



# Alimagnet 18 hole disc golf course

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Greetings,

My name is Luke Wessel, I am one of three people that help run the Apple Valley Disc Golf League (AVDGL). Andraese Herrera, Corey Farrell and myself donate our time, energy, and resources to ensure Alimagnet not only remains pristine, but to ensure AVDGL continues to run smoothly as Minnesota's largest disc golf league.

What we have tucked away in the Middle of Apple Valley is very special! It is a course that attracts about 80 people per week during league nights. This is amazing because this is the Largest League in Minnesota on a 12 hole course.

As a disc golf community we feel that this area would benefit from a course expansion for the following reasons:

- A course redesign would improve the safety for others using the park. Currently there are 3 holes on biking paths and blind throws on other pathways. With a course redesign we can reduce the risk of bystanders, walkers, bikers from getting injured by an errant throw.
- By utilizing the woods in Alimagnet we can move hole 4 which has caused issues with houses on Ridgeview Dr.
- A win for Apple Valley Business! Each league night on average a league player spends \$7 in Apple Valley either on food, gas, beverages, retail, and other. Last year we averaged 77 people per week for 20 weeks.  $77 * \$7 * 20 \text{ weeks} = \$10,780!$  With a course expansion this will give us an opportunity to hold sanctioned tournaments.
- We have the support of AVDGL, The MFA (Minnesota Frisbee Association), Gotta Go Gotta Throw (Minnesota's largest disc golf store) and the company Prodigy Discs to help with volunteering, promoting, marketing, designing, and implementation of the course.

# Course Designer / Professional Player

Cale Leiviska of Prodigy Disc Golf, a touring professional and course designer has offered his service to help implement this project. Below is a short testimonial from him:

Greetings,

My name is Cale Leiviska. I am a member of the Prodigy Disc Course implementation team and live in St. Paul, MN.

Through Prodigy Disc and my company Airborn Disc Golf I have been involved with the design and construction of 12 courses in the past four years, including the 9th ranked course in the world; VisionQuest in Cedar MN. As a professional, I have played over 200 courses throughout the world and have used aspects that have worked and noted what hasn't when designing courses. My partner and I both have Conservation Biology degrees with a background in Forestry. My love for the game, and understanding for what constitutes a safe, fun and sustainable course is what has driven me to pursue course design.



I have played the Alimagnet course several times, including a few of Apple Valley Disc Golf Club's leagues there. When Luke reached out to me for help with the project, I was very eager because of the potential for expansion and enhancement. The course is very fun now, but there are plenty of areas in the park where disc golfers and other park users are crossing paths. A redesign of the track using the areas that have already been cleared by Apple Valley would make the entire park much safer for walkers, as well as improve and expand the course with relatively minimal investment. We have walked the property and found a proposed 18 hole design that fits perfectly in the parameters of the area already cleared, and eliminates the problem safety areas in use currently. In the new design, there would be NO large trees taken out, only small shrubbery and trees less than a few inches wide. The Apple Valley Disc Golf Club is very motivated and would be happy to do the work necessary to build the course. This would alleviate the labor cost involved with the project, and make it so materials like baskets and tee pads are the only expense to you. The natural traffic of play in the woods would make it so no extra mowing at the park would be necessary.

I would love the opportunity to work with Apple Valley and the local Club on this project. Thanks for your consideration!

**Cale Leiviska**

**Airborn Disc Golf**

# Current 12 hole Lay-Out

- The current 12 hole lay out can vastly improve. Blue represents walking paths and in Orange are areas of concern(Blind throws, residence, ect...). By utilizing the land in between holes in the current lay out we can:
  - 1.) Move holes off of walking paths
  - 2.) Move Holes away form residents on Ridgeview Rd
  - 3.) Help stunt the growth of Buckthorn with foot traffic



# 18 Hole Layout:

This is our vision of a 18 hole course. By using the land located in the woods we highlight elevation change, scenic views, and offer a challenging yet fun course.



# Final Considerations

This course expansion will provide a great course for the foot traffic that Alimagnet sees. This expansion also solves problems for safety and allows more people to enjoy what Alimagnet has to offer! The main points for this expansion are:

- Park Safety
- Buckthorn Control
- Redesigning to lessen impact on residence
- Additional Revenue for the city of Apple Valley

The following are testimonials taken from our petition page:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/424/270/564/18-hole-expansion-for-alimagnet/>

## Terry B.

I have enjoyed Disc Golf at Alimagnet for 10 years. I endorse an expansion to 18 holes with the resulting safe separation of walking trails and flight paths.

## Daniel M.

This course had the biggest disc golf league in the state at it every Monday! The amount that these guys have done to give back to the community is remarkable. They have raised money to help people in need, they clean the course, and being around 100 people from all over the cities to Apple Valley every Monday. Those people spend money in your town. I think it's time to improve the course to allow more of those people to come.

## Tommy L.

The Alimagnet course is a fantastic venue with immense potential to hold a championship level, 18-hole disc golf course. Having this course would afford opportunities to host tournaments and larger events that would attract folks from around the state. These visitors would visit local store locations for gas, food, and miscellaneous items to help the local economy as well. It will also attract additional recreational players to visit the park for the healthy activity of disc golf!

## Daniel S.

18 hole courses are 90% more played than courses less than 18. The AVDGL does a phenomenal job of serving as custodians of the course, the culture there is fantastic, and with their help and the city's assistance, expanding Alimagnet to 18 holes will allow them to continue to draw significant crowds and open up the park for the potential to hold PDGA sanctioned tournaments!

AVDGL will continue to dedicate its time and resources to keep the park clean, safe, and enjoyable for all! Every one of us thanks you for your time.

I sincerely look forward to hearing your thoughts and opinions,

**-Luke Wessel**

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