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# How Much Space Do Golf Courses Take Up in America?

I was watching some George Carlin clips on YouTube today when I came across one in which Carlin proposes an unusual idea: why don't we claim — [via](#)

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In his act, Carlin says that American golf courses use up a total area larger than two Rhode Islands *plus* Delaware. That seemed too absurd to not investigate.

According to the Golf Course Superintendents of America, [there are 2,244,512 acres](#) of golf courses in the U.S. That's the equivalent of 3,507 square miles.

And via the [Wolfram Alpha search engine](#), I can tell you that two Rhode Islands (1,040 square miles each) and a Delaware (1,950 square miles) would add up to 4,030 square miles.

So Carlin was a bit off. But not by much.

That being said, I don't think we need to reclaim the land used for golf; we just need to get back the time wasted while playing it. That's the key to making America a more productive nation.