



Whiskey Creek Golf Club Always a Real Smooth Round

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Hole 1 Par 4

As it closes in on its first 20 years, Whiskey Creek Golf Club in Ijamsville, MD, continues to be recognized as one of the premiere golf courses in the mid-Atlantic. The aging process has been very kind to this layout that routinely ranks as a “top ten” course in the Free State. *Golf Week* places it at #5 while *Golf Digest* rates it as one of only two public courses to make the top ten at #10. Co-Designed by two-time U.S.

Open Champion Ernie Els and architect J. Michael Poellot, Whiskey Creek calls a secluded piece of property near Frederick home. Before golfers took all the shots here, moonshiners used to reign supreme as they would float whiskey kegs down Bush Creek to Ijamsville Road. The breathtaking landscape supplies generous views of the Catoctin Mountains, broad meadows, freshwater streams, stone walls, rock outcroppings, and plenty of hardwoods.

Most agree that Whiskey Creek presents an honest test of golf with all the hazards and problem spots in clear view. The 410-yard par 4 first has a British links feel with bunkers and gorse dominating the scene. A wide landing area makes the relatively straight par 4 second a realistic birdie hole. The first in a terrific set of par 3s is number three on your scorecard. A Parkland style comes into play early and often on the 565-yard par 5 fourth, which begins a stretch of holes that cut through mature hardwoods with substantial elevation changes. The next two holes, both par 4s, testify to the distinctive array of shots you find at Whiskey. The tee on the fifth is elevated some 100 feet above the fairway. In contrast the shortest par 4 on the course, the sixth, plays uphill to a green protected by a deep bunker. Risky play from the tee can reward the golfer a chance to get home in two on the par 5 ninth.

The inward nine opens with a good scoring opportunity on the par 4 tenth. I believe the back nine at Whiskey plays two to three shots harder than the front. The par 3 eleventh, a striking hole with a massive bunker sculpture, can be seen on your drive down the club’s long entrance. The 445-yard par 4 twelfth stands as one of the most demanding at Whiskey Creek. From an elevated tee, you must find the sculpted fairway to leave you a long to mid iron downhill shot to a receptive green. Yet another elevated tee shot awaits players on the par 4 fourteenth with water looming down the left side of the fairway and near the green. Fifteen, the longest par 3 on the course, requires a



Hole 11 Par 3

forced carry over a pond. The 550-yard par 5 eighteenth provides an outstanding finish, which is unique as well with the ruins of a 19th century stone house sitting directly in the middle of the fairway. The smart tee shot runs to the right of the ruins that usually leaves a layup shot in front of a small pond that protects the long and shallow green. Those who boldly go left of the remnants could go for the green in two.



Hole 18 Par 5

Whiskey Creek has one of the more charming, cozy clubhouses you can find. Before, during, or after your round try a shot of a different kind. Embracing the region’s past, the club fittingly carries a huge selection of whiskey, and their award winning executive chef always has something good cooking. Whiskey Creek has an easy to get to location for Marylanders and Washingtonians to attend golf outings and events like upcoming holiday parties. Tucked into the corner of thriving Frederick County, you’ll find handy access from both metro beltways. This facility prides itself on customer service, and you get special treatment from the moment you arrive. KemperSports has operated the facility since opening day. Look for their new app to be released soon. In the meantime, go ahead, take another shot.

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