



## Texas Golf: 18 best holes in Texas

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It should come as no surprise that *The News'* No. 1 course in the state – Whispering Pines – has five holes voted among the 18 best in 2009.

Five of its last six holes (Nos. 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18) made the list – a par-5, three par-4s and a par-3. It's a memorable final stretch nestled in the Trinity pines.

"The water comes into play on every hole and every hole is unique," said pro Chris Rowe. "It's a challenging way to finish the round as each hole gets better and better."

Whispering Pines had five holes make the best list in 2008 as well, except then No. 16 was ranked and No. 13 was not.

Three golf courses had two holes each make the best list: Dallas National, Stonebridge Ranch Country Club's Dye Course and Cordillera Ranch.

The par-4 fifth hole at Colonial Country Club has made the list every year since 1989. The same is true for the par-3 seventh at The Hills Country Club in Austin and the par-5 11th at Walden Golf Club on Lake Conroe.

TEXAS' 18 BEST HOLES			
Course	Hole	Par	Yards
Cordillera Ranch	16	3	172
The Hills CC (Hills)	7	3	184
Waterwood National	14	3	227
Whispering Pines	15	3	178
Carlton Woods (Nicklaus)	15	4	455
Colonial CC	5	4	459
Dallas National	9	4	448
Preston Trail	16	4	415

Stonebridge Ranch (Dye)	9	4	463
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Whispering Pines	13	4	463
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Whispering Pines	18	4	464
The Woodlands (East)	18	4	442
Cordillera Ranch	5	5	613
Dallas National	10	5	610
Walden on Lake Conroe	11	5	582
Whispering Pines	17	5	603