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TABOO GOLF CLUB GRAVENHURST, MUSKOKA, ONTARIO

Taboo is Mike Weir's home course and is located in Gravenhurst, Ontario in the heart of Muskoka cottage country. It was recently ranked 11th in Canada at the Score Magazine Golf Awards 2006 and the #1 rated golf course in Ontario as published in the 2005 Toronto Star Golf Guide.

There is no better example of a modern Muskoka Golf Course than the stunning new Taboo Golf Club, located at the Taboo Resort, minutes north of Gravenhurst, Ontario. Designed by architect Ron Garl, (with a CV of over 100 golf courses in the United States), the course stretches out to 7200 yards and is beautifully carved and laid out through a landscape of granite, fescue and natural forest. The course does a fine job of accentuating the beauty of its natural surroundings and is marked by a number of holes which expose the local rocky terrain, using it as a focal point on many holes. Then there are myriad fairway bunkers that are sited at all the strategic areas of wayward shots or forced carries, and require an advanced strategy to negotiate the course without spending the day in sand.

The attention to detail at Taboo is of a very high standard indeed, with small touches such as polished steel signs at each hole providing yardage and index. Like many resort courses, many golfers use carts and the GPS display on every vehicle allows the golfer an instant reading of his distance to the hole and location of pins and forward obstacles.

Architect Garl describes the design as "frequently challenging, always enjoyable and eminently memorable." Whilst all the holes have their own distinct and memorable feeling, the 563 yard 18th hole is a collection of all the fine features seen throughout Taboo, with fescue, strategic bunkering and a plethora of pre-Cambrian granite in play for any wayward shots, and an uphill green which presents a deceptive carry from the fairway below. It is an excellent finishing hole.

The clubhouse is unique, offering a reminder of the resort heritage of the area, with luxurious accommodation and a fine spa for those staying on the property.



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