

GOLF PAVILION



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With its low-lying form and use of natural wood, this contemporary take on a traditional midway house invites golfers to rest and recharge before continuing their game.

The Golf Pavilion, situated at the halfway point of the golf course, serves as a rest stop offering amenities such as snacks, beverages, and washroom facilities. Designed by Dubbeldam Architecture + Design as a strict geometric structure within a natural landscape, the pavilion comprises a 41 sqm footprint tucked beneath an extended roof overhang that effectively doubles its usable space, drawing golfers in. The asymmetrical roof, weighted towards the back, imparts a directional motion toward the next hole. At the approach, a metal screen with angular bars is a nod to the clubs in a golfer's bag and conceals the washroom doors.

The pavilion was designed as a functional 'folly in the park.' Its low-lying, horizontal roof stands as a beacon for golfers, while giving visual priority to the surrounding trees, pond, and rolling greenery. Primarily intended for brief periods of rest, the pavilion's siting and landscaping focus attention back onto the course: the structure and outdoor seating are oriented to provide views over the fairway and adjacent irrigation pond. The patio surrounding the pavilion echoes the roof's outline, with pavers laid in a herringbone pattern that emphasizes material craftsmanship, creating a spacious, covered outdoor area that can comfortably accommodate larger groups. Inside, self-serve refreshment counters support an efficient pace, ensuring golfers avoid delays as they continue their game.

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The design and materials are utilitarian and robust, fulfilling their purpose while imparting a sense of character and playfulness. Warm wood, contrasted with metal and stone elements, evoke a refreshed yet classic aesthetic that aligns with the club's overall architectural expression. According to principal Heather Dubbeldam, "Planted flowering vines will grow to climb up the metal screen at the east entry, adding another texture to the pavilion over time. The screen's vertical bars playfully reference the shape of golf clubs in a bag while subtly concealing the washroom doors." Set against the forested course, the pavilion's raw materials stand out prominently, allowing it to sit like a jewel within the landscape.

Since the pavilion is designed for seasonal use, typical HVAC systems were avoided, allowing the interior to connect more significantly with the exterior. Natural daylighting is maximized, and large operable windows facilitate cross-ventilation, further enhanced by ceiling fans for comfort—together reducing energy demands for lighting and climate control. Thermal insulation,

air and vapor barriers, and conventional heating and cooling systems were omitted to suit its seasonal function, significantly lowering the pavilion's carbon footprint. Instead of eavestroughs, rainwater flows off the roof into a river rock border around the structure, allowing it to permeate the ground and reduce runoff. The use of timber construction underscores a commitment to minimizing environmental impact.

The Ladies' Golf Club of Toronto upholds a century-long legacy of being the only women's golf club in North America. The Golf Pavilion is one of several new structures built on the course, as part of a larger master plan and investment undertaken to build for the club's future. Utilizing only a modest budget, the pavilion is the first contemporary building on the site, establishing a new legacy and injecting a feeling of rejuvenation into a historical club.

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The pavilion's extended roof overhang effectively doubles the usable area below, inviting golfers to pause and recharge while providing shelter from the elements when needed. The patio echoes the outline of the roof, establishing a harmonious connection between the structure and its natural surroundings.

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Light steel columns elegantly support the pavilion's oversized roof, creating a sense of openness beneath the structure. The asymmetrical roof, weighted towards the back, imparts a directional motion toward the next hole, subtly guiding golfers forward.

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Planted flowering vines will climb the metal screen at the east entry, where the vertical bars—playfully reminiscent of golf clubs in a bag—add visual interest while discreetly concealing the washroom doors.

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Ample self-serve refreshment counters allow golfers to maintain an efficient pace, while expansive windows on three sides frame views of the golf course, keeping players visually connected to the surrounding landscape.

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The cedar ceiling finish extends into the interior, creating a seamless flow of materials. Expansive windows bring in abundant natural light and slide open to encourage airflow, enhancing the bright, inviting atmosphere.

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The prominent overhang that extends from all sides of the structure creates a welcoming shelter over the patio, inviting golfers to rest and enjoy the surrounding landscape while providing shelter from the elements when needed.

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The pavilion, designed as a functional 'folly in the park,' features a low-lying form and natural wood finishes. The raw materials stand out against the forested course, allowing the structure to sit like a jewel within the landscape.

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The pavilion's design and materials are utilitarian and robust to serve their purpose, while also imparting a sense of character and playfulness.

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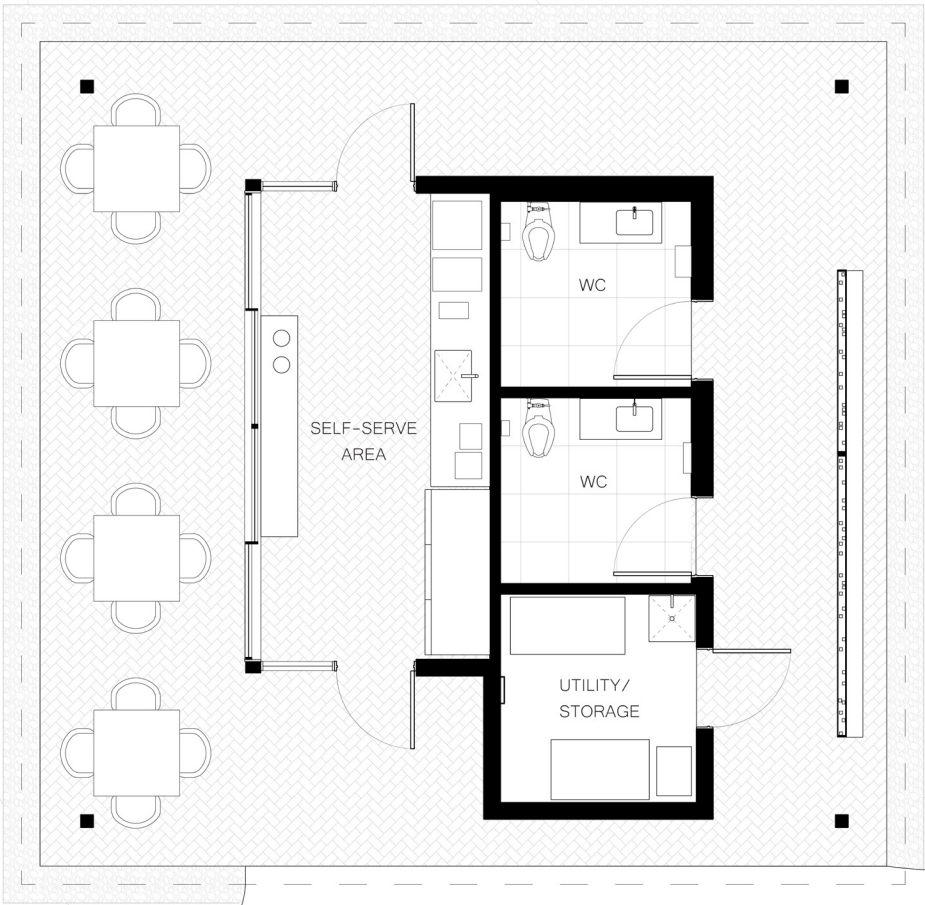
The roof's low-lying horizontal geometry serves as a beacon for golfers, while giving visual priority to the surrounding trees, pond, and rolling greenery.

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SITE PLAN

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FLOOR PLAN

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SUPPLIERS

Exterior

Eastern White Cedar, clear oil finish
Galvanized Steel, powder coated
CRC Biltmore AR Asphalt Shingles

Tile

Nordic Stone - Norvegia (Stonetile)

Millwork

CCW Architectural Millwork Casework

Stone

Calacatta Nuvo (Caesarstone)

Lighting

Liteline Luna 4" (Dark Tools)
Kuzco Hampton Flushmount
Light Rods Sconce (West Elm)

Appliances

Beverage Air Countertop Freezer
Manitowoc Countertop Ice & Water Dispenser
Keurig Coffee Machine
True Manufacturing Merchandizer

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PROJECT CREDITS

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Dubbeldam Architecture + Design is a multi-disciplinary design studio committed to creating thoughtful projects that embody sustainable approaches. With a diverse portfolio incorporating a wide variety of project types, their work ranges from homes, multi-unit residential projects, workspaces, hospitality, and mixed-use buildings to landscape design and architectural installations.

Along with over 100 design awards and wide recognition in national and international publications, Dubbeldam is the recipient of the Canada Council for the Arts Professional Prix de Rome and the 2024 Architectural Practice Award from the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, two of the highest honours for architectural practices in Canada. With a commitment to design excellence and a focus on sustainability and wellness in architecture, Dubbeldam is recognized for creating innovative, unique, and environmentally responsible design solutions for live, work and play.

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