

# The Woods ~ Safe and Secure Sanctuary

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We have all had those days sitting at the desk or stuck in traffic when we feel like our head is about to explode. Before you go running to a “Calgon” bath, let me recommend a merry jaunt into the hills of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia for a visit to The Woods. I like to tell my friends that The Woods isn’t on the other side of the world, but it’s pretty darn close. The Woods is just 90 minutes from the Baltimore and Capitol beltways in the wild and wonderful state, offering the perfect day getaway from your everyday hassles. For the past 35 years golfers and visitors have been drawn to the tranquility and beauty of this 1,800-acre sanctuary at the northern gateway to the Shenandoah Valley.



Mountain View Hole 16 Par 4

The two 18-hole tracks that call The Woods home are the Championship Mountain View Course and the mid-length Stony Lick Course. The Mountain View Course opened in 1989 and is a wonderful jaunt over hills and valleys with Third Hill Mountain in view as its name implies. Most holes play flat and fair, but many golfers are happy to ride carts up and down the hills between some of the greens and tees. Carved from a forest, Mountain View’s fairways are framed by dogwood,

maple, oak, and pine trees. At 6600 yards from the back tees there’s still plenty of room to hit the big stick all day long. Three other sets of tees make this course very favorable to seniors and ladies. As I recall, The Woods was one of the first courses I played that tagged a clever moniker to each hole. When you come to the par 3 third hole aptly titled “Ballwasher,” you start to get the message that the names for each hole fit the bill. The par 5 fourth is reachable in two for many long hitters and playing up the right side is always recommended. The other par 5 on the front side is number seven. The “Road Hole” is very straight and plays very long. The par 3 ninth is also short in stature but rich in creativity. An elevated multi-tiered tee box sits fifty feet above your target... a rock faced green on the other side of a lake. Two par 4s on the back side prove again that length isn’t everything. The fourteenth is named “Poplars” with hardwoods and a sloping hill defining a tight landing area. The 294-yard sixteenth is touted for the magnificent view from a tee box that sits nearly 70 feet above the fairway. The Mountain View course has a strong par 5 finisher that double doglegs its way back to the clubhouse.



Stony Lick Hole 7 Par 4

The Stony Lick course is an 18-hole mid-length loop that is extremely popular with golfers of all skill levels. Stony Lick was changed from a regulation 9-hole course to its present day configuration back in 2002. With tees ranging from 3000 to 3700 yards long, the par 62 takes about an hour less time to circuit. It’s a terrific venue for avid golfers to work on their iron game, while beginners, youngsters, and seniors enjoy the course because of the lower difficulty bar. Perhaps the most memorable hole at the entire Woods complex is the Stony Lick’s first, a 170 yard par 3 that catapults some 80 feet down from tee to green. The signature logo of The Woods is embedded into the landscape beyond the putting surface. The fifth hole, also a par three sits back in a relaxing area where the course’s namesake, Stony Lick Creek, is the only nuisance. I’m trying to figure out if the par 4 seventh, called “Hillsider,” was named after the hole’s design or because of the sloping two-tiered green. Both the thirteenth and fourteenth are par 4’s from the original 9 hole-design and have been left intact. This joyful excursion ends with a par 3 named “Shamrock,” identified by the uniquely shaped green surrounded by four pot bunkers.



Stony Lick Hole 13 Par 4

The Woods is bordered on three sides by the 23,000-acre Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area. Sleepy Creek contains more than 75 miles of hiking trails and a 205-acre lake for fishing and canoeing. The full service spa at The Woods carries the Sleepy Creek name. A wide variety of treatments from massages to signature body treatments can put you on the pampered path to rejuvenation. Stay and play packages that include both golf and the spa are available with accommodations at the golfer friendly Evergreen Lodges. The Meadow Cottages are also available for larger golf excursions or functions. If you are looking for some quiet times on the links where an occasional “fore!” may be your only distraction, The Woods in Hedgesville, WV, is a safe and secure bet. 🏌️

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Mountain View Hole 3 Par 3