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I worked at a golf course in high school and college. There were several large ponds (an acre or more in size) and many smaller ones, along with a stocked trout stream and several smaller WW streams flowing through the property. The smaller "aesthetic" ponds didn't have any fish in them, but the larger, irrigation ponds all had fish...Carp, Largemouth, various Sunfish and White Crappie. Two of the larger ponds weren't really "in play" in terms of the course and as employees we were allowed to fish those...in the early morning or evening, or when the course wasn't busy. I caught an 18" LM and several 24"+ carp out of the biggest pond...all on an UL spin rod! Good fun. It was always a tough call after work...9 holes of golf or a couple hours of fishing.

In terms of access, I don't think the owner let the public fish the ponds...as employees we were told to politely inform anyone fishing them that it was private property and fishing was not allowed. I think just the general concern/liability of having non-paying customers on the property was his motivation. The stocked trout stream ran along the edge of one side of the property and essentially ran parallel to two holes, although there was probably 10 or more yards of woods between the stream and the course, and the stream really wasn't in play. The owner was fine with guys fishing "through" on the stream as long as they didn't use golf course property to access the stream or walk through the woods onto the course.