

SUN CITY TEXAS, THIRD COURSE

PRELIMINARY GOLF COURSE DESIGN
AND PLAYABILITY IDEAS

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Hole No: 1 Par: 4 Dogleg: left

Distance from Black Tee: 402
Distance from Red Tee: 370
Distance from White Tee: 332
Distance from Blue Tee: 301
Distance from Gold Tee: 263

Elevation change from tee to landing area: +4'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: na
Elevation change from landing area to green: +12'

From the tee, the hole sets up nicely for a draw. The tees are located such that all players should have no trouble carrying the creek in front of the fairway.

From the landing area, the hole plays uphill approximately twelve feet (12'). Depending on the location of the pin, a straight ball flight or even a slight draw will work nicely. The greenside bunker is aesthetically pleasing, but it is mainly present to keep ball from going left into the creek area.

Hole No: 2 Par: 3 Dogleg: na

Distance from Black Tee: 183
Distance from Red Tee: 172
Distance from White Tee: 150
Distance from Blue Tee: 139
Distance from Gold Tee: 120

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -11'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: na
Elevation change from landing area to green: na

The 2nd hole is a beautiful downhill par 3, with a large bunker and water wrapping around the back of the green. The pond and waterfalls are being built to provide not only great aesthetics for the golfers, but also to create a very inviting entry to the development. The bunker around the green will also help players keep their ball in play as it will keep many balls from entering the water.

With the green turned sideways, there will be many ways to play the approach. Straight shots, draws and fades will all be played depending on the location of the pin.

Hole No: 3 Par: 5 Dogleg: left

Distance from Black Tee: 568
Distance from Red Tee: 535
Distance from White Tee: 503
Distance from Blue Tee: 472
Distance from Gold Tee: 440

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -13'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: +2'
Elevation change from landing area to green: +8'

This lengthy par 5 can be played two ways. If you want to try to clear the left fairway bunker and go for the green with your second shot, you should play to the left side of the fairway. If you intend to play the hole as a three shotter, it will be best played from the right side of the fairway. If that is the play, the slope from left to right will permit golfers to play to the left side, or center of the fairway and allow the ball to feed to the right.

From the right side, the golfer will be able to play short of the fairway bunker to set up a wedge to the green. Or, for the more adventurous, a right to left flighted ball can be played around the fairway bunker and toward the front of the green.

Once again, the pin location determines the shape of the approach.

Hole No: 4 Par: 4 Dogleg: right

Distance from Black Tee: 374
Distance from Red Tee: 340
Distance from White Tee: 306
Distance from Blue Tee: 273
Distance from Gold Tee: 240

Elevation change from tee to landing area: +5'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: na
Elevation change from landing area to green: -11'

With the trees that are planned to be saved, this may be one of the best holes on the course. There is a ridge that crosses the fairway between the tees and landing area that may obstruct views. For this reason, the left side fairway bunker has been added to use as an aiming point. Off the tee, the best shot is to aim over the right edge of the bunker and let the ball feed into the trough shaped fairway.

A good tee ball will give you a good view to this inviting green. The existing trees will enframe the green and create a great feeling of "quaintness" around the green.

Hole No: 5 Par: 3 Dogleg: na

Distance from Black Tee: 135
Distance from Red Tee: 118
Distance from White Tee: 112
Distance from Blue Tee: 95
Distance from Gold Tee: 82

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -36'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: na
Elevation change from landing area to green: na

The short ones should always be memorable, and the 5th hole will not disappoint. Playing downhill 36 feet, the player will have to think very hard about how to play such a short, downhill shot. The best chance for birdie is to play a very slight fade and land the ball soft.

This green will be very attractive from the bridge that crosses Cowan Creek.

Hole No: 6 Par: 4 Dogleg: straight

Distance from Black Tee: 483
Distance from Red Tee: 455
Distance from White Tee: 414
Distance from Blue Tee: 380
Distance from Gold Tee: 346

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -14'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area:
Elevation change from landing area to green: +15'

Due to the length, this may be the hardest hole on the golf course to score par. There are no bunkers or water that will come into play on this golf hole. The only strategy is to play two well struck shots to reach the green area.

The slope just to the right of the green will allow a slight fade to be played into the green easier than a draw.

If you card a par, take it ... and go quickly to the next tee.

Hole No: 7 Par: 4 Dogleg: left

Distance from Black Tee: 401
Distance from Red Tee: 375
Distance from White Tee: 350
Distance from Blue Tee: 325
Distance from Gold Tee: 300

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -6'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area:
Elevation change from landing area to green: +4'

There are many ways to play this golf hole. Regardless of how you decide to attack the tee shot, this golf hole will be a test for accuracy and distance control off the tee.

The bunker in the middle of the fairway dictates the way you play this hole. The key is to play to the narrower left of the fairway bunker to create the easiest shot with the best view and angle of approach. If you choose to play to the wider right side, you will be met with a longer shot to the green with visibility issues.

The longer player may try to go for the green off the tee. However, be aware that the area to the left is an environmentally sensitive area and there will be no one allowed to go into this area to look for balls. If you do not clear the area, your ball is gone.

Hole No: 8 Par: 4 Dogleg: right

Distance from Black Tee: 424
Distance from Red Tee: 392
Distance from White Tee: 357
Distance from Blue Tee: 323
Distance from Gold Tee: 290

Elevation change from tee to landing area: +18'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area:
Elevation change from landing area to green: +20'

With a 38' rise in elevation from tee to green, you will want to play more club than you think the yardage requires.

To set up the best angle of approach to the pin, a well struck ball with left to right flight to the right side of the fairway will be great. However, as with any good strategy, the player must understand that the better the angle of approach requires playing closer to the three fairway bunkers.

Once you are in the fairway, the pin position will dictate the type of shot played. With the pin tucked behind the greenside bunker, a slight draw will be nice. However, when the pin is back, you can play a nice cut and get the ball all the way back to the hole.

Hole No: 9 Par: 5 Dogleg: left

Distance from Black Tee: 523
Distance from Red Tee: 491
Distance from White Tee: 455
Distance from Blue Tee: 423
Distance from Gold Tee: 389

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -28'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: -22'
Elevation change from landing area to green: +2'

Playing 50' downhill, the ninth hole will not only be beautiful, but it will also be a very good chance for birdie to close out the front nine.

A nice draw aimed at the right side pot bunker will set you up for a go at the green. Another draw between the two bunkers will allow you to use the slope to feed the ball onto the putting surface. Don't overcook the shot as the recovery will be difficult from the depressions behind the green.

If you decide to lay up, play your second shot as close to the right side fairway bunker as possible.

Hole No: 10 Par: 3 Dogleg: na

Distance from Black Tee: 166
Distance from Red Tee: 152
Distance from White Tee: 138
Distance from Blue Tee: 129
Distance from Gold Tee: 120

Elevation change from tee to landing area: +1'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area:
Elevation change from landing area to green:

The beauty of this hole will depend on how many trees we can save during construction. It is our goal to save as many as possible and enframe this par 3.

There is also a rock formation between the tee and landing area that we hope to enhance and show off.

The best place to play this shot is front right. Take the trouble out of the left and backside and try to get up and down or two putt for a par.

Hole No: 11 Par: 4 Dogleg: straight

Distance from Black Tee: 392
Distance from Red Tee: 365
Distance from White Tee: 338
Distance from Blue Tee: 311
Distance from Gold Tee: 283

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -4'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: na
Elevation change from landing area to green: -4'

Another great driving hole as the player must decide which route to take. The wide fairway is split by a fairway bunker in the middle, and protected on the right side by another cross style bunker. The daring player can carry the cross bunker and have a great angle of attack to the green. From this point, a nice draw will get to all parts of the green.

If the player decides to play to the left side of the fairway bunker, the trees on the left side may come into play on the approach.

Hole No: 12 Par: 5 Dogleg: left

Distance from Black Tee: 523
Distance from Red Tee: 490
Distance from White Tee: 457
Distance from Blue Tee: 422
Distance from Gold Tee: 389

Elevation change from tee to landing area: +9'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: -4'
Elevation change from landing area to green: +2'

This has the potential to be the most dramatic hole on the entire golf course as the entire left side will be defined by the rugged slopes on the edge of Cowan Creek. The hole is a sharp dogleg left around the creek.

From the tee, the good player will want to aim at the fairway bunker and play a draw around the corner. There is a great chance to shorten the hole by cutting off as much of the creek as possible. However, remember that there is a risk to get that reward.

If you do not go for the green in two shots, you may want to take the bunkers out of play and lay up well short to create a full wedge into the green.

Hole No: 13 Par: 4 Dogleg: left

Distance from Black Tee: 460
Distance from Red Tee: 426
Distance from White Tee: 395
Distance from Blue Tee: 364
Distance from Gold Tee: 330

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -16'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: na
Elevation change from landing area to green: -24'

The length of this hole will be lessened by the elevation change of 40' from tee to green. This will be another beautiful hole with a stunning backdrop to the green.

There are no fairway bunkers on the golf hole, and only one bunker behind the green. That bunker is there to save shots from rolling into the floodplain.

The terrain around the green should make for some very interesting chips.

This will be one of the most difficult holes to build as there will be a lot of rock cutting that needs to take place to make the landing area somewhat visible from the tee.

Hole No: 14 Par: 4 Dogleg: right

Distance from Black Tee: 293
Distance from Red Tee: 262
Distance from White Tee: 232
Distance from Blue Tee: 204
Distance from Gold Tee: 181

Elevation change from tee to landing area: +2'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: na
Elevation change from landing area to green: +2'

This is intended to be the most dramatic hole on the course. With a large lake and waterfalls, the golfer will have to decide how to play this hole. How risky does the player want to be in their quest for a birdie, or possible eagle as they fly the lake and try to drive the green.

However, the smart play is probably just to lay it out to the left of the lake and play a nice wedge into the green. Birdie is still very doable from the fairway.

That is the best way, but it might not be the funnest way to play the hole. It is up to you.

Hole No: 15 Par: 4 Dogleg: right

Distance from Black Tee: 422
Distance from Red Tee: 389
Distance from White Tee: 356
Distance from Blue Tee: 324
Distance from Gold Tee: 293

Elevation change from tee to landing area: +11'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: na
Elevation change from landing area to green: +10'

Another golf hole without any bunkers. However, water will come into play on the left side.

It is possible to use the slope on the right side of the landing area to less the ball drift back into the middle of the fairway. From this position, a good approach with left to right ball flight would work very well.

Hole No: 16 Par: 3 Dogleg: na

Distance from Black Tee: 193
Distance from Red Tee: 172
Distance from White Tee: 153
Distance from Blue Tee: 131
Distance from Gold Tee: 114

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -10'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area:
Elevation change from landing area to green:

The design intent on this hole is to create an optical illusion with the bunker in front of the forward tee. Hopefully, the back edge of the bunker will throw off the depth perception of golfers as the hole plays downhill. The greenside bunker will also hopefully work with the bunker by the tee to make it feel like the two were connected at one point.

A left to right ball flight will work well on this golf hole.

Hole No: 17 Par: 5 Dogleg: left

Distance from Black Tee: 572
Distance from Red Tee: 538
Distance from White Tee: 502
Distance from Blue Tee: 469
Distance from Gold Tee: 437

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -21'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: +9'
Elevation change from landing area to green: +8'

This hole is being redesigned to play without the large fairway pond. Regardless of the new design, this hole will be difficult simply because of the length of the hole.

While aiming at the right fairway side bunker, a nice right to left tee ball will get good roll and will leave you with the option of trying to clear the cross bunkers or not. The cross bunkers are at 500 yards, and will be the dividing line between "go for it," and not going for the green.

Hole No: 18 Par: 4 Dogleg: left

Distance from Black Tee: 433
Distance from Red Tee: 399
Distance from White Tee: 366
Distance from Blue Tee: 333
Distance from Gold Tee: 298

Elevation change from tee to landing area: -12'
Elevation change from landing area to landing area: na
Elevation change from landing area to green: +12'

Finishing strong is the key to any good design. This well bunkered hole will provide a good test for the finish.

The key is finding the fairway off the tee. As the green is well guarded with bunkers, it will be important to play from the fairway as that will give the player the best angles.

Again, depending on the location of the pin, the player will either play a fade or draw to the green. If the pin is up front, a nice draw can be played around the bunkers. However, if the pin is back, a cut is required to snuggle the ball up close.