

Jekyll Island

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Come Play Great Dunes Golf Course on Jekyll Island *Historic course re-opens after summer hiatus, conditions are excellent*

Local golfers are invited and encouraged to be one of the first to play the Great Dunes golf course on Jekyll Island upon re-opening after a long summer's rest. The course re-opens for play Thursday, October 2nd and will remain open until the next seasonal closure in June 2009. This week, golfers will enjoy the rare pristine condition of greens and fairway turf without divots and ball marks.

"The course has been mowed, trimmed and is in the finest condition in the 30 years I have been on Jekyll Island," stated John Neidhardt, Jekyll Island Golf Course Superintendent. "The grand ole course is ready to play and bound to impress."

Great Dunes, which is the remaining nine holes of the historic links-style course designed by Walter Travis in 1927, was closed at the beginning of the summer due to a combination of maintenance issues and low seasonal demand. With the onset of nicer weather, golfers will certainly enjoy the seaside course known for wide open fairways but small greens. Ocean breezes challenge shotmaking, and one does not have to hit the ball long, just accurate, in order to score low.

One of four courses operated by the Jekyll island Authority, Great Dunes has nine holes but can be played as an 18-hole round using two different sets of tees. Cost for a nine-hole round is \$29 per person and includes electric cart rental. Tee times begin at 8:00 a.m., the last tee time is 3:30 p.m. Can 912-635-2170 for tee times and more information.

About Jekyll Island

Jekyll Island is a barrier island on Georgia's coast – midway between Jacksonville, Fla. And Savannah, Ga. Accessible by car just minutes from I-95, Jekyll Island offers a variety of amenities, including 10 miles of beach, four golf courses, a 250-acre Historic Landmark District, water park, tennis center, an array of lodging options including hotels, cottages and campgrounds. Owned by the State of Georgia, and managed by the Jekyll Island State Park Authority, Jekyll Island has had development limited to just 35 percent of its available land area. This unique aspect of Jekyll Island serves to preserve the critical barrier island ecosystem, and provide guests with a unique escape from the crowds and complications of other beach resort destinations. The Jekyll Island Foundation is a public 501 (c) 3 organization which operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to support the work of the Jekyll Island Authority by assisting in the preservation, conservation and appreciation of Jekyll Island. Please visit www.jekyllisland.com for more information or call 1-877-4JEKYLL.

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