest, 307.437.6511

Unique, nine-hole public course. Open from May through mid-October, weather allowing. Pasture golf, designed by employees of local oilfield in the 1920s. Mowed prairie grass fairways and sand greens.



Paradise Valley Country Club
70 Magnolia Street • 307.234.3079

Eighteen-hole regulation length course. Private non-equity golf course. Open from April 1 to November 1. Tee times required. Green fees include golf cart where available.