

TRAVEL + LEISURE GOLF

*Autumn on
Cape Cod*

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2008



WHERE TO PLAY

OCEAN EDGE RESORT & CLUB ★★★★★

Recently torn down and rebuilt by Nicklaus Design, the golf course at Ocean Edge is now brawnier to look at and better defined in its shot-making demands. The front side still doesn't have much topographic pop compared to the more dramatic back nine, but its new routing makes good use of the cross-Cape winds, tacking and turning in relation to the line of play.

Ocean Edge has large greens, but they don't play that way, thanks to shaping that divides them into sectors. The par-three third, with its long diagonal green is a good example, as is the one-shot eight, which plays downhill over Blueberry Pond and features a putting surface bisected into raised and sunken tiers.

Likely the Cape's most couples- and kid-friendly golf destination, Ocean Edge stretches its tee intervals to twelve minutes after 4 p.m., giving rookies plenty of space to make mistakes.

832 Villages Drive, Brewster.

ARCHITECT: Nicklaus Design, 2007; YARDAGE: 7,011. PAR: 72. SLOPE: 133. GREEN FEE: \$125. CONTACT: 508-896-9000, oceanedge.com.

WHERE TO STAY

OCEAN EDGE RESORT & CLUB Route 6A reveals a watercolor softness around many a bend, but nothing I've seen from any Cape road looks quite like the sweep of lawn beyond the fieldstone wall fronting Nickerson Mansion, your beacon for the Ocean Edge Resort. Inside it is an oak-lined reception area with a dark parson's bench, leaded windows and a view of the distant bay. It produces a powerful effect, especially on a cool fall afternoon.

Be careful if booking your Ocean Edge accommodation online-not every homeowner has golf privileges. The issue is avoided, though, by going through the resort's reservation office. Ask for 91 Bay Pines (Eastham House), a newly spiffed two-level home with views of dunes and water stretching all the way to Provincetown's peninsula hook.

2907 Main Street, Brewster, ROOMS: \$200-\$300, SUITES: \$400-\$800, CONTACT: 800-343-6074, oceanedge.com

