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# QSE Longleaf Sandhills Course Guide

Carolina Sandhills golf: pine corridors, wide fairways, centre-line bunkers, and immense fast greens. Opens and closes with a par five.

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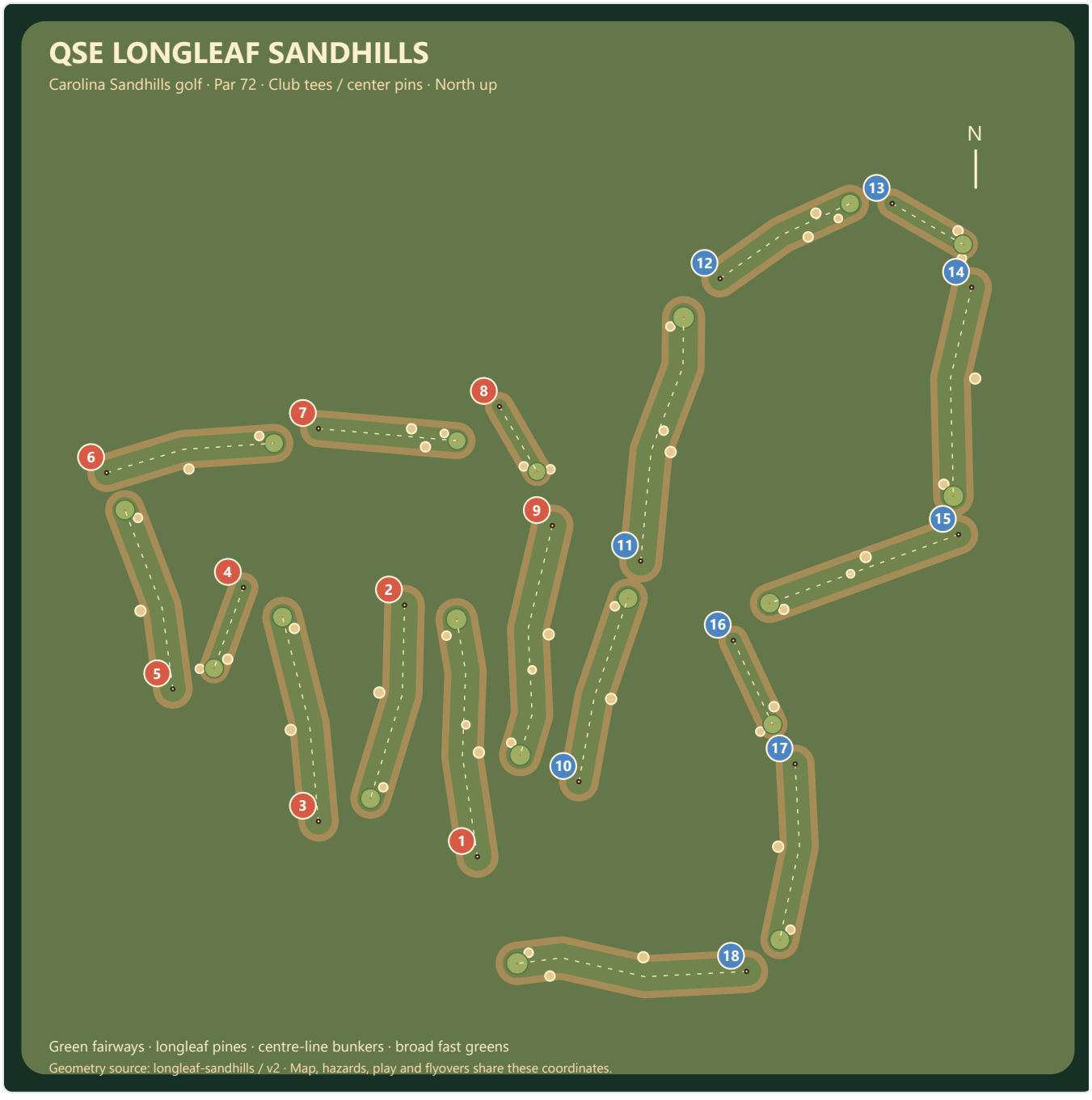
**Par** 72 **Holes** 18 **Club tees** 7,080 yd **Forward tees** 5,962 yd **Back tees** 7,437 yd




Four holes have a bunker in the middle of the fairway; the choice off the tee is short of it or over it.

## Scorecard

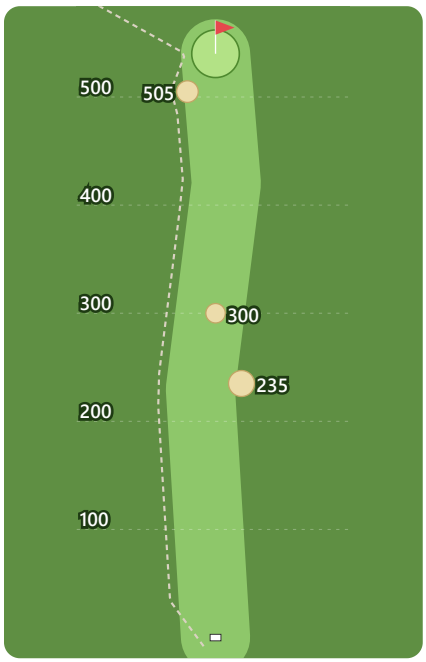
| Hole | Name | Par | Forward | Club | Back |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Long Needle | 5 | 457 | 542 | 562 |
| 2 | Wiregrass | 4 | 379 | 449 | 469 |
| 3 | Pine Cone | 4 | 397 | 471 | 491 |
| 4 | Hogback | 3 | 164 | 195 | 215 |
| 5 | Catbrier | 4 | 357 | 423 | 443 |
| 6 | Loblolly | 4 | 326 | 388 | 407 |
| 7 | Sand Road | 4 | 265 | 315 | 335 |
| 8 | Crown | 3 | 143 | 170 | 190 |
| 9 | Pine Porch | 5 | 447 | 530 | 550 |
| **Out** | | **36** | **2,935** | **3,483** | **3,662** |
| 10 | Scotch Broom | 4 | 363 | 431 | 451 |
| 11 | Turkey Oak | 5 | 476 | 566 | 586 |
| 12 | Quail Hollow | 4 | 288 | 342 | 361 |
| 13 | Needlegrass | 3 | 155 | 185 | 205 |
| 14 | Fox Squirrel | 4 | 404 | 479 | 499 |
| 15 | Sandhill | 4 | 382 | 455 | 475 |
| 16 | Pitch Pine | 3 | 176 | 210 | 230 |
| 17 | Burn | 4 | 340 | 403 | 423 |
| 18 | Longleaf Home | 5 | 443 | 526 | 545 |
| **In** | | **36** | **3,027** | **3,597** | **3,775** |

| Hole | Name | Par | Forward | Club | Back |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total | | 72 | 5,962 | 7,080 | 7,437 |

## Hole by hole

Distances on each hole card are measured from the Club tees along the line to the pin. Each hole has its own wind for the round, described as you stand on the tee (the arrow points the way it blows; the Daily Three sets one wind of its own). Green speed is on the stimpmeter: higher is faster.

### Hole 1 · Long Needle

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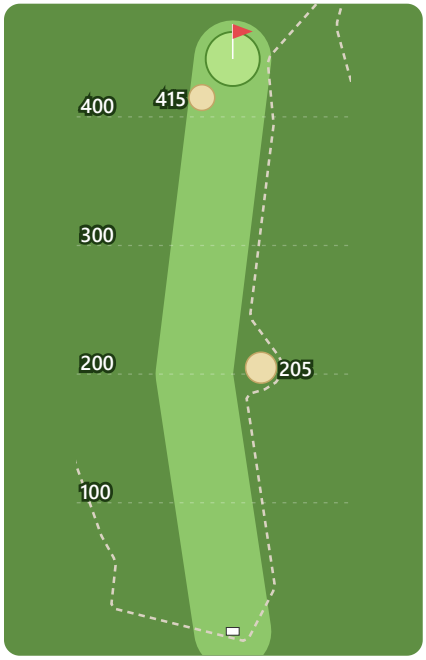
| **Par** | 5 |
| **Yards** | 542 Club · 457 Forward · 562 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 6 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 44 yards across, slopes 0.9% from front to back, speed 11.0 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 235 yd right · bunker 300 yd across the line · bunker 505 yd left |

An opening par five down a pine corridor. A central pot bunker at 300 splits the lay-up: left of it leaves the open side of the green, right leaves a shot over the front bunker.

## Hole 2 · Wiregrass

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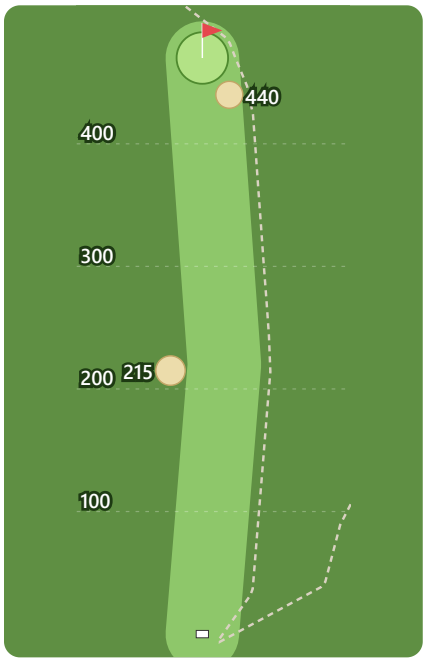
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 449 Club · 379 Forward · 469 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 7 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 42 yards across, slopes 1.1% from back-right to front-left, speed 11.1 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 205 yd right · bunker 415 yd left (greenside) |

A dogleg left between the pines. The drive wants the right half, past the bunker at 205; the approach plays a club longer than it looks to a green that falls away behind.

## Hole 3 · Pine Cone

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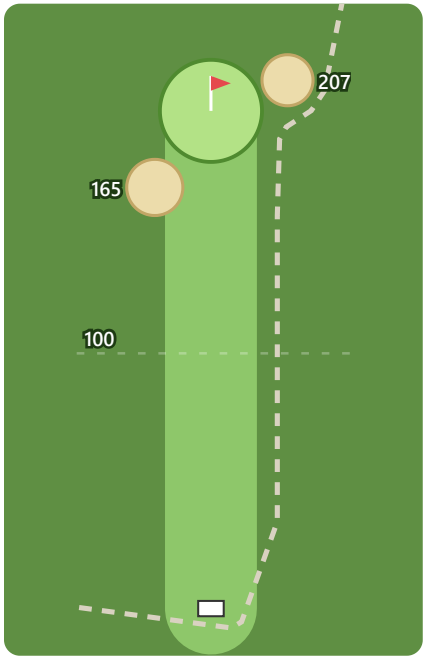
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 471 Club · 397 Forward · 491 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 7 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 42 yards across, slopes 1.0% from right to left, speed 11.2 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 215 yd left · bunker 440 yd right (greenside) |

Long and gently right-to-left. There is room left off the tee; the second shot is a long iron to a wide, open-fronted green.

## Hole 4 · Hogback

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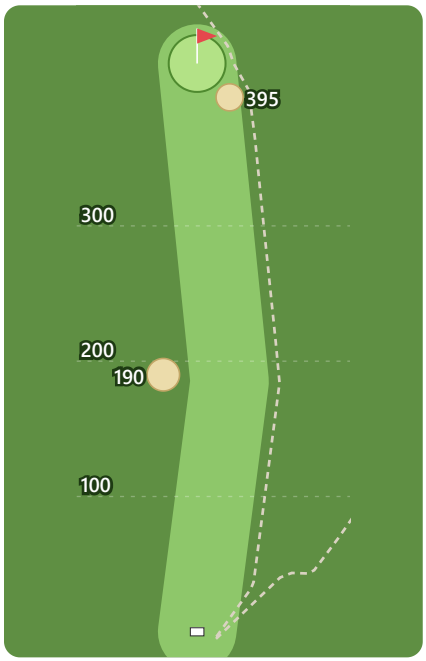
| **Par** | 3 |
| **Yards** | 195 Club · 164 Forward · 215 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 8 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 40 yards across, slopes 1.6% from front-left to back-right, speed 11.3 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 165 yd left (greenside) · bunker 207 yd right (greenside) |

A mid iron to a two-tier green. Below the hole is the only easy putt; both bunkers sit pin-high.

## Hole 5 · Catbrier

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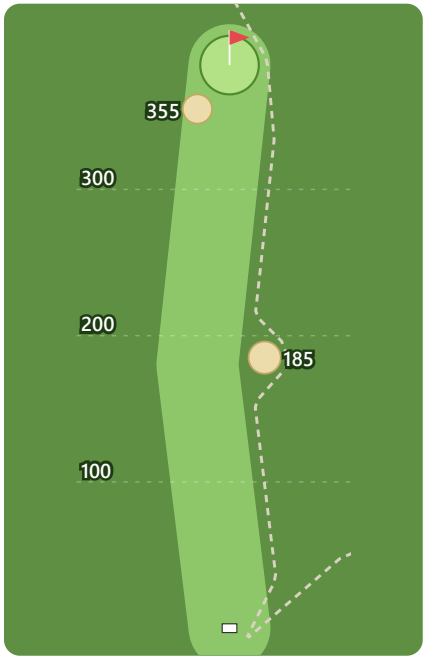
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 423 Club · 357 Forward · 443 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 8 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 42 yards across, slopes 1.2% from back-right to front-left, speed 11.1 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 190 yd left · bunker 395 yd right (greenside) |

A sweeping right-to-left par four. Hold the drive on the right side; the ground kicks everything toward the left bunker at 395.

## Hole 6 · Loblolly

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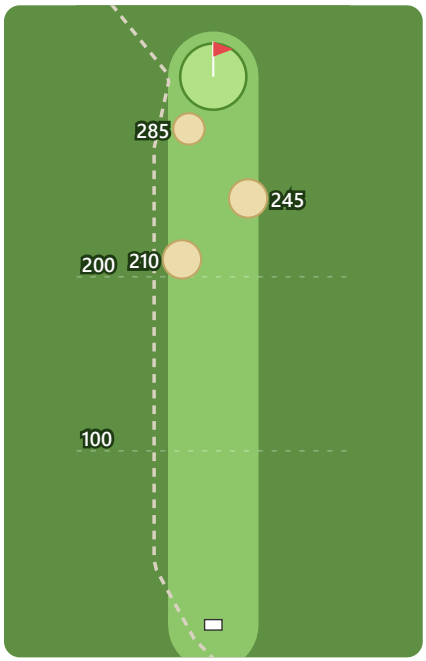
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 388 Club · 326 Forward · 407 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 9 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 40 yards across, slopes 0.8% from back-left to front-right, speed 11.0 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 185 yd right · bunker 355 yd left (greenside) |

The turn east. A three-wood keeps the ball short of the bunker at 185 and leaves a short iron to the broadest green on the course.

## Hole 7 · Sand Road

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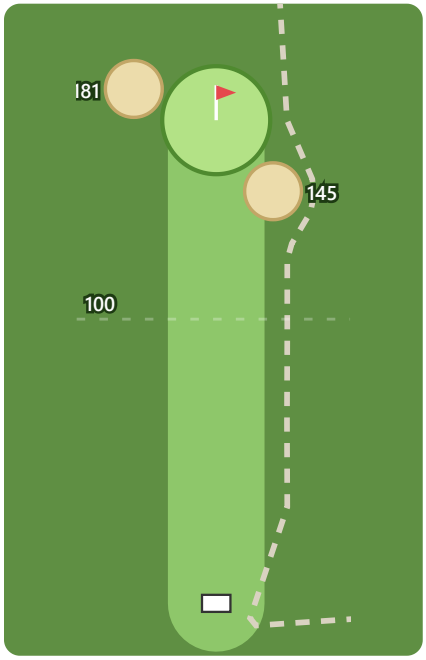
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 315 Club · 265 Forward · 335 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 9 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 38 yards across, slopes 1.4% from front to back, speed 11.2 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 210 yd left · bunker 245 yd right · bunker 285 yd left (greenside) |

The short par four. Three bunkers guard the last hundred yards; a 200-yard tee shot and a wedge is the sensible route, the driver the tempting one.

## Hole 8 · Crown

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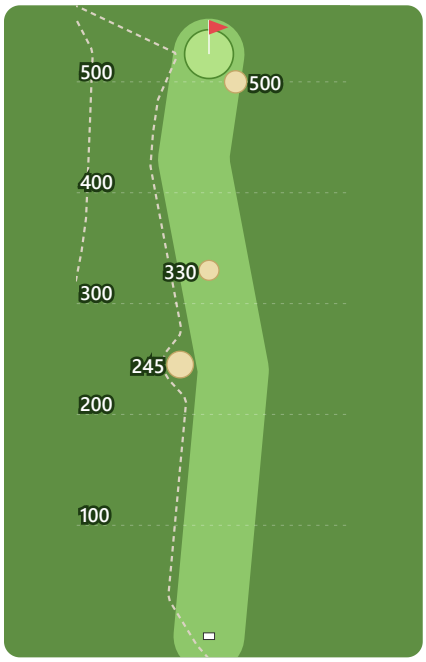
| **Par** | 3 |
| **Yards** | 170 Club · 143 Forward · 190 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 10 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 38 yards across, slopes 1.5% from left to right, speed 11.4 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 145 yd right (greenside) · bunker 181 yd left (greenside) |

A short iron to a crowned green. The middle is the target; every edge feeds away into a collection area.

## Hole 9 · Pine Porch

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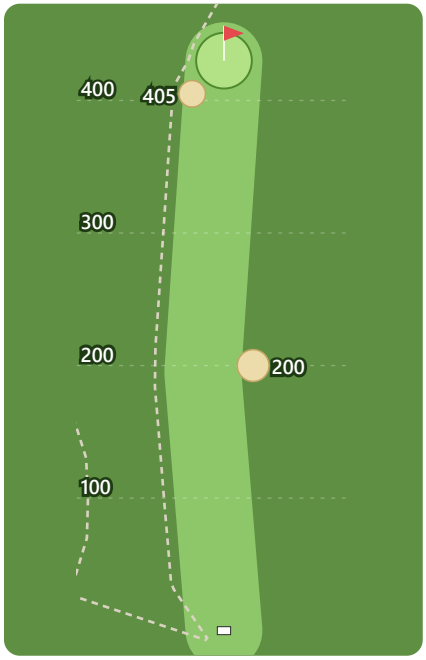
| **Par** | 5 |
| **Yards** | 530 Club · 447 Forward · 550 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 10 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 44 yards across, slopes 1.1% from front-left to back-right, speed 11.2 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 245 yd left · bunker 330 yd across the line · bunker 500 yd right (greenside) |

Back toward the clubhouse. A central bunker at 330 governs the second shot: lay up short of it or carry it to set up a pitch to a receptive green.

## Hole 10 · Scotch Broom

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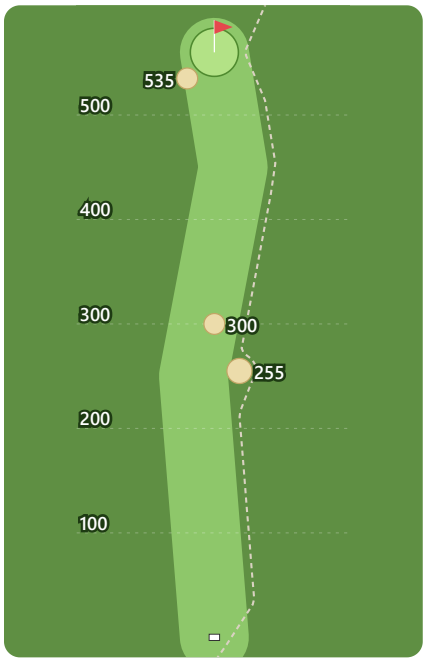
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 431 Club · 363 Forward · 451 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 8 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 42 yards across, slopes 0.9% from back to front, speed 11.0 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 200 yd right · bunker 405 yd left (greenside) |

The inward nine starts with a long, straight par four. Favor the left-centre line from the tee; the green opens from that side.

## Hole 11 · Turkey Oak

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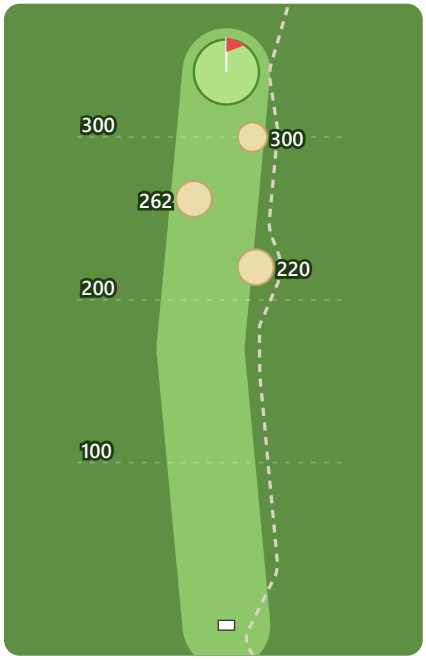
| **Par** | 5 |
| **Yards** | 566 Club · 476 Forward · 586 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 9 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 46 yards across, slopes 1.0% from front-right to back-left, speed 11.1 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 255 yd right · bunker 300 yd right · bunker 535 yd left (greenside) |

The longest hole. A central bunker at 300 and a corner bunker at 255 make the second shot the decision; the third is a wedge to a huge green.

## Hole 12 · Quail Hollow

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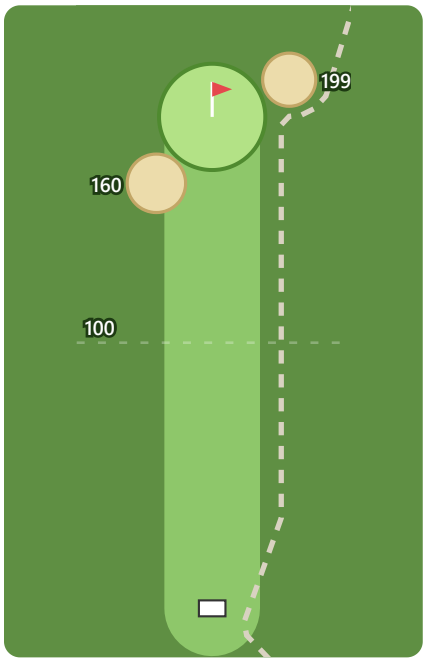
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 342 Club · 288 Forward · 361 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 10 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 40 yards across, slopes 1.2% from right to left, speed 11.1 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 220 yd right · bunker 262 yd left · bunker 300 yd right |

A drivable par four with a narrowing throat. The lay-up to 210 leaves a flick; the driver must thread three bunkers to find the green.

## Hole 13 · Needlegrass

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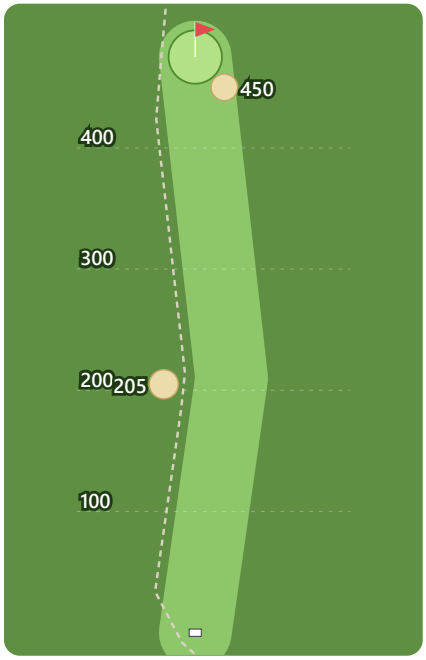
| **Par** | 3 |
| **Yards** | 185 Club · 155 Forward · 205 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 10 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 40 yards across, slopes 1.7% from front-left to back-right, speed 11.3 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 160 yd left (greenside) · bunker 199 yd right (greenside) |

A one-shotter to a long, two-level green. Take the club for the back shelf only when the flag is there.

## Hole 14 · Fox Squirrel

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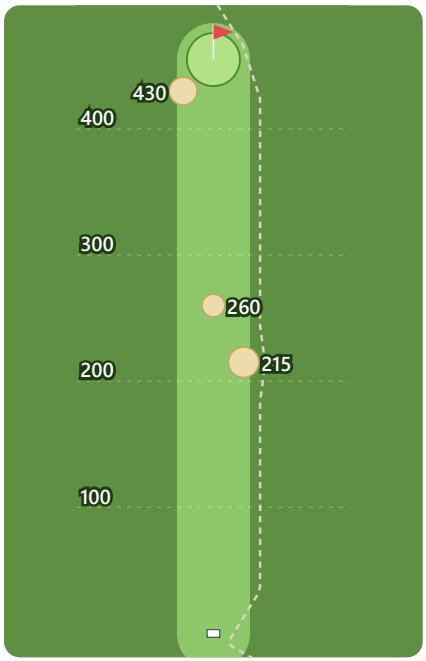
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 479 Club · 404 Forward · 499 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 11 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 44 yards across, slopes 1.1% from back-right to front-left, speed 11.1 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 205 yd left · bunker 450 yd right (greenside) |

The hardest par four: long and doglegging right. Cut the corner over the bunker at 205 or play out to the left and accept a long second.

## Hole 15 · Sandhill

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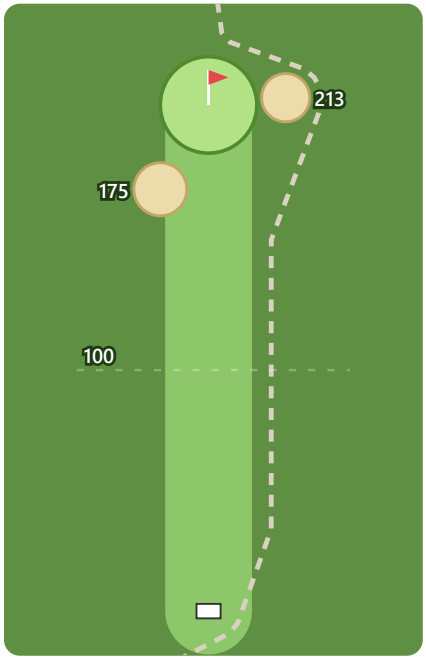
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 455 Club · 382 Forward · 475 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 11 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 42 yards across, slopes 1.4% from back to front, speed 11.2 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 215 yd right · bunker 260 yd across the line · bunker 430 yd left (greenside) |

Straight uphill between the tallest pines. A central bunker at 260 forces a choice off the tee: short of it with an iron, or over it with a driver.

## Hole 16 · Pitch Pine

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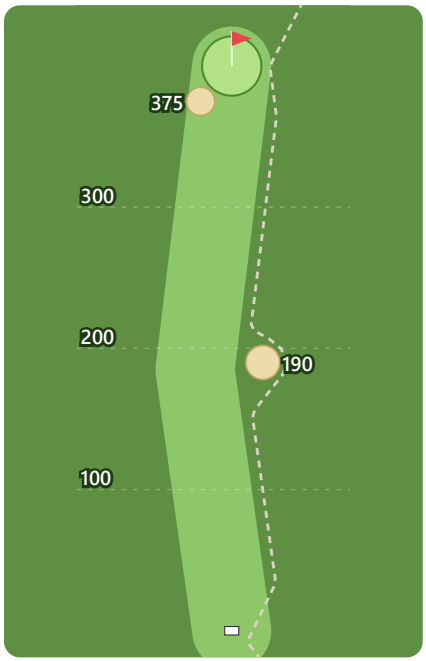
| **Par** | 3 |
| **Yards** | 210 Club · 176 Forward · 230 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 12 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 40 yards across, slopes 1.6% from right to left, speed 11.4 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 175 yd left · bunker 213 yd right (greenside) |

The long par three plays across the wind. Land it on the front half and let the slope carry it to the middle.

## Hole 17 · Burn

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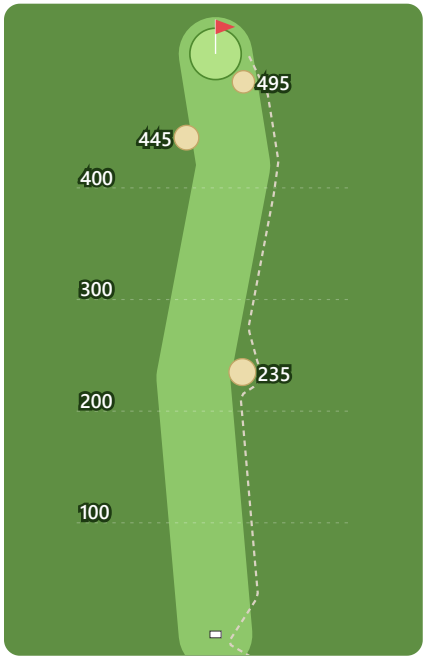
| **Par** | 4 |
| **Yards** | 403 Club · 340 Forward · 423 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 12 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 42 yards across, slopes 0.9% from back-left to front-right, speed 11.1 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 190 yd right · bunker 375 yd left (greenside) |

A dogleg left through a gap in the pines. The drive wants the right-centre line past the bunker at 190; the green is open on the right.

## Hole 18 · Longleaf Home

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|---|---|
| **Par** | 5 |
| **Yards** | 526 Club · 443 Forward · 545 Back |
| **Wind** | ↗ 12 mph helping, from the left |
| **Green** | about 46 yards across, slopes 1.0% from back to front, speed 11.2 |
| **Hazards** | Bunker 235 yd right · bunker 445 yd left · bunker 495 yd right (greenside) |

The closing par five is reachable with two good shots. The lay-up should finish left of the bunker at 445; the green is wide and open from that side.