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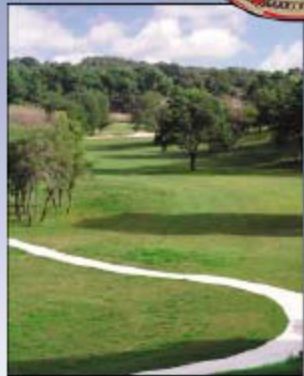


**The New Hidden Springs Golf Course
at the Double B Ranch and Golf Resort**
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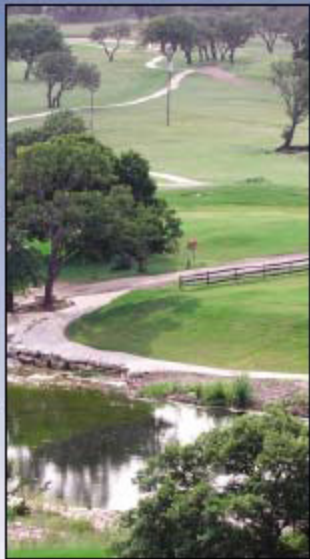
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The phrase "Deep in the Heart of Texas" doesn't just describe the location of the new Hidden Springs Golf Course at the Double B Ranch and Resort; it completely captures the essence of this spectacular golf destination. Situated high in the hills and at the middle of the heart-throb of the Hill Country, Hidden Springs Golf Course offers a new 18-hole championship golf course along with a variety of outdoor activities. In addition to the elevation (2020 feet high), the home of Hidden Springs Golf Course boasts water - water everywhere. A delightful drive from Fredericksburg and Kerrville, the new working ranch and resort is just a little more than an hour from San Antonio and Austin. It promises to be a challenging and popular course.



At 6,209 yards, from the regular tees, the course has been carefully integrated with the natural landscaping and offers challenges, pristine views and lots of wildlife. Number one's cliff top tee offers the golfer a sunrise view plus a view of two headwater branches of the Pedernales River below. The second hole, a 525 yard par 5, doglegs left past the driving range and requires patience and accuracy to get past the stream bisecting the fairway and onto the tree protected green. Number three tee box lies adjacent to a secluded spring-fed creek. The fairway runs tight along a cliff top, overlooking several holes, dams and lots more water. Number four tee is an elevated par 3 and at 127 yards is a fun hole but it can be deceiving. The fourth hole and the remaining five were once part of an executive 9 hole course built by Clyde and Peggy Smith, who





developed the Tapatio Springs Golf Resort. Known as the Living Water Golf Course, the executive 9 placed a premium on an accurate short game. These last 5 holes have been lengthened but not widened. Save your woods for the back nine, enjoy the scenery and play some of the finest "short" holes in the state. The 330 yard fifth hole provides a slight dogleg right fairway with a downhill approach to the green. Go too far and you are in the Nott Branch of the Pedernales River. The back tee on number 6 requires a climb but you will be rewarded with a spectacular elevated tee box, a panoramic view and a great temptation to hit a wood down this 363 yard par 4. It is not an island green but it feels like it. Water can come into play on the 155 yard par 3 seventh hole. Check out the red, white and blue windmill for wind speed and direction and enjoy the serenity of the stream lined green. You will be tempted to "go for it" on the par 4 eighth hole. At only 244 yards, why not an eagle or birdie? Well, it is reachable but the beautiful live oaks guarding the right approach and the river on the left say a lot about prudence. The ninth hole

at 274 yards plays like a 350 yard hole. That is because the last 20 yards go nearly straight up. Take a short rest and enjoy the spectacular water falls to the left of the green.

The back nine opens up and plays about 400 yards longer than the front. Encounters with water are less frequent, but more strategic and in one case, downright intimidating (#17, affectionately dubbed "Pucker Lake"). The tenth tee starts off with a 144 yard par 3. The elevated tee looks down on the Nott branch River which is about 50 yards across. Number 11, a 400 yard par 4, features the same river on the left of the fairway for the entire length of the hole. As you approach the green, beware of the pond. Finally, its time for the big dog. At 524 yards, number 12 is a park like par 5 with plenty of room. Oak tree line both sides of the fairway after the first 200 yards and water should not be an issue. Number 13 is a 315 yard dogleg right and the oak trees will make it very difficult to "cut the corner". You might see some exotic wildlife behind the high fence about 50 yards to the left of the fairway. The fourteenth hole is the course's signature hole. This one has got it all: length, water, elevated tee and elevated green with plenty of oak trees and a huge bunker to the left side of this 514 yard par five. A large lake sits about 200 yards from the tee box. The areas beyond the lake and to the right of the fairway will soon be filled with lavender and grape vines. With number 15 at 465 yards, the course offers back to back par fives. There is plenty of hitting room on this expansive fairway before it doglegs hard left. The sixteenth hole is a 424 yard par 4 and only the real long hitters will have a visual approach to the green on their second shot. The par 3 seventeenth is an intimidating tee off on the banks of the 1.5 acre lake and your 193 yards to the center of the green. Only 145 of these yards are over the water but it looks longer. Eighteen is the perfect finishing hole. At only 221 yards, it is a short par four. Carry the large live oaks and you can get on in one. But, the risks of the shortcut are substantial.

Come to play at the Hidden Springs Golf Course and stay! (See ad on inside back cover). Billed as the perfect place to "Capture the Spirit of the Texas Hill Country", guests to this unique resort can choose the style of vacation they desire. Fond memories can be created by staying in the luxurious lodge or selecting privacy in one of the ranch's cabins. The resort offers wonderful outdoor opportunities including horseback riding, hiking, fishing, bird and wildlife watching. Shopping in nearby towns (Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Boerne, Comfort or Junction) allows Dad to 'stay and play', & Mom and kiddos to 'shop and drop' or just 'chill in the hills'. The resort's elegantly appointed cozy hilltop lodge offers panoramic views of the golf course with sunset views from the delightful outside deck. The lodge's huge common area includes a rock fireplace, gourmet kitchen, and several seating areas. Each of the six suites comfortably sleeps up to four. Two dormitories and various cabins can also be enjoyed by our guests. A honeymoon suite is available for the romantic at heart. Reservations must be made for chuck wagon dinners, hay rides, & cookouts. All activities pay greatest respect to the environment and to the safety of our guests. With so many lodging options and amenities, it's no surprise that Double B Ranch & Resort hosts large business retreats, private events and parties as well as golf tournaments. For reservations & information:
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GOLF COURSE

New Public 18 Hole Course!

This challenging 6,209 yard course rests between
enchanting water features & stunning elevations. (See pg. 8)



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