

Highland Links



1892

One of Cape Cod's oldest golf courses, perhaps its most scenic, Highland Links in North Truro is one of America's golf treasures, perched high along windswept bluffs overlooking the Atlantic next to the vintage Highland Light. Founded circa 1892-1898, Highland has seen more than a hundred years of golf. More significant than its age is Highland's heritage; circumstances keep it a genuine links, as close to the Scottish tradition found anywhere in the eastern United States, with deep natural rough, Scotch broom, heath, and spectacular ocean views.

The original "Highland House of Golf Links" was part of an ocean and cottage resort operated for years by the Small family of Truro, who promoted the course as "2000 yards around...in attractiveness not equaled in the New England coast." Francis Ouimet, the legendary 1913 USGA Open Champion, played an exhibition round here after its original sand greens were converted to grass. First laid out by Isaac Small's son Willard, a redesign was implemented in 1913 by New Yorker and frequent hotel guest J. Henry McKinley. By 1955 the links had been refurbished again by owner Hal Conklin. When the Cape Cod National Seashore was conceived in the 1960's Highland Links became Federal property.

The Truro Highlands Historic District encompasses an area of North Truro, Massachusetts, within the Cape Cod National Seashore, that has served as a recreational destination for more than 175 years. The major features of the district, which is centered on Highland Road east of US 6, are the Highland Light Station, the Highland House (now a museum), and the Highland Links, one of the oldest golf courses on Cape Cod. The district was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.

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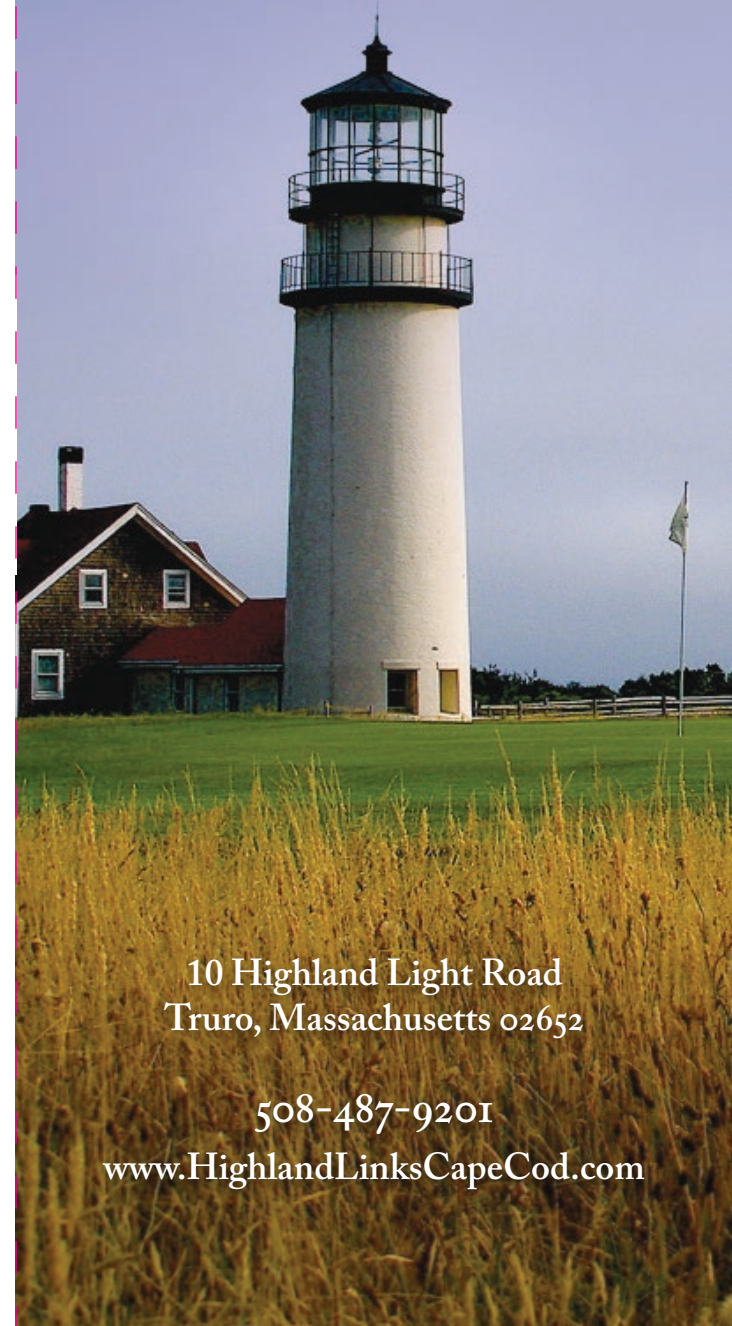


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1797: United States Government purchased 10 acres of Isaac’s Small’s land along the Atlantic Ocean for the construction of the Highland Lighthouse

1849-1857: Henry David Thoreau began making visits to the area

1872: Issac Small purchased 17 acres of land along the cliffs just south of Highland Light in a joint venture with his cousin Edward E. Small

1874: Isaac Morton Small (1845-1934) added a two-story wing to the farmhouse that he inherited from his father. The building, which was used for many years as a hotel, became known as the Highland House, later referred to as the Highland Lodge. This was the first structure built in the Highlands, exclusively for tourism.

1892-1893: During this period the recreational facilities, including the Highland Golf Links, were constructed under the direction of Isaac’s son, Willard M. Small. Willard took over the general operation of the resort after graduation from college in 1892 or 1893. With a keen interest in sports, he introduced several additions to the property, including a pool table at the Highland House, a skating rink, the Highland Golf Links, a combined indoor bowling alley and pool room and an informal ball field.

1906-1907: Isaac M. Small constructed a large new hotel on elevated land just east of Millstone cottage. Originally called the Highland House Annex, the two story facility was renamed Highland House after its opening in 1907. To avoid confusion, the original Highland House was renamed Highland Lodge.

1913: First Reconfiguration of the Highland Links by J.H. McKinley of New York

1917: Construction of the Margaret Adams Cottage. This cottage is currently used as a clubhouse for the golf course

1955: Second Reconfiguration of the golf course by owner Hal Conklin. Course expanded to north side of Highland Road.

1961: Cape Cod National Seashore established

1963-1969: Joe Colliano and Bill Hastings operated the golf course

1970: National Park Service operates golf course-leased to Town of Truro

2014: Highland Links Golf Course leased to Johnson Golf Management, Inc.

LINKS COURSE HISTORY

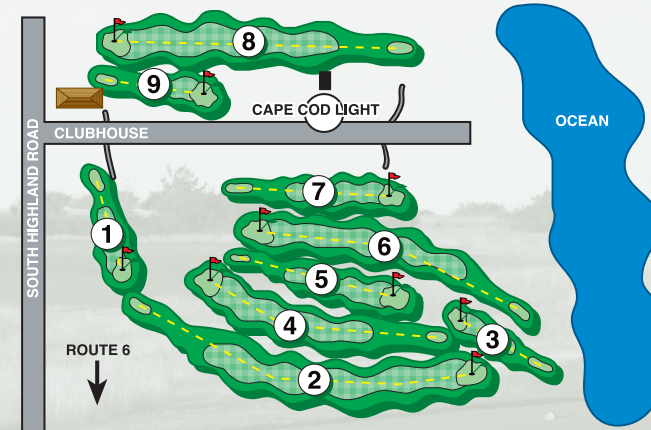
A links is the oldest style of golf course, first developed in Scotland. The word “links” comes via the Scots language from the Old English word hlinc: “rising ground, ridge” and refers to an area of coastal sand dunes and sometimes to open parkland. Linksland is typically characterized by dunes, an undulating surface, and a sandy soil unsuitable for arable farming but which readily supports various indigenous browntop bents and red fescue grasses that give the firm turf associated with links courses and the ‘running game’.

PLAYING A LINKS COURSE

Professional golf instructors will advise players to adjust their playing style when going out on a links course. Generally, the game is played closer to the ground. Since the terrain on a links course is naturally firm, players employ more bump-and-run shots. Putting from close off the green is also encouraged. And keeping your ball flight low helps to lessen the effects the usually brisk coastal winds have on your ball flight.

MAINTENANCE

A links style course stays true to its natural terrain. Maintenance and preservation of the native coastal landscape is essential. Generally speaking, a low-impact maintenance plan is appropriate to insure the local environment is not adversely affected by cultural practices.



Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Men’s Blue/White	250/242	460/377	160/118	379/415	380/361	464/453	171/159	353/349	136/105
Men’s Handicap	11	7	15	5	1	3	13	9	17
Men’s Par	4	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	3
Ladies’ Red/Gold	203/216	421/312	118/118	346/346	281/361	392/402	141/150	295/308	83/94
Ladies’ Handicap	11	1	15	5	9	3	13	7	17
Ladies’ Par	4	5	3	5	4	5	3	4	3

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