

Driftwood Golf and Ranch Club could open Southwest Austin course this fall



Construction of the new Tom Fazio-designed golf course in Driftwood will be completed by the end of the spring. (Courtesy Terrill Griffin)

The 18-hole, Tom Fazio-designed golf course being constructed in Southwest Austin near Salt Lick BBQ is on schedule to be completed by the end of the spring with an official opening expected this fall.

Driftwood Golf and Ranch Club is a multifaceted, mixed-use project that broke ground in early 2019. Located roughly at 582 Thurman Roberts Way, Driftwood, the project at build-out will include the golf course and its amenities as well as a neighborhood with single-family homes, a vineyard, community gardens, nature trails and small retail options.

According to Discovery Land Company, Driftwood Golf and Ranch Club is divided into two sections, The Ranch—which included most of the golfing amenities—and The Creek—which is marketed as more family oriented with natural amenities and a vineyard. Residential units will be split between the two sections, which are located at the southeast corner of FM 1826 and FM 967 and north of 1826 at Thurman Roberts Way, respectively.

Like other Discovery projects, Driftwood Golf and Ranch Club is designed as a private club and community where residents become members with access to all amenities on-site.

"Owning property at Driftwood is a prerequisite for membership, and with such a low-density community, this creates a particularly tight-knit community," said Casey Paulson, Driftwood Golf & Ranch Club's president of sales and operations. "It also allows us to fiercely protect the value of our membership and access to the amenities."

Home construction should begin this summer with about 25 units currently in design review and waiting for final approval. The community's developer hopes to bring its first 40 homes online by spring 2022.

Other elements of the project, including a fishing pavilion and hiking trails, are already open and available for use by current or prospective members. According to Discovery, the fishing complex offers access to kayaks and canoes, an outdoor firepit and a nearby putting green. A mountain bike trail is still under construction.

"Driftwood is one of the newest projects from Discovery, and with more of a primary resident in mind, we're breaking the mold in a few ways that are proving to be very appealing to homeowners and exciting for the future of Discovery," Paulson said.

Editor's note: The story has been updated to attribute information about the project to Discovery Land Company and to add quotes by the property's President of Sales & Operations Casey Paulson.