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**Shinnecock Hills Golf Club
Southampton, N.Y.**



Month

'A Great Place for a Golf Course'

Golf industry experts and aficionados agree that Shinnecock Golf Club, site of this month's U.S. Open Championship, is one of the finest courses in the country and the world.

"You look at the topography of this land and the contour changes and how natural everything is," says Mark Michaud, superintendent of the course since 2000. "It's a great place for a golf course."

Shinnecock features 164 bunkers that Michaud and his crew recently renovated. Many of the bunkers appear on the difficult 540-yard 16th hole (pictured here). The hole can be a bear, thanks to the bunkers.

Shinnecock, designed by William Flynn in the late 1920s, will play 6,997 yards for the U.S. Open at par 70. Michaud says players who keep their balls low and know how to bounce them into the greens will have the best chance of winning the tournament.

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