

Your Guide To WM Phoenix Open

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"The Greatest Show on Grass" is here again as the [Waste Management Phoenix Open](#) tees off at TPC Scottsdale. With nearly 500,000 spectators each year, the Phoenix Open is the best-attended event of the PGA TOUR and one of the first events on its calendar. Taking place January 26-February 1, there's a variety of events to attend all day every day. Tournament gates open every day at 7AM and Coors Lights Birds Nest (21 and over venue) gates open at 3:30 pm (Wednesday-Saturday).

Here are some spectator tips and new security procedures to know before you go to make your time at the tournament even more enjoyable:

- Dressing in layers is advised since mornings are generally a lot cooler than the afternoons. Always check the weather forecast before you go.
- Grab a hat and comfortable shoes. The sun is bright and there's lots of walking.
- No outside food or beverage allowed (sealed bottles of water are ok), but there is plenty of food and drinks (including alcohol) provided for purchase inside the tournament.
- Phones are allowed but must be kept on silent at ALL times.** There are designated calling areas throughout the tournament.
- Thursday and Friday's play starts simultaneously on the first and 10th holes. The back nine holes are generally more crowded than the front nine so arrive earlier to avoid crowds.
- Curious about a specific player? Grab a pairing sheet near the entrance for the order of groups and players tee off times. Scoreboards will let you know where a player currently is on the course.
- Practice areas are the best place to catch players for autographs.
- Wednesday's are the best day for celebrity sightings.
- Souvenirs are near the first tee and main entrance.
- Wear green on Saturday to support the green/eco sensitive efforts of the tournament.
- Visit the 16th hole "coliseum" for a truly unique spectator experience.
- Bag inspection at all Admission Gates

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- Metal detecting wands at each entrance gate
- No opaque bags larger than 6"x6"x6"
- No clear tote bags, plastic vinyl, or other carry items larger than 12"x6"x12"
- No backpacks
- No video cameras, radios, TVs, or laptops
- No cameras after Wednesday
- No signs, banners, or noisemakers
- No pets
- No bicycles
- No coolers, cups, or containers
- No lawn, over-size chairs, seat cushions, or chair bags

For full security procedures and a list of prohibited items [CLICK HERE](#).

FREE parking at Loop 101 and Hayden Rd, and at WestWorld. There will be free shuttles in operation. For full operation times and directions [CLICK HERE](#).

For any other information visit the tournament's website at wmphoenixopen.com

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