



Whitetail Golf Resort ~ Day Tripper

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Few experiences come close to a buddy golf trip. Those of you that have been on one can attest to the fun and comradery that commences on such a trip that normally plays out over a long weekend or sometimes even a full week. It seems in today's busy lifestyle the one-day excursion has become equally popular. Few regional golf destinations depict "Day Trip!" more than Whitetail Golf Resort in Mercersburg, PA. To reach the facility take a good leisurely hour to 90-minute drive from the metro area mostly via the interstate with the last 8 miles or so across rolling rural roads. Part of a four-season resort, the golf course is one of the mid-Atlantic's most beautiful and challenging layouts.



Hole 8 Par 4

Construction began on the course during the summer of 1999 by the previous owners of Whitetail Ski Resort under the design guidance of course architect Rick Robbins. Whitetail opened for play in May of 2001 and immediately received accolades for being one of the best new courses in the region. Even with that, the course remained in somewhat of a holding pattern until 2006 when Snow Time, Inc., entered the golf business by purchasing the golf course. Up until then, Snow Time only operated ski businesses, running a successful trio of ski slopes. Since the acquisition, a much needed clubhouse was added in 2011 to further enhance this breathtaking golf experience.

The front nine at Whitetail starts with a straight forward par 4 with an open driving area that allows your round to get off to a good start. Just hit it and chase it. The 423-yard par 4 second requires more strategy. A precise tee shot to a sloping fairway sets up a downhill approach over a creek and wetlands to one of the course's deepest greens. Backdrops and natural topography, here and throughout the layout, create a course that is as scenic as they come. After the par 3 third, a nifty short par 4 follows. Several cross bunkers come into play if you try to drive the green. Wetlands on the fifth hole may have you thinking three

wood off the tee. The second par 3, the sixth, on the outward nine plays slightly downhill. Both the seventh and ninth at Whitetail are par 5s generally of the three-shot variety. The par 4 eighth also features a forced shot over wetlands.



Hole 13 Par 4

The back nine opens with a par 4 downhill beauty complete with a mountain backdrop. The following par 4's tight landing area creates one

of the tougher tests from the tee. A fairway wood or hybrid off the tee may be smart play. Each and every golfer that visits Whitetail Golf Resort remembers the course best for the next series of holes that are literally carved into the mountainside through thick hardwoods. Comparing golf holes to amusement park rides, these would thrill anyone. Twelve, the longest of the par 3s, plays downhill to a huge green. Both thirteen and fourteen, a par 4 and 3 respectively, cross over a ravine. Find the fairway on the former to achieve a premium. Give the later, the shortest hole on the course at just 130 yards from the white tees, all or nothing because any mis-hit shots will lay waste into a deep gorge in front of the green. The majestic par 5 fifteenth provides a sweeping vista of the countryside in the background. Your drive must avoid a pair of deep bunkers cut in the center of the fairway. I have always found the par 4 sixteenth, the only blind tee shot, to be one of the toughest holes at Whitetail. A large lake splits the par 5 seventeenth in two; left on the hole is virtually a lost cause. The par 4 closing hole plays uphill and requires one more club on your approach.



Hole 15 Par 5



Owned by Snow Time, Inc., this four-season resort offers a diverse range of outdoor experiences besides teeing it up at Whitetail Golf that includes everything from fly fishing to adventure camps for kids and hosts banquets, meetings, and weddings. Winter sports at Whitetail Resort involve skiing, of course, as well as snowboarding and snow tubing. It just could be the perfect day trip for either the links or the slopes!

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Hole 2 Par 4