



# Sustainability on the Andermatt Golf Course



## Lokally sourced

Whenever possible, the Andermatt Golf Course sources consumables such as sand from nearby suppliers. Wooden tees and pencils are provided in an unlacquered version.



## GEO certified

The Andermatt Golf Course was designed so as to be in harmony with nature, and it is operated sustainably. It meets or exceeds all criteria of the World Golf Environmental Organization in the areas of nature conservation, resources management and social integration.



## Biodiverse

Various monitoring actions have confirmed that the golf course provides ecological added value. The number of dragonfly species has increased, and at-risk bird species, particularly ground breeders, have found a new home in the extensively used meadows around the golf course.

The 18-hole par-72 championship course in Andermatt offers an especially sustainable golf experience. The course was designed with ecological aspects in mind, is operated in an environmentally friendly manner and provides room for flora and fauna. As a result, the golf course was awarded the globally recognised GEO certification.

# Climate and environmental protection



## Nature protection

The golf course includes meticulously planned ecological offset and compensation areas, such as the cantonal conservation area Böz, which makes up nearly 40% of the total area of the golf course. The water elements – some natural, others artificially designed – and the dense vegetation along their banks ensure a biotope network that extends across the entire golf course.



## Water protection

Drainage water from greens and tees is filtered through an absorbing well in the ground before being released into the water elements. There are two channels in the water conservation zone, where the greens and tee were built on a screen so that that drainage water can be collected and routed out of the zone.



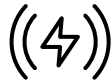
## Ecological, restrained turf care

The use of pesticides is reduced to a minimum through a sophisticated nutrient programme that includes various organically and bacterially enriched products. Fertiliser is applied intensively on only about one-quarter of the grounds. Fertilisers and pesticides are not allowed near the protective buffers of the water elements.



## Building standard

The golf clubhouse is extremely well insulated and was built in line with the Swiss low-energy standard Minergie.



## Power

The Andermatt Golf Course gets all of its power from hydroelectric stations and wind turbines in the Gotthard region.



## Heating

The Andermatt Golf Course heats its club house in an environmentally neutral manner using a heat pump with borehole heat exchanger.



## Electric vehicles

Only electric golf carts and trolleys are used on the Andermatt Golf Course. In addition, the machinery fleet is being progressively electrified.



## Climate-friendly travel

Together with the Schweizerische Südostbahn, the Andermatt Golf Course offers attractive combo tickets that include green fee and train travel.



## Waste management

Waste is separated at the Andermatt Golf Course. Paper, cardboard, glass and aluminium are recycled, and the use of plastic is avoided or reduced wherever possible.

# Society



## Commitment to golf's next generation

Each year, the Andermatt Golf Course organises events for children and young people as well as for people with no prior golfing experience. These include an open day, affordable community events such as the after-work tournament series and free golf training for children.



## Fair working conditions

All employees are employed by Andermatt Swiss Alps AG. They receive fair salaries, market-competitive and modern employment conditions as well as social security. Everyone at Andermatt Swiss Alps AG is treated equally.



## Mitarbeitendenförderung

Greenkeepers at the Andermatt Golf Course can undertake professional training at DEULA Rheinland if they have the interest and aptitude. Two employees have already qualified as certified golf course turf managers and two as certified course maintenance staff. One employee has completed training as Head Greenkeeper.



## Local embedding

Maintenance work that the golf team cannot carry out itself is outsourced to local companies whenever possible to keep travel distances short and retain value creation in the region. Regional businesses are generally given preference.



## Golf hiking path

A hiking path was installed around the golf course, which provides attractive views of the surroundings with various bodies of water and natural meadows.



## Golf for a good cause

Golf pro Lee Edwards regularly plays for a good cause. In one day, he completed 90 holes and raised a four-figure sum for a local charitable cause.

# Economy



## Jobs

The Andermatt Golf Course has almost 20 employees.



## Value creation in the region

By creating and preserving jobs, and by working together with partners, service providers and suppliers in the area, the Andermatt Golf Course is making a sustainable contribution to local value creation.