

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT GOLF AT The Greenbrier

1 Two "new" holes on the 6,795-yard, par-71 Meadows Course were added by Bob Cupp in 1998 so holes 16 and 17 could make way for the Greenbrier Golf Academy, which is located near the Golf Club and at the opposite end of the existing practice tee. In 2003 these two holes were again rebuilt by Tom Fazio when he was developing the resort's private club called The Snead Course at The Greenbrier Sporting Club.

2 The first course at The Greenbrier was Scottish golf professional Alex Findlay's Lakeside Course, a sporty nine-hole layout built in 1910. It lasted until 1922 when it was lengthened and rebuilt by Seth Raynor to accommodate the longer steel-shafted clubs then in use. In 1962 it was redesigned by Dick Wilson and expanded to 18 holes. It was again redesigned in 1998 by Bob Cupp and renamed the Meadows Course after a former horse farm by the same name on that spot.

3 Much of the dirt for the expanded Meadows Course came from the excavation of a Cold War-era government bunker built under The Greenbrier's West Virginia Wing. The 112,000-square-foot shelter was to be used as a relocation center for the U.S. Congress in the event of a nuclear attack. The facility is now open to guest tours.

4 Eight great designers have worked the land at The Greenbrier. In addition to Findlay, Wilson and Fazio, Charles Blair Macdonald and protégé Seth Raynor built the original Old White in 1914 and the Greenbrier Course in 1924. Jack Nicklaus modernized the 6,675-yard, par-72 Greenbrier Course in preparation for the 1979 Ryder Cup matches. Cupp updated and modernized the Meadows Course in 1998. Lester George orchestrated the multi-phased, off-season restoration of the 6,826-yard, par-70 Old White in 2006 after 92 years of continuous play.



5 A few holes on the current Meadows Course used to be on the Greenbrier Course. The layout is the resort's most eclectic circuit as it contains elements of Raynor, Wilson, Cupp and Fazio. It holds the distinction of having the longest hole at The Greenbrier — the 569-yard, par-5 No. 14.

