



**Meeting of the
BOYNE CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
Thursday, November 6, 2014
6:00 p.m. at City Hall



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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
 - A. Consideration to excuse Heath Meeder and Jerry Swift
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of the October 2, 2014 meeting minutes
4. CITIZENS COMMENTS (non-agenda items – limit to 5 minutes)
5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
6. CORRESPONDENCE - none
7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES
 - A. Park Inspection Reports (All Parks / Road End Access Sites)
 - B. Disc Golf Update
 - C. Trail(s) update (Boyne City/Charlevoix and Boyne Valley)
 - D. Dog Park Update
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Avalanche Signage update
 - B. Avalanche Trees removal on face of hill
 - C. Review Recreation Master Plan Input
 - D. MNRTF Grant - Moody Property status update
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Expansion Proposal from the Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club
 - B. Avalanche Mountain Bike Trail Improvement Planning Session
 - C. Accept the resignation of Bill Kuhn, effective at the close of the meeting
10. GOOD OF THE ORDER
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Next regular meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2014
12. ADJOURNMENT

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ATTENDANCE RECORD
Parks & Recreation Commission
FY 2014– 2015

Member	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April
Bowman, Jo	A	P	E	X	P	P						
Kuhn, Bill	P	P	P	X	P	E						
Meeder, Heath	P	P	E	X	E	P						
Parish, Darryl	P	P	P	X	P	P						
Sheean, Mike	P		P	X	P	P						
Sheets, Marie	P	P	P	X	P	P						
Swift, Jerry	P	P	P	X	P	P						
VanHorn, Gail	P	P	P	X	P	P						

P=Present
A=Absent
E=Excused



Approved: _____

**MEETING OF
OCTOBER 2, 2014**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT
6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014.**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sheean at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Sheean, Heath Meeder, Jo Bowman, Darryl Parish, Marie Sheets, Jerry Swift and Gail VanHorn

Absent: Bill Kuhn

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Andy Kovolski
Recording Secretary Barb Brooks

Public Present: None

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES ****MOTION****

Sheets moved, Meeder seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, a motion approving the September 4, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS
(on non-agenda items)**

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kovolski reported that all the parks facilities and irrigation systems are starting to get shut down and winterized; the pavilion in Veterans Park will be kept open as long as possible. The Gravel Grinder event is coming up and he is working closely with Paul. The event is in Rotary Park and due to the amount of recent rain there will be some limitations to areas that can be used.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

**REPORTS OF
OFFICERS, BOARDS
AND STANDING
COMMITTEES**

Park Inspection Reports

- Riverside Park – Parish reported that vehicles are driving on the mowed path. He proposed the path continued to be mowed but make it more narrow (one pass with the mower) to deter vehicles and also extend the mowed area to lengthen the trail. He is happy to meet with staff and plot out the potential trail that is accessible to mowing.
- Several members of the board inquired about the status of the Moody Property and the grant received from the MDNR

- Old City Park – VanHorn informed the board and staff that the metal handrail needs painting.

Disc Golf Update – Kovolski spoke with Forest Omland from the Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club; they will be coming to the board in the near future with a proposal to make improvements to the course but did not have any new updates for this meeting.

Trail(s) Updates – Sheean reported things are progressing on all trails. Grant applications for the Boyne Valley Trail are being reviewed and we should hear something soon on the status of award and the committee is continuing to work on a few other grant opportunities. The Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail, phase I is still scheduled for spring construction. The City Commission approved to accept the assistance from TOMMBA for Avalanche Trails and approved the Trail Town Master Plan. The City received a “Community Growth” grant to place signage, an information kiosk and WiFi in Old City Park which are some of the elements suggested in the Trail Town Master Plan for a trail head.

Dog Park Update – Committee Chair Carter was not able to attend the meeting; however Brooks gave an update on the amount of use it has been getting and brought the board up to speed on the grant application the City submitted to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to receive funds towards an improvement project for tree plantings, picnic tables, benches and shade pavilions.

**UNFINIHSED
BUSINESS**

Avalanche Signage

The board inquired as to whether the additional signage has been completed and installed by the Wood Shop. Kovolski reported that we are still waiting on the Wood Shop for the remaining signs. The board requested that Kovolski follow up and see if he can get a timeframe from them.

**Avalanche Tree
Removals (Face of the
Hill)**

Kovolski reported that he is trying to arrange a time that he and the City Manager can meet at Avalanche to assess the situation prior to any work being done.

NEW BUSINESS

**Boyne Valley Lions
Club Project Proposal**

Recording Secretary Brooks informed the board that Lion Woody has not been in good health and is not able to follow through with a community project proposal at this time.

Recreation Master Plan

The board reviewed the current Recreation Master Plan and focused on the capital improvement plan, reviewing the projects list and timeline. Kovolski stated that we would be working with the Planning Department and gathering public input during the work session

scheduled for October 23rd for the City Master Plan. Brooks informed the board that the requirements are to hold two public input sessions and one advertised public hearing. The meeting on the 23rd will be considered one of the public input sessions and the second can be at the November regular meeting. A draft plan could be ready for review as early as the December meeting and then schedule a public hearing for either January or February. The board was encouraged to review the current plan in more depth prior to the November meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6 pm at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The October 2, 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation board was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary

BOYNE VALLEY DISC GOLF CLUB

11/6/14 Boyne City Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Summary

Club Charter Preamble:

Added in 2002, our beautiful disc golf course at the Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area in Boyne City, MI was in disrepair and needed some love. Trash and vandalism had become a big issue, and navigation was difficult for players who were unfamiliar with the course. We formed the Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club in 2013 in order to protect, maintain, and improve this wonderful asset to our community. We promote responsible game play, good etiquette, and keeping the course clean and safe for all park users. Our mission statement also includes growing the sport and volunteering to help other local clubs and courses.

2013 Accomplishments:

Established a good relationship with the Boyne City Parks & Recreation Commission.
Grew club to 35+ members and held weekly league play on Wednesday nights.
Created scorecards and made them available at the main welcome sign.
Provided additional trash barrels along the course (one for every hole).
Touched up paint on the original baskets and repaired badly damaged basket #6.
Added 14 new "next tee" navigation posts.
Improved several gravel tee boxes by adding new log frames.
Added plastic tree protection on holes #3 and #7.
Installed 4'x6' rubber tee pad mats on holes #12 and #18.
Received city budget proposal approval for 10 new baskets.
Hosted our first "Haunted Hyzer" disc golf tournament in October.
Improved the course ranking on Disc Golf Scene from #99 to #57 in Michigan.

2014 Accomplishments:

Grew club to 70+ members and continued weekly league play on Wednesday nights.
Installed 10 new Discraft Chainstar baskets (front nine holes + practice basket).
Adjusted all baskets to the correct height and added new number stickers.
Made a new path from hole #1 to #2 coming up from behind the tee pad.
Added a new tee pad on hole #2 using concrete pavers (trial material for evaluation).
Provided additional log benches along the course (one for every hole).
Hosted another very successful "Haunted Hyzer" tournament in October.
Added Avalanche to the Northern Waters Disc Golf Series schedule for 2015.
Course ranked #42 in Michigan on Disc Golf Scene with 70 reviews on 10/31/14.

2015 Club "Wishlist" For the Avalanche Preserve Disc Golf Course:

These are the top 3 ideas we feel would make Avalanche one of the best courses in Michigan.

○ #1) Purchase 9 additional Discraft Chainstar baskets at \$275 each = \$2475 total.

Even 3 or 6 additional holes would be wonderful, but 9 is our ultimate goal for a 27-hole optional tournament layout. Right now there are only a few of these in Michigan, and the potential is definitely here at Avalanche. About 15 out of the 70 player comments on the Disc Golf Scene website mention the desire for more baskets. We've identified over 12 possible locations, 6 of which were recently used for our "Haunted Hyzer" tournament. Custom anchor poles like the ones used for the existing baskets would also be needed.

Note: selling the 9 old baskets stored in the garage could help pay for these new baskets.

○ #2) Cement tee pads at \$200 each = \$1800 for 9 holes.

One of the most important elements of a disc golf course is having safe level surfaces to throw from. There are lots of options available, but cement usually ends up being the best overall choice, and they are really great if done right. In the meantime we have been trying other ideas including rubber mats and concrete pavers. The dirt pads we have now require a lot of raking and maintenance, and we really need something better. If cement pads are approved, there are several ways to do them, and the cost varies. We think a safe estimate is probably about \$200 per pad, and we could try doing 9 holes in 2015, with our club and several donors helping to cover the cost. The photo below shows one way they could be done. Carter's Course in Spring Lake has pads poured from donated cement that are made ahead of time and moved into position on the course with a tractor. About 10 out of the 70 player comments on Disc Golf Scene mentioned cement tee pads.





○ #3) Repair or Replace the Main Welcome Sign in the Parking Lot.

Our club would really like to help. It must have been really beautiful when it was new, but without any protection from the elements, it's not much more than a bulletin board now. We'd like to suggest some things like separate temporary and permanent posting areas, a lost and found box, and perhaps moving it to a new location closer to hole #1 as well.



Here is an example of something similar to what we envision our sign could look like.



Photos From Our Second Annual "Haunted Hyzer" Tournament 10/18/14

Thank you very much for your support with the course improvements these past two years!

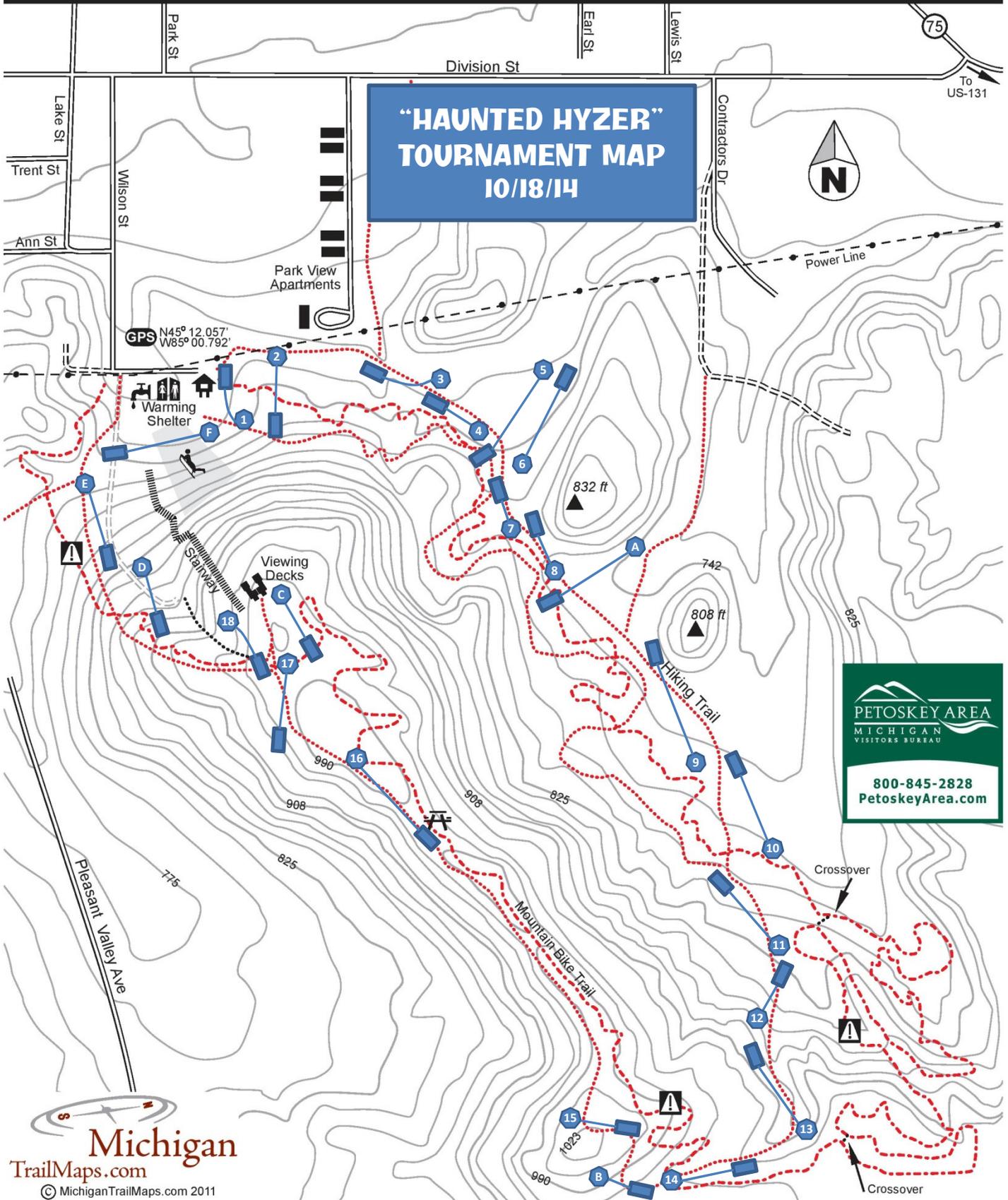






Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area

Boyer City Parks Department



Sammy "Two Toes" Kantola > October 30, 2014

B+

+ Avalanche is the fastest growing course in the surrounding area, thanks to the cohesive community/city involvement and the extremely dedicated Boyne Valley DGC. New trails, well kept fairways, new baskets, no trash. The BVDGC is certainly raising the bar for all other courses and clubs, leading by example, and looking good while doing it.

+Avalanche leaves very little to be desired in it's course design. Featuring unique holes, elevation change, tight woods and open fairways, no two holes feel exactly the same. It has a good flow and conveniently allows for two loops (you can bag out at hole 9 or continue on with the rest of the course). It provides a great variety of shots and challenges that test DG players from all walks of life and skill.

As for what is left to be desired..

-Avalanche could benefit from more holes. The long trek up the backside should be broken up with a few baskets, it's an unnecessary stall from the flow/game play.

-Needs concrete pads! Dirt tee pads are a drawback. Affected by rain/traffic dirt feels uneven and off when driving. They have been LOADS better the past few seasons due to the efforts of the BVDGC leveling/maintaining them as much as they can, but the next real improvement should be well made tees.

The pretty hair boyne boys (and the bald one) of the BVDGC should serve as the precedent of what disc golf clubs/players/courses should strive to be.

I highly recommend playing avalanche and seeking out the company of the BVDGC.

-Sammy "two toes" Kantola

"OOH!"

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+3 votes + Amy Gee > October 28, 2014

A-

As a regular player at Avalanche, I must admit that it spoils me. The course offers a great deal of challenge and different types of hole layouts. Even after playing courses from Grand Rapids to Marquette, it is by far my favorite. I look forward to future course improvements and hopefully some additional holes in 2015!



+3 votes + Robb Bernstein > October 27, 2014

A

The course at Avalanche Mountain has some of the best disc golf holes and is one of the oldest courses in Northern Michigan. This course is a challenge for all levels of players, but an all around really fun course. The Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club has worked really hard to improve the course such as, new tee pads, and new baskets.



 +3 votes  **William Fuller** > October 27, 2014

A

The course is looking great the new baskets are so much better. The new benches are really nice when you need a rest. And when the city keeps it mowed it looks really nice. It will be even better when all the tee signs are done. The course is one of the best courses in Michigan . The only thing that would make it better is cement tee pads it would get a lot more use because a lot of people are worried about twisting a ankle on some of the pads. But I love the course.



 +3 votes  **TJ Meisterheim** > October 25, 2014

A-

Had an amazing time at the Haunted Hyzer a few weeks ago. The course is beautiful. I think some of the extra holes should get put in permanently, not only because it's a fun course, but to reduce the long walks between some of the holes. This is probably my favorite course in this part of Michigan.



 +3 votes  **Adam Raphael** > October 25, 2014

A

Great course! Great job done by the volunteers keeping the course up to par! Looking forward to more course improvements.



 +3 votes  **Josh Wiesenauer** > October 24, 2014

A-

Just played this course and it looked great. The course was very clean with trash cans at plenty of holes. The course is technical with very tight lines. There a a few holes that are pretty open as well. There is a variety of shots with a lot of elevation changes. There is plenty of opportunity to add more holes if they decide to. A few long walks between holes but plenty of signs to get you where you need to be and benches to take a quick rest. This course was fun to play and challenging at the same time. The best part of all is the view from the top of the hill though.



 +3 votes  **Justin Ducker** > October 23, 2014

A-

Super fun course. Real tight with a good mix of uphill to downhill shots. Its actually the first course ive ever played ever. Real awesome layout but still needs a little more work and definitely more holes. Overall though its a great course and if your thinking about playing here you should do it because if not your missing out. Plus the view on 18 is tits!



 +4 votes  **Kyle Williams** > October 21, 2014

A

I have seen a lot of courses across Michigan. After playing Avalanche Preserve two things came to my mind. The first was that it was an absolutely gorgeous area, the second was that it has

potential for more. It seemed like the course was laid out very well, wrapping around the natural hiking area of Avalanche Preserve. It is not very often you see a disc golf course put in without at least taking a couple trees out here and there. It seems they have done a fantastic job of protecting the area (plastic covers on trees) which is what should come first and foremost. The disc golf club there is very proactive which will only lead to success in whatever they do. The hikers around the preserve seem to know about the game and even stopped to watch us throw and continued on only when we were done throwing, which at most courses, is unheard of. Kudos to the Boyne Disc Golf club for creating a positive atmosphere and fun for all.

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+4 votes **John "Gentleman John" Wolf** > October 21, 2014

B+

Such an amazing course! I may only have played it once at the Haunted hyzer but heck it was so grand! so well kept and planned out. yes some holes are far from each other thus why the B+ if I lived closer I would play this course a lot! I loved the fact that there were waste baskets at each tee! SO CLEAN!!! Much cleaner than Hickory in traverse my home course! Tough basket layout for lots of holes and good planning!



+4 votes **Greg Marcusse** > October 21, 2014

A

This was an absolutely beautiful course, great scenery and clean. The holes offer a variety of different challenges and vary well with distance. Just played in the 2nd annual haunted hyzer there as well, Tournament was well organized, nicely decorated/themed holes, nice prize payout as well, cant wait for the next one!!! This course has definitely become one i plan on visiting again and again and hope to bring others as well.



+5 votes **Jake Wilson** > October 21, 2014

A+

This is a beautiful and challenging course. The view from hole 18 is unmatched; it's even better than the view from hole 19 at Hickory Hills. I've played quite a few courses around Michigan, and Boyne is definitely one of my favorites. Challenging for righties and lefties alike, this course is a mix of technical shorter to mid-range holes and longer holes that defiantly test your hyzer and anhyzer shots. Uses elevation well; hilly, but the paths are not too steep and are well maintained. I was able to play two rounds with a bum knee. I also played in the Haunted Hyzer tournament they just put on and had an amazing time. It's a cool theme that they put a lot of work into. Thanks so much Forrest and the whole crew at Avalanche, the disc club and the Parks Department for putting on such an awesome tournament. Definitely be back next year.

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+5 votes **K.J. Becker** > October 20, 2014

A

awesome disc golf course. very well maintained. cant wait to go back



+4 votes **A Hubbs** > October 20, 2014

A

Challenging up and down wooded course. Great local supporting club that is improving tee boxes... making this course better each time I play



+5 votes **Mark Mulka** > October 14, 2014

A-

First time. Lots of trees, trails and hiking, I like that:)



+4 votes **Jenn W** > September 28, 2014

A

Out of town visitor. Beautiful course!



+5 votes **Mikey Dreams** > August 26, 2014

A+

This is a great course for all skill levels it is challenging yet forgiving. The uphill battle on the back nine makes the course great for exercise. Challenging shots will help define you as a player. This is not only my home course but my favorite course to play. Our leagues every Wednesday have been doing awesome.



+4 votes **Andrew Frykberg** > August 15, 2014

A-



+5 votes **Daryl Michael** > August 10, 2014

A

What a gem! The journey through these 18 holes is extremely enjoyable. A blessed view of Boyne City and Lake Charlevoix from the top of Avalanche Mountain greets the person upon course completion. Thanks a million to the many who have put time and energy into increasing the cleanliness, navigation, and quality of the course!



+5 votes **Alyssa Ellsworth** > August 5, 2014

A

Challenging course with a mix of open spaces to practice long shots, and wooded areas for accuracy. Trash cans are at almost every hole which is nice because there is not much garbage lying around. The scenery is very nice and relaxing which makes for a great place to disc golf and forget about everything else going on in your life. The distance from the t-pad to the basket varies greatly from easily aceable holes, to very long holes that are a great challenge (hole 16).



+4 votes **GT Foley** > August 4, 2014

A

Great Course. Great league players. Sweet view from the top!



+5 votes **Rick Kole** > August 4, 2014

A

The only reason this course got an A instead of A+ is one reason only. The hike. Although its not a great distance, it can still be daunting if you arent familiar. But i believe thats what makes this course unique as well. The topography and scenery are beautiful and challenging. From long, open holes to tight technical ones. This course offers a bit for everyone. In addition, the local disc golf club is consistently updating and maintaining the course to keep it fresh and also safe. My go-to course in the area.



+5 votes **Tony R** > July 14, 2014

A

Pros: The setting is a beautiful. The course includes a number of forest types, as well as some old field/meadow holes. It has great variety, ranging from very technical wooded to open meadow holes. The course includes some long walks and takes a while to play, but the walk is very enjoyable. The course was clean and well maintained (except for the tee pads as described below).

Cons: The tee pads. Almost all of the tee pads are sandy/gravel, and many were hollowed out when I played. This is a bit dangerous, and it is tough to focus on making a good throw when you're worried about your footing.

Other Thoughts: This quickly became one of my favorite courses. I played it three times during a week-long vacation in the area. The addition of rubber tee pads (concrete would be tough to install because of the remote pad locations) would do A LOT to improve the play. Even with the sub par tee boxes this is a must play course if you find yourself in northern Michigan!

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+1 votes **Robert Wagner** > July 11, 2014

B+



+7 votes **Chance Randall** > June 3, 2014

A

Great challenging course. The local disc golf club is really putting in work on all aspects of the course, new tee signs, tee pads, benches, and they have trash cans at nearly every hole!

Great mix of long open shots and tight wooded holes.

Breathtaking view from the 18th hole. If you're looking for a Pure Michigan disc golf course this is it!



+5 votes **Matt Toy** > June 3, 2014

A-

If this course had more directional signage and hole lengths, it would be an A+. Not to mention the 1/4 mile walk between holes 15 and 16...there has to be a way to put a hole or two in there. This is a very challenging course, very fair fairways, and the view on 18 cannot be beaten. I played this course a long time ago when it first went in and it is getting back to it's glory days. Boyne City/Boyne Falls needs to get back on board with Michigan tournaments, it is a must play.



+6 votes **Marc Hamlin - Team Tilley's** > June 1, 2014

B

I should first mention that I haven't been here recently, and I've heard that Boyne Valley DGC has began working to improve many of the "cons" I've listed below. Once their hard work is finished, Avalanche can easily be an A-range course.

The course itself:

Pros: A great hike through the woods on a beautiful piece of property. I love playing this course in the spring, but the morel mushrooms can get distracting. There is a good mix of shots as far as wooded/open and short/long. Lots of benches to sit on. Fairly easy to navigate. The view of Lake Charlevoix at the top is magical.

Cons: Non-matching baskets, rough teepads, some of the walks in between holes are ridiculously long.

Running Tournaments:

Pros: The warming hut is great for running tournaments, as well as being really close to downtown Boyne City.

Cons: The course ends at the very top of the hill, which makes for a long walk back to hole #1. The three added tournament holes help fix this. Also, we used to be able to drive a truck up to the top to get people up to their starting holes during tournament play. The city has since blocked that path to the top, so some players are forced to walk all the way up that hill. While this is an issue at many tournaments on "ski-hill" courses, I feel Avalanche is an extreme case of it.

That is all. Like I said,

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+4 votes **Ric Evans** > May 29, 2014

B-

Beautiful property & it's been getting lots of love lately, which it really needed. I wish it utilized it's killer big-downhill-ripper potential for a couple holes, and the tees still need lots of stabilization, but a fun course to play and tons of 2's available out there...



+5 votes **Patrick Hood** > May 16, 2014

A

Great course. Open long shots with rolling hills to tight shots through tunnels of trees. Avalanche has whatever you need. Lots of upkeep and great new tee signs being put up.



+5 votes [+Aaron S](#) > April 19, 2014

A+

Great place to relax and throw some discs, it's a long course and lots of improvements over the last two years and many more coming along in the near future. The course is a challenge but no matter the player's skill level, they can enjoy the experience and the scenery. Even if you don't play the entire course it's still fun to play the first half with not a whole lot of time commitment.



+5 votes [+TODD URMAN](#) > April 16, 2014

A+

If you haven't played avalanche in a while, you need to check out the improvements this summer. This course has one of the most well rounded layouts around.



+5 votes [+Gary Bruce](#) > April 9, 2014

B-

Avalanche has come a long way. The views are always good. The local club is doing a lot of hard work. Can't wait to play on the new baskets.



+4 votes [+Jesse Reda](#) > September 28, 2013

A-

Great course, one of my favorites!



+5 votes [+David Gross](#) > September 12, 2013

A-

Avalanche is a beautiful technical course, there has been an awesome improvement of the course, better tee pads, and a cleaner course. We still need tee signs, but that's not due to lack of trying, we have put up two different sets of signs which have both been broken, thanks to Jason, Forrest, Bobby they have turned the course around and got things rolling again, avalanche has so much potential, and with all the years I have played it I have never seen a bunch of under par rounds even in tournaments, it is challenging and deserves a good rating. Come play avalanche!!!



+5 votes [+Tyler Skea](#) > September 11, 2013

B+

Avalanche Park is an awesome challenging course with lots of nice uphill, downhill, and bender shots. A select few people have been putting a lot of hard work into it, and it's becoming one of my favorite courses easily.



⊖ +2 votes ⊕ [Elric VanDerVenter](#) > September 7, 2013

B+



⊖ +2 votes ⊕ [Aaron Himmelspach](#) > September 1, 2013

A

Great course to play giving it an A



⊖ +3 votes ⊕ [Jonathan Winslow](#) > August 24, 2013

A



⊖ +2 votes ⊕ [Chris Mascho](#) > July 30, 2013

C+

Great course. Put in cement teepads and i'll up my review big time.



⊖ +3 votes ⊕ [Tom Snider](#) > July 14, 2014

A+

Lots of trees but fun!



⊖ +3 votes ⊕ [Rochelle Wieber](#) > July 12, 2014

A+

Great course and beautiful views along the way.



⊖ +2 votes ⊕ [Eric Lucyk](#) > July 16, 2013

A



⊖ +5 votes ⊕ [Nick Rockey](#) > July 12, 2013

A-

- +Awesome trails, trees, this place is simply beautifully carved out of a little slice of heaven!
- +Awesome elevation holes, with a good overall mix of wooded, longs and uphill / downhill shots
- +Gravel tees played great, they were firm and level, looked like they had just been raked out
- +A lot of love has been put into this place and it shows, garbage cans here and there, enough benches here and there.
- +You could play this as a 9 or 18

+Really good flow, easy to navigate
+I actually don't have one favorite hole, too many to chose!
+This is a MUST PLAY course! I don't think this course is given enough credit, if you haven't played here in the last couple months, come back and replay it
^Be ready to hike, ALOT of hiking, but enjoy it, some of it is like Sherwood forest!
^If you do plan to play 18, it's not short due to the hiking, but I really don't feel that should count against the course. There are a few spots I think some more tees, possibly 'ALT' tees could go in.
^I really don't have anything negative to say, I loved it, planning another trip down this week!
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+5 votes **Sarah Archer** > July 12, 2013

A

This is a beautiful course with the front 10 being fairly flat and open. The back 8 is very wooded and holes require some walking in between. The view looking over top Boyne city and lake Charlevoix once you finish is completely worth all the walking. Needs a lil work but has to be my favorite course.



+1 votes **Josh Romstadt** > July 10, 2013

A+



+2 votes **Brian Reisig** > July 9, 2013

B+

love the woods nice and technical shots make you work for par or birdie tee pads were not bad but not great



+5 votes **steve nollf** > July 8, 2013

B

Nice course that plays up a small ski type hill.
Pros: Nice variety of short and long shots. Good mix of tight technical wooded holes and open throws. You really get a nice idea of the variety of landscape found in this area. Plenty of trash cans and benches for us. The course is much improved since I last played it a couple years ago. Removing the fourth? hole, which could have an apartment complex and parking lot come into play was a good idea, though it created navigation issues for us. Good natural teepads and baskets were in fine shape. The course forces you to use several disc and shots throughout.
Cons: Tee pads could be upgraded to cement, though getting the stuff up this course would be a bear. The tee signs need more work, age and vandalism has taken it's toll. The course was very busy with walker and bikers coming at us for the entire round. A little patience and cooperation made this no issue, but it could be a problem for some. Still a little navigation issue with the long walks between a few holes.

The course concludes atop of the hill with a couple small decks to rest, grab a snack and take in

the spectacular view of Lake Charlevoix. Funny, we used to be able to rip a couple discs off of the decks on top, but those pesky trees have grown up and taken that away. Never the less, a more than wonderful reward for a moderately strenuous round uphill. A great area for golf when combined with local courses like Boyne Mountain, Crowle Hole, Petoskey.... A resort right by in Boyne to stay and drop your, off soaked, suntan lotioned bones into a pool afterwards. Sounds like attempts to improve this gem are underway, no way to improve the view from the top though.

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+4 votes **Kevin Reddy** > July 4, 2013

B+

I very much enjoyed the course and the scenery along the way, with the long hikes between some of the holes. Course would get an A if they put in some new simple post tee signs to replace the nice ones that have been destroyed and are mostly missing.

Concrete tee pads would also be necessary for that A. All that said, I do like the course, and hope to play there again. Even my girlfriend liked walking this course, and she hates disc golf - LOL.



+1 votes **Eric Grinwis** > June 30, 2013

B



+2 votes **Bob Knapp** > June 15, 2013

B+

Nice course. Other reviews are accurate about the walking....I was convinced that I must have missed some holes after walking 1/4 mile between some holes. Locals were very kind -- the views are amazing.



+1 votes **Bill Towne** > June 12, 2013

A



+1 votes **Jammer Gross** > August 29, 2013

A-



+5 votes **Joshua Siwek** > July 7, 2014

A

Update 7/7/2014 - The course continues to improve! The baskets on the front 9 have all been replaced by brand new chain stars, and more signage continues to crop up making the course easier to navigate. Once there's some solid & even footing on all the tee pads, this course will get the bump to A+

Update 7/15/13 - Played the course this weekend and it has received some much needed love and attention, my thanks to those involved!! The Tee boxes had been raked over and were respectably level, the course had new 'next tee' markers, the baskets on the front have received a fresh coat of metallic / silver spray paint, and there were benches and trash cans at nearly all of the tee boxes. It was certainly a pleasure to play.

(Original review date 11/22/12) This is a fun course but needs some love. Teepads are dirt, which I don't have anything against, but they tend to be riddled with divots, especially where your plant foot would go. Front 10 is all the locals seem to play, and most of those baskets are trashed, rusted out single chain baskets, some have been vandalized. Back 8 more than make up for it though, winding, wooded fairways, and chainstar baskets that are still in great shape. Some long walks between holes in the back but the scenery is great and the view at 18 is like no other course I've played. Would love to see some trash cans, and tee maintenance, but other than that, it's a fun course.

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+3 votes [John C. Worden](#) > September 28, 2012

B+

It is a long, tough walk to the top. When you reach the summit, it will be worth it! Beautiful view at the 18th basket



+7 votes [edit review Forrest Omland](#) > July 5, 2014

A+

There are so many wonderful attributes to this course. Things are really improving with the help of the local club and the TLC is starting to show. It's one of the first courses I ever played and it's still my favorite. The view at the top is amazing and worth the walk. June '14 update: new Discraft Chainstar baskets on the front 9 plus a practice basket (thank you Boyne City!) and several log benches added too.



+0 votes [Angel Gilbert](#) > August 27, 2012

A

I have played this course in 05,06, and in 07. I really liked this course almost stepped on a snake on this course all curled up ready to strike. cant wait to go back up there and play it again.



+4 votes [Jason McCary](#) > June 23, 2014

A+

Check it out yo! It looks good!



+2 votes [Cole Morison](#) > July 8, 2013

A-



⊖ +3 votes ⊕ **Rob "Zilla" Wiltjer** > August 22, 2013

A+

I LOVE this course. It's tight and challenging. It makes you a better player by testing your accuracy. And the view at the top is always worth the hike.



⊖ -4 votes ⊕ **john carter** > May 17, 2012

C+

Dnt know the date I played this course



⊖ -4 votes ⊕ **john jeff carter** > April 22, 2012

C-

this course is alot of walking some holes 100 yrds some 2to8 hundred yrds to get to the next hole alot of differnt holes in wood and open most are very fare they back nine follows a snowmobile tail so the farways are close together did i say alot of walking!!!!!!



⊖ -2 votes ⊕ **Taylor Goik -Dirty Mitten Disc Golf-** > September 8, 2011

C-



⊖ -1 votes ⊕ **Josh Wieschowski** > June 23, 2011

C+

Long course, we played after several rounds at other courses so we were tested. Beautiful scenery, the only thing holding this course back.....there needs to be a down hill bomber for the last hole, throwing out toward the rink. It was lame to walk the steps out instead of letting a few rip at a basket. Vandalism was prevelant at pretty much every hole.



⊖ +1 votes ⊕ **Philip Penzien** > July 30, 2011

B



⊖ +3 votes ⊕ **Craig Miller** > June 12, 2011

A

Course is long lots of up and down hills walking and shots and nice views of lake Charlevoix



+1 votes **Justin Andre** > June 6, 2011

B-

Course needs some LOVING..... or we need to whoop the individuals that have destroyed all the Tee Signs. Definately would be nice to see some more baskets added to shorten those long walks... View at 18 Beautiful!!!



+3 votes **Ryan "RMFK" Kretz** > May 8, 2011

B+

Course was Beautiful! The view was awesome at the 18th hole! The course was a little tight at spots, but for most part is not to rough on an average disc'r. The bad part was after hole 5 or so, it was pretty much no tee signs at all because they were all broken off. Hole 11 is up the trail at 10's basket or next to the basket at 9 behind the old cellar. The post has a 12 written on it, but it is 11's tee pad. Not nearly as bad as a hike as everybody made it out to be. The worst part was the steps walking down off the mountain. Loved the course. Wish I could have got another round or 5 in while up here.

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+1 votes **Brian Carroll** > April 8, 2011

B

The holes were excellent to play but for our first time on the course, we had to walk up nearly every fairway before throwing because the tee signs were torn off or removed. Can see where this course is challenging when full bloom.....lots of walking, more walking than I have done in some time.



+1 votes **bryon figueroa** > March 22, 2012

B

Great variety of shots awesome nature walk very fun,some shotty baskets on first 5 holes and a few strange tee box placements



+2 votes **Cal Benke- Team Tilley's** > November 12, 2010

B

Some long walks. Get more baskets. View on 18 is worth the walk.