

The Quarry Golf Course at Giants Ridge



Facts about the Embarrass Mine (also known as Lake Mine)

- In the 1920s, the Longyear company first discovered the Pickands Mather property.
- The property was determined to contain extremely high value hematite – nearly 70% iron.
- The federal government refused to allow the property to be mined due to its location near Wynne and Embarrass lakes. The natural flow of a river between Wynne and Embarrass lakes would be disrupted by a mine.
- At the beginning of World War II, the government allowed the Lake Mining Company to extract the rich ore for national defense purposes. However, the company was mandated to restore the natural lake chain flow at the end of mine life.
- Lake Mine operated from 1944-1964.
- In 1964, after 18 million tons of ore were extracted and shipped, Lake Mine closed.
- The lake chain flow remains bypassed, and State Highway 135 runs over the original flow location today.

Facts about the Quarry Golf Course at Giants Ridge

- In 2003, the Quarry opened on the site of Lake Mine and an old sand quarry.
- Since its opening, the Quarry has been ranked every year in the top 20 public courses in the United States.
- The topography and sheer uniqueness of the Quarry sets this golf course apart from any other public course in the Midwest. Dramatically raised tees and hazards forged from reclaimed and repurposed mineland challenge golfers to dig deeper, seek further and risk more.
- Recently, Golf Digest ranked Giants Ridge as an “Editors Choice” in 2021 as one of “The Best Golf Resorts in the Midwest.” Golfweek has ranked the Quarry the #1 “Best Courses You Can Play in Minnesota.” (2021)

