

DISC GOLF

@ Jim Trawick Park

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WHY DOES DISC GOLF MATTER?

Many parks departments are looking for **low-cost, high-yield, and environmentally friendly** ways to use their existing land. Disc golf provides a **unique solution**. A disc golf course is designed around other park attractions in order to provide an activity that draws in a **new group** of people with the added benefit of being **low maintenance** when compared to many other park activities. Because of the nature of the sport and the low barrier to entry, people of all income levels, physical ability, and age can enjoy disc golf. A course in Chipley will help the Recreation Department **fulfill their mission** to maintain their quality parks and green spaces and provide an enriching recreation activity to all the people in Chipley.



BENEFIT DATA FOR CHIPLEY

Several courses have been installed recently in the surrounding area. All of them have seen exponential growth in the number of rounds played and the unique individuals playing. About 25% of all rounds of disc golf played in the US are logged on an app called UDisc. Based on the numbers from the surrounding area, I expect an 18 hole course in Chipley to have the following results

- Between 4,000 and 8,000 rounds played per year
- Between 1,000 and 2,000 unique players per year
- 2-4 Tournaments can be held each year drawing in 72-90 players each from surrounding communities and raising money for future improvements to the property
- Disc golfers will walk about 3 miles per round for a total of 12,000-24,000 miles walked per year

| Name of Course | Location of Course | 2022 Number of Rounds Played | 2022 Number of Unique Players | Players Who Traveled More Than 30 Miles | # of States Represented |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| The Monster at Majette | Panama City, FL | 12,464 | 4,256 | | |
| Tom Brown DGC | Tallahassee, FL | 34,512 | 7,040 | | |
| Citizen's Lodge DGC | Marianna, FL | 5,295 | 1,525 | 240 | 24 |
| Taylor Park DGC | Taylor (Dothan), AL | 9,134 | 2,990 | | |



WHAT IS DISC GOLF?

Disc Golf is played much like traditional golf. But instead of hitting a ball into a hole, you throw a more streamlined looking Frisbee® **disc** from a **tee pad** into a supported metal **basket** 200 or more feet away. The goal is the same: to complete the course in the fewest number of shots guided by course par.

A golf **disc** is thrown from a **tee area** (usually concrete) to each basket, which is the "hole."



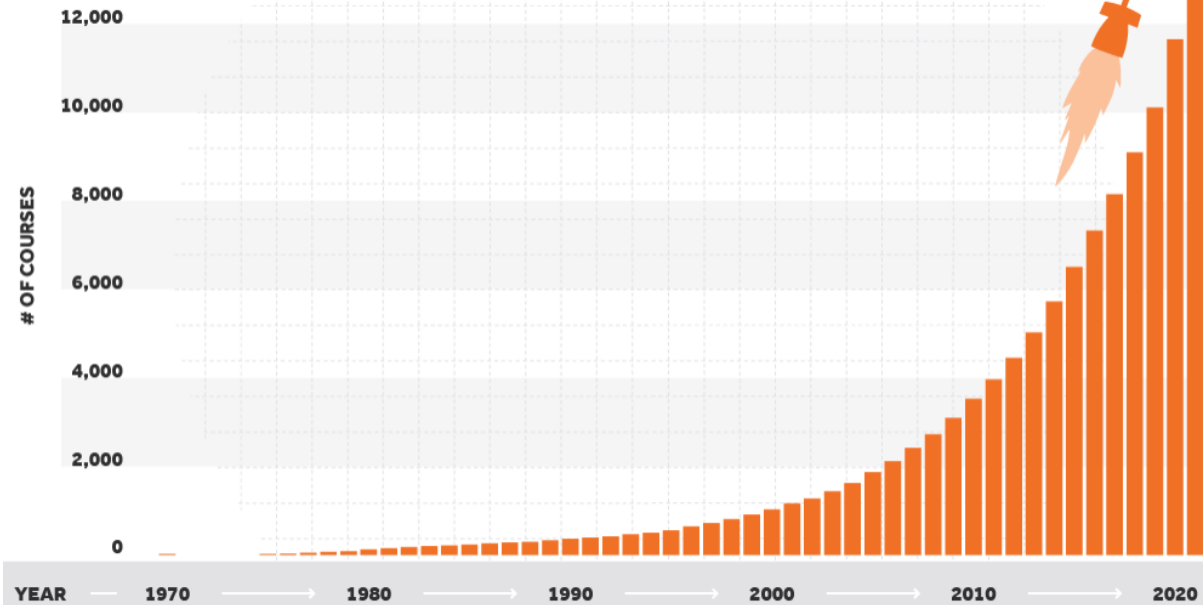
As players progress down the **fairway**, they must make each consecutive shot from the spot where the previous throw has landed. The trees, shrubs and terrain changes in and around the fairways provide challenging **obstacles** for the golfer.

Finally, the **putt** lands in the **basket** and the hole is completed.

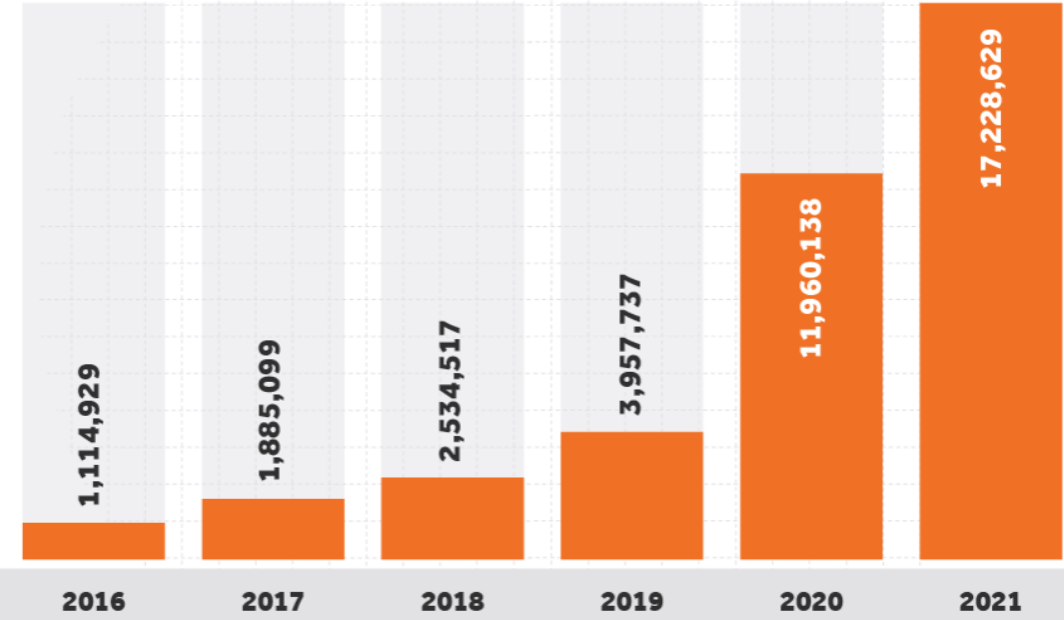


DISC GOLF IS GROWING

Disc Golf Courses Over Time



Rounds Scored



90%

Of Players Introduced at Least One Person to the Sport



59%

Of Disc Golfers Play at Least Once a Month



79

Countries With Disc Golf Courses



5.28

Courses Built Per Day

CONSIDER THIS

There are now more than **7000 Disc Golf courses** in the United States. Most courses are installed and maintained by city and county parks departments. Many have found that there are few recreational activities that offer the high benefit-to-cost ratio of disc golf.

Some of the reasons people choose to install a course include

- **Low cost** to begin playing (only one \$10 disc is required)
- Environmentally friendly
- Can be played by people of **all ages** and abilities
- Low cost to design, install, and maintain a course
- Great exercise and recreational opportunity
- Disc golf **brings in players** from out of town
- Can be designed around existing structures and incorporated into existing plans
- Disc golfers are an added presence on the property helping to **reduce vandalism** and theft
- Tournaments can be held regularly
- Course costs can be offset with fundraising efforts



COST TO INSTALL

Baskets - \$550 per hole for one basket installed

These are typically the biggest expense for any disc golf course. Basket prices including a metal sleeve concreted into the ground and a lock typically run between \$350 for cheaper models and \$550 for galvanized metal.

Signs - \$50 per hole for one sign

Signs are an important feature and allow new visitors to safely navigate the course. Most signs are made of aluminum, will require a pole or post to be displayed, and range in size but are typically 12"x18". I can design the signs for free or work with your designer.

Tees - \$250 per hole for one pad

Tees for most disc golf courses are at least 5'x10' concrete pads to allow for safe, reliable platforms for the disc golfer to throw their tee shot. We recommend a short tee for the novice player and long tee for the intermediate to advanced player if possible. Most parks departments can use their workers to install pads, lowering cost.

Course Design - Free

Design costs can range in price from \$5,000 to \$20,000. I would be willing to design the course for free.

Estimated Total Cost

\$850 with one pad or \$1150 with two (recommended) per hole for a total of **\$15,300-\$20,700** before fundraising efforts. Often that cost can be offset by 25-50% with fundraising or grants.



APPROXIMATE TIMELINE



Design and Approval >>> 3-4 months

I will spend time evaluating the park and putting together a design with a satellite map and GPS coordinates. At this stage, baskets should be ordered to assure they arrive when needed.

Marking the Course and Preparing the Land >>> 1-2 months

Once everything is approved, I will mark the course with stakes and ribbon to allow workers to easily clear trees or brush. This is also a great time to involve the local disc golf community to help do any type of course work.

Installing Baskets and Tee Pads >>> 1-2 months

Baskets can be installed by 1 or 2 people with an auger in about 2 days. Assuming the tee pad locations have been properly prepared, a 3-5 person team can frame and pour them in a few days to a week.

Tee Sign Design and Installation >>> 2 weeks

Tee signs install easily on t-bar sign stakes. Signs will be designed and ordered prior to installation.

Total Design and Install Time >>> 4-8 months

WHY JIM TRAWICK PARK?

Jim Trawick Park is an great location for disc golf in the area. Not only does the property feature open and wooded land and a pond, but it would introduce disc golf to families through the proximity to other outdoor activities. I would recommend an **18 hole course** with **two tee pads** per hole that caters toward novice and recreational players. This type of premier course would draw players from Marianna, Dothan, Defuniak Springs, and Panama City to the area.

Here are some of the highlights of a course at Jim Trawick Park

- Some **fundraising** can be done to help offset the total cost (hole sponsorships, tournaments, etc.)
- Places disc golf in front of **families**
- Plenty of beautiful open and wooded land to use that is **already being maintained**
- Will be designed around the **current use and development plans** for the property

