

## The Sanctuary

The Starters' Perspective



### ***General considerations.***

**Greens:** The practice green is kept at the same pace as the course greens. The greens themselves roll well and most break subtly. The course's high side is at Hole 4. The land slants from there making right breaking puts more common.

**Length:** The yardages are accurate and many greens have false fronts so carrying shots to the surface is vital. The typical wind direction is from the west (to the left as you stand on the first tee). Adjusting club selection depends on the strength of the wind.

**Hole one:** A challenging start. Fairway slants left to right. Out of bounds on the left. Many drives end up in trees on the right. Hitting past the 150-marker might leave a downhill lie on your second shot. Small narrow opening on left side of green might allow for some run. Short right will put you in the rough.

**Hole two:** Uphill shot two a long green. Choose an extra club, especially into the wind. Out of bounds left of cart path. When pin is in the front, short shots tend to roll off the green which slants from back to front.

**Hole three:** Drive should be left of center. Out of bounds left. Driving too far right brings trees and hill into play on second shot. Bunker on right side of deep green catches many second shots. A lay up over hill provides good angle to green. Green slants from back to front.

**Hole four:** A narrow dogleg left with water and out of bounds on the left and trees on the right. A driver might not be needed to get into position for a second shot to an elevated green that slants from left to right and back to front. Short approaches will roll back down into the fairway.

**Hole five:** A downhill slight dogleg left. Many drives will end up in the right rough. Second shot usually from a downhill lie. Green is two-tiered and slants left to right and front to back. Short approaches will not roll onto green.

**Hole six:** Slightly uphill par 3. Water on left. Long green slants back to front. Wind, coming down first fairway, might not be apparent from tee. Clubbing up is probably wise.

**Hole seven:** Risk/reward par five. Trees right and left off tee. Long hitters can go for green, but shots left will end up out of bounds. Laying up to the right over the creek gives a good look into a two-tier green that slants from right to left. Laying up in front of creek will leave about 100 yards to green. Middle greenside bunker makes green look smaller than it is. This particular green, on a plateau, does not hold approach shots as well as others.

**Hole eight:** A birdie hole. Big hitters can drive green, but margin of error is small with out of bounds left and water right. Most players will lay up right of fairway bunkers, leaving about 100 yards into a shallow green with out of bounds left.

**Hole nine:** A par three with club selection based on pin position on a green that is very long from front to back and left to right. Water on right and trap on left. Hole usually plays into 1 or 2 club wind. Going long leaves delicate chip from a depression.

**Grab a lunch special at the turn! A grilled burger, sausage or dog will hit the spot.**

Hole ten: The back nine begins with a par 5 dogleg left. The fairway bunker is in play for long hitters. Clearing the bunker sets up an eagle opportunity. A good drive should be positioned right of the bunker opening up a look at the green. The green is slightly elevated guarded by bunkers and grassy depressions. A stream is to the right of the right greenside bunker.

Hole eleven: A par three from a slightly elevated tee to a slightly elevated green. The green drops off on the left and back. A bunker guards the right side of the green. Pay attention to wind direction and pin position before selecting a club.

Hole twelve: The difficulty of the back nine begins here. A narrow par four with trees and out of bounds left and trees to the right. A stream bisects the fairway putting a premium on club selection off the tee. The second shot is slightly uphill to a long and narrow green that drops off on all sides with trees right and out of bounds left. The green slants left to right and front to back.

Hole thirteen: The number one handicap hole. Trees guard the fairway left and right and a stream bisects the fairway. Again club selection from the tee is vital. Longer hitters can clear the stream. The second shot is to a green that slants back to front and shots must be carried to the putting surface.

Hole fourteen: A long and challenging par five. A fairway bunker and a tree on the left of the fairway and several trees on the right of the fairway call for a precise second shot. Those going for the green must guard against going right. A bunker guards the right side of the green and trees are left with out of bounds long. The green slopes slightly front to back.

Hole fifteen: A shortish risk/reward par four. A large tree to the right and an expansive marsh to the left makes the tee shot visually imposing. Laying up to the 150-yard marker might be a wise choice. Long hitters might opt to go for the green which is guarded by many bunkers. A well-placed tee ball will leave a short second shot to a green that slants front to back and left to right.

Hole sixteen: A slightly uphill par three to a largish green that can alter club selection. The tee is secluded. Check the top of the trees behind the green for wind direction. A large bunker guards the left side of the green.

Hole seventeen: Hole demands a tee shot favoring the left side of the fairway which is guarded by a marsh. Going too far right will bring the large tree by the covered bridge into play requiring a shaped second shot. The approach shot is to a green that is narrow and slants back to front and left to right. A bunker guards the right side of the green. A depression in front of the green catches under-clubbed shots.

Hole eighteen: A challenging finishing hole. A fairway bunker on the right will catch errant tee shots. Pine trees guard the left side of the fairway. Second shots are to an elevated green that slants significantly from back to front. Bunkers guard the left side of the green. Short shots will roll back into the fairway. Putts from above the hole require great touch.

**The Sanctuary thanks you. Enjoy your round.**