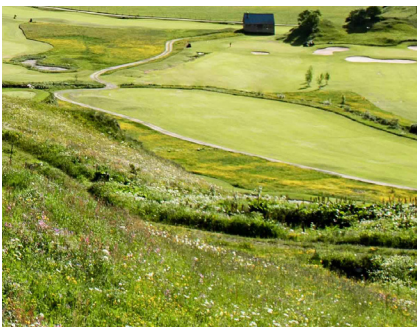


Sustainability on the Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course



100%

Thoughtful and restrained lawn care
on the playing track



100%

Green electricity from locally pro-
duced hydro and wind power



40%

Pristine surface thanks to integrated
nature reserve

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



Building standard

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



Power

The Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course gets **all of its power from hydroelectric stations and wind turbines** in the Gott-hard region.



Electric vehicles

The Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course uses only golf carts and trolleys with **electric drives**.



Waste management

At the Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course, waste is separated: paper, cardboard, glass and aluminium are **recycled**. The consumption of plastic is being reduced, and **PET bottles are not available** on the golf course.



Nature protection

The golf course includes meticulously planned **ecological offset and compensation areas**, such as the cantonal conservation area Bäs, 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**.



Air protection

The Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course uses **alkylbenzene** to power petrol-operated tools used for course maintenance work. As a result, the exhaust contains significantly fewer substances that are damaging to health and the environment. The mowers used to maintain greens, tees and fringes are equipped with **hybrid engines**.



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.



Heating

The Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course heats the clubhouse with **CO2-neutral district heat**, which is generated using wood chips. The wood chips are sourced from the canton of Uri, as well as from a sawmill in Airolo (radius of less than 50 kilometres).



Regional and sustainable resources

The Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course obtains consumables, such as sand, from local plants, where possible. Unpainted wood tees and pencils are available. The specially designed packaging is made entirely of recycled cardboard.



Society



Local embedding

Where possible, maintenance work that the golf team cannot handle directly is performed by **local companies** in order to keep travel distances short and preserve **value creation in the region**. As a rule, regional trades are always given preference.



Commitment to golf's next generation

The Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course supports the juniors department of the Andermatt Realp Golf Club. It also offers trial lessons for schoolchildren and local children.



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.



Fair working conditions

The employees work for Andermatt Swiss Alps AG. They receive fair pay, contemporary hiring terms in line with the market and social protection.



Employee benefits

If they qualify and are interested, groundskeepers at the Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course can receive training at **DEULA Rheinland**. Two employees have already been trained as certified agricultural technicians for golf course maintenance and two as certified course workers. Another employee is starting training to become head groundskeeper.

Economy



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 Swiss Alps Golf Course is making a sustainable contribution to local value creation.



Jobs

The Andermatt Swiss Alps Golf Course has almost **20 employees**.



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