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TEMPLE TERRACE GOLF COURSE ON HISTORIC TRAIL

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (10/8/14) – The Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club, boasting one of the oldest golf courses in the state, has been selected for the new Florida Historic Golf Trail.

The Historic Trail, announced in September, celebrates Florida's early golf heritage, from the 1890s through World War II, by featuring historic, publicly accessible golf courses that can still be played on today. Developed by the Division of Historical Resources, the trail highlights the history of courses in the Sunshine State, instilling an appreciation for historic preservation and encouraging tourism.

"We are proud to showcase Florida's rich golfing traditions," Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner said in announcing the project. "With the help of our partner courses, we look forward to encouraging visitors and residents alike to come play on history."

More than 50 golf courses around Florida were selected for the Historic Trail, including three in Hillsborough County: Temple Terrace, Rocky Point and Babe Zaharias. Florida's first golf courses were built in the 1890s as railroads brought visitors to the state.

The Temple Terrace Golf Course, opened in 1922, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. It is the first 18-hole golf course in Florida to be selected for the historic register. Temple Terrace's course also is home to the annual U.S. Professional Hickory Golf Championship, which draws golfers from around the world each February.

"Still pristine in its original Tom Bendelow design, golf enthusiasts can play the Temple Terrace course just as famous golfers of the 1920s did during the 1925 Florida Open," said Tim Lancaster, president of the Temple Terrace Preservation Society. "Our community is proud that our course is included on the Florida Historic Golf Trail."

More information about the Historic Trail and the courses on it can be found on at <http://www.floridahistoricgolftrail.com>.

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