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Golf permits available for Boston's

two municipal courses

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A limited number of 2013 season permits are available for Boston's two municipal golf courses -- the William J. Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park, which is open year-round, weather-permitting, and the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park, city officials announced.

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As a season permit holder, golfers are entitled to advance tee time preference, free greens fees, and access to two of the region's finest golf courses," the city's parks and recreation department said in a statement.

Up to 250 permits are issued at each course on a first-come, first-serve basis, the city said. Resident, non-resident, senior, and junior permits are available.

The nation's second-oldest public golf course behind Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx borough of New York City, the William J. Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park established in 1896 measures 5,961 yards from the blue tees, officials said. Part of the historic Emerald Necklace and in a park area

The course was chosen for two major events last year: the local qualifying round for the 2012 U.S. Golf Association Amateur Public Links Championship and the 2012 Massachusetts Golf Association Amateur Public Links Championship.

The George Wright Golf Course was recognized in 2011 by Goltweek in its list of the "10 Best Courses You Can Play In Massachusetts." That same year, the course was also named the "Best Public Golf Course" by Boston Magazine in its 38th annual "Best of Boston" awards issue, according to the city's announcement. The magazine noted that the George Wright offers "a fun, fair test with lots of elevation changes, and there might not be finer back-to-back holes in the state than the 9th and 10th."

Both courses are owned and operated by the city through the Fund for Parks and Recreation and feature full pro shops, concessions, cart rentals, and lessons for all ages.

To download a season permit application, see permit pricing and other information, visit www.cityofbostongolf.com.

The golf courses can be followed on Twitter [@FranklinParkGC](https://twitter.com/FranklinParkGC) and [@GeorgeWrightGC](https://twitter.com/GeorgeWrightGC).

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