



Mountain View Golf Club ~ Sound Advice

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The growth of the internet in our lifetimes has changed dramatically how we find the best places to visit or the finest services available. If you need to find premier pasta or the top tree repair company in your area, you can probably find it online. But no industry relies on these reviews more than travel and leisure businesses. The sport of golf has an excellent resource for players to learn about courses. Golf Advisor, much like its predecessor Trip Advisor, provides reviews made by players just like you. Those golfers dish out plenty of kudos for Mountain View Golf Club.



This South-Central Pennsylvania facility was rated the #3 course overall in the state in 2016, as well as achieved the #1 spot in the Keystone state for value, staff friendliness, and pace of play. Even more outstanding, reviewers recognize Mountain View as the #4 golf course for value in the U.S. These are mighty big hooks to hang any hat on, but once you play Mountain View you'll easily understand. Now, I will be the first to

tell you that if you have never played this course, don't expect lots of bells and whistles. The simplicity of the region combined with the Ault-Clark layout make Mountain View so popular.

The first nine holes at Mountain View opened in 1978, and the second nine made its debut in 1987. As you might expect, they are two distinctly different 9-hole swings. More than 60 bunkers and several lakes put a premium on accuracy over the path of the 6400-yard excursion. Its name best describes the landscape of the course. An opulent backdrop of the lofty hills of the Catoctin Mountains surrounds the relatively flat Mountain View course.



The front nine is considered more open compared to the longer, occasionally tree-lined back nine. Spread across an exposed pasture with just golf holes to see, I believe the outward nine plays a stroke or two easier than the back side. A series of shorter par 4s early on the Mountain View front nine give players decent scoring opportunities to get the round going in the right direction. A characteristic feature of the front side is that fairway bunkers are found on every hole except the sixth, where a couple of ponds tighten the fairway on the gentle dogleg left. The only par 5 on the front is eight, and at just 476 yards, many big hitters can get home in two.



The inward nine sharply contrasts the prairie-like setting of the first nine holes at Mountain View. You will find more elevation changes, several tree-lined holes, and more water. The first four holes on the back will make or break your round, and locals will tell you it's their "Amen Corner." The rest of the nine again brings more trees into play that are quite evident on the short par 3 sixteenth, where they almost hang over

the putting surface. An awesome risk-reward 5 par closes Mountain View that has a pond to the right of the green.

Some say first impressions are the most lasting. Golfers immediately see the pre-Civil War farmhouse that serves as the clubhouse at Mountain View. The adjoining Grill-Pavilion makes an excellent between-nines or post-round watering hole where you can sit back and toss back a cold one as you overlook several holes.

Mountain View Golf Club is located just minutes from the historic Gettysburg battlefields in Fairfield, PA, and it can be easily accessed from Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington, Hagerstown, and other points. It's an easy day trip and one that comes with some sound advice from golfers just like you. 📍

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