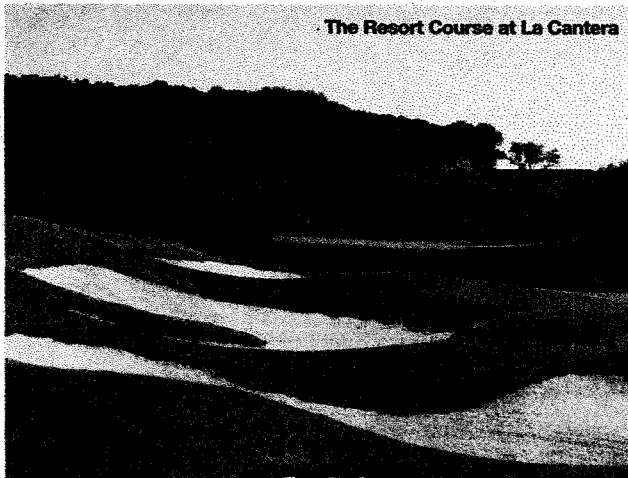


TOP-5

1. **The Resort Course at La Cantera**
2. **The Palmer Course at La Cantera**
3. **Hyatt Hill Country Resort**
4. **The Bandit Golf Club**
5. **The Quarry Golf Club**

The Resort Course at La Cantera will never have problems filling up the tee sheet, so long as it is the site of the PGA Tour's Valero Texas Open and has the luxurious Westin La Cantera Resort on site. The Palmer Course at La Cantera may be the most difficult course in the Alamo City, but it's definitely one of the prettiest. Hyatt Hill Country won't wow you with its beauty, but it will amaze you with its playability and shot value. Situated in New Braunfels, The Bandit is an underrated Keith Foster design that would easily be a top-2 course anywhere else. Foster also designed The Quarry, a must-play for non-locals and the golden ticket for getting out of work early for locals.



BEST GOLF EXPERIENCE

1. **Canyon Springs Golf Club**
2. **The Resort Course at La Cantera**
3. **The Palmer Course at La Cantera**
4. **Hyatt Hill Country Resort**
5. **The Bandit Golf Club**

When it comes to layout and conditions, Canyon Springs trumps all San Antonio layouts. Thomas Walker might not be a household name in the course architecture sector, but he put his signature on the Alamo golf scene with this knockout. And with Evergreen Alliance's knack for keeping its courses in pristine condition, area golfers are in golf euphoria here. Both courses at La Cantera also offer sensational views and stellar golf to go along with wonderful conditions. At Hyatt Hill Country, it seems nary a blade of grass is out of place. When it comes to all-around golf, The Bandit always gets high marks.

BEST MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

1. **Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center**
2. **Cedar Creek Golf Course**
3. **Brackenridge Golf Course**
4. **Scott Schreiner Municipal Golf Course**
5. **Olmos Basin Golf Course**

The newest city-owned courses hold down the top two slots in this category. Olympia Hills opened in 2000 and has made a quite a recovery from conditions issues during its infancy. Now it's quite a bargain at just under \$45 for a weekend tee time. Cedar Creek also is a great deal, as it's on the other side of the hill from its ritzier neighbor, La Cantera. The oldest of all the San Antonio munis, Brackenridge could face some management changes (a private firm operating it for the city) in the near future. And, the course could close as soon as this upcoming spring for a major renovation project. Scott Schreiner has really improved over the past couple of years, and many can attest to that via the Hill Country Classic in Kerrville. Olmos Basin rounds out the list, as location and playability of the course are its top draws.

BEST PAR 3s

1. **No. 4 – The Palmer Course at La Cantera**
2. **No. 16 – The Quarry Golf Club**
3. **No. 13 – The Bandit Golf Club**
4. **No. 7 – Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center**
5. **No. 8 – Hyatt Hill Country Resort (Oaks)**

This list represents the weakest group of holes in San Antonio, but they are still worthy. The 188-yard fourth on the Palmer Course at La Cantera is picturesque because of the water trickling in front of the green and under the Winnie Palmer Bridge on the right. The 16th at The Quarry demands pinpoint accuracy, which is fine except the hole measures 242 yards. The 13th at The Bandit is all carry over water and usually plays into the wind. The seventh at Olympia Hills is impressive because of the stunning view off the tee. Even more impressive? Reaching the green on this 239-yarder. Expect a dangerous lie if you fall short of the green on the eighth on the Oaks nine at Hyatt Hill Country – prickly cacti await there.

BEST PAR 4s

1. **No. 12 – The Resort Course at La Cantera**
2. **No. 17 – The Quarry Golf Club**
3. **No. 18 – The Palmer Course at La Cantera**
4. **No. 18 – Canyon Springs Golf Club**
5. **No. 10 – The Palmer Course at La Cantera**

The best group of holes in the Hill Country. The top four remain the same from a year ago, while the newbie – No. 10 at the Palmer Course – appeared on this list back in the 2003 rankings. The 10th hole bends to the right around a gaping canyon that looks like it falls down all the way to the