

# To the linksland of Texas: Moody Gardens set to open next month in Galveston

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Moody Gardens Golf Course is expected to open June 5 after a \$16-million renovation and redesign.

Jacobsen Hardy Golf Course Design raised the 40-year-old Galveston Municipal Golf Course two to five feet above its former level and reshaped the holes to reflect the style, impression and shot values of seaside links courses in Europe. According to a news release:

This sort of practical measure is somewhat overshadowed by the new holes that snake through imposing sand dunes, jagged-edge bunkering and swaths of native grasses, reeds and fescues. Houston-based Jacobsen Hardy designed them all into the new Moody Gardens GC, which now more than ever recalls a windswept Scottish links. The sandy seaside location, coupled with an ever-present wind that generally blows from 10 to 20 miles per hour, only reinforces the impression.

No word yet on green fees, but Moody Gardens will be open to the public. The driving range has been expanded, a short-game area has been added and the new greens will be more undulated — true to the links theme — than typical inland courses in Texas. Some 500 palm trees were added to the property, according to a May item in the Houston Chronicle.

I know you want pictures. Here are a couple from crack Austin photographer Carlton Wade:

