



# Paradise Found

## Money Hill Golf & Country Club—Abita Springs

More than a century ago, thousands of weary native New Orleanians took refuge in the “ozone belt” of St. Tammany Parish. They came to seek the peace and quiet of the Northshore and to escape life in the city. It is still the same today.

Money Hill Golf and Country Club has become the new haven for those who seek an environmentally-friendly community, but desire the amenities associated with Louisiana’s top ranked, private 18-hole championship golf course.

Located north of I-12 in St. Tammany Parish on Highway 435, outside quaint and historic Abita Springs, Money Hill is

both relaxed and sophisticated. The Frank Lloyd Wright-style clubhouse facility is home to casual dining in the Grille, where patrons can enjoy the company of friends and neighbors or sit quietly to watch the sun set over the sparkling 150-acre, spring-fed lake.

The course, designed by internationally-recognized Ron Garl, has played host to numerous local fundraisers and championship tournaments. The warm, rustic interiors of the clubhouse facility make it the perfect setting for private parties, wedding receptions, corporate meetings, events and gatherings.

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A swim club with Olympic-size pool facilities, state-of-the-art fitness center and tennis courts are available to members. Golfers who want to improve their game can get professional assistance at the Rob Noel Golf Academy or use the 30-acre practice range located near the clubhouse. (Rob Noel was named as the top instructor in the South by the PGA in 2009.)

Probably the most remarkable aspect of the community is the one least known. The Goodyear family, who have been the owners and caretakers of the grounds since the late 1800s, have made property available to the Louisiana Nature Conservancy. As a result, Money Hill is surrounded by 3,500 acres of nature preserves, making it truly an incredible and breathtaking property to see. The Louisiana Nature Conservancy's St. Tammany field office is housed on the grounds of Money Hill as well. Seeing rare animal species is the norm here. Research studies sponsored by local colleges and

universities, organizations and private individuals have been commonplace as well.

Money Hill announced the grand opening of a 4+ mile nature and hiking trail this spring. The trail wraps around the lake between the community and the nature preserve, making it the perfect place for solitude, getting in tune with nature or just staying fit.

Money Hill was named as the community with the Most Attention to the Environment in 2008 by the St. Tammany Home Builders Association. In the same year, the developer of Money Hill received an award as Environmentalist of the Year by the Louisiana Nature Conservancy. Few developers will ever win awards of this caliber from such diverse groups in one year.

Many people believe Money Hill is the most beautiful residential community in the state. Online voting at *Encore Louisiana* named Money Hill one of the Five Best Neighborhoods in Louisiana in December 2009. (Visit [www.encorelouisiana.com](http://www.encorelouisiana.com) for details. *Encore Louisiana* is a project of Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu's office.) Many homeowners are full-time residents who seek a peaceful and serene place to raise their families or retire. Others choose to call Money Hill their weekend home away from home. Lots with spectacular vistas are still available, and all lots are at least 100 feet above sea level.

Contact Money Hill at 985-892-3300 for detailed directions, additional information or to schedule a private tour of the grounds. The newly-designed Money Hill web site also includes a vast repository of information, including a hole-by-hole tour of the golf course and downloadable lists of properties for sale. Go to [www.moneyhill.com](http://www.moneyhill.com).

