

## Blue Ridge Shadows Golf Club ~ Room with a View

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Nothing quite compares to rolling out of a nice warm, comfortable bed, and none are closer to the action at Blue Ridge Shadows Golf Club than those at the Holiday Inn and Suites. Perched high above the back nine, the full-service hotel proves to be an excellent choice for stay and play golf packages in the Shenandoah Valley. One of the best hotel and conference centers in the area, you'll find guest rooms and suites with views of the mountains or the golf club.



The Tom Clark designed golf course rates highly in the state of Virginia. Seven sets of smartly situated tees including two PGA Family Tees create a layout that any level of golfer can enjoy at Blue Ridge Shadows. With more than 7300 yards from the tips, it carries a lofty 75.5 rating. Very comfortable senior tees and forward tees that measure just over 5000 yards earn a Top 50 "Women Friendly" rating from *Golf Magazine*.

The layout consists of two very distinct 9-hole sides with a more densely forested front side and a valley and creek basin running through the back. The par 4 opener proudly displays the Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park on the horizon that accompanies the hole's natural landscape. The next two holes play parallel to one another with the short uphill par 4 second and the long downhill par 3 third. The remainder of the outward nine drives through native hardwoods. Aim a shot up the left side of the par 5 fourth to avoid trouble looming to the right. An amphitheater of towering trees surrounds the lovely par 3 five. The long par 5 six takes you to the westernmost part of the property. From there, three par 4s swing you back to the clubhouse. None of these holes amount to back-breaking feats from the white tees. Keep the ball in play here to score well as you wrap up the front nine.



The back nine at Blue Ridge Shadows opens with a solid par 3 that requires a well struck tee shot to clear a large ravine. Several memorable signature elevated tees appear on the inward nine including one at eleven, a hole that shares its green with the par 4 thirteenth. The double dogleg par 5 fourteenth brings Crooked Run Creek into play. The last of the par 5s and the longest at Blue Ridge Shadows is sixteen, customarily a three-shot hole. Seventeen and eighteen are both short par 4s. A stone bulk-headed pond protects the green of the former, and a 60-foot waterfall cascades behind the green on the latter. Before, during, or after your round visit The Shadows Grill and Bar at the clubhouse for casual light fare and pub food.

Whether looking to take a day trip to a great golf course convenient to Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania or planning to stay awhile, Blue Ridge Shadows and the Holiday Inn form matched playing partners. Amenities at the modern hotel include luxurious lodging options from standard guest rooms to specialty suites. The popular Houlihan's Restaurant and Bar is located just off the lobby. A 5,000 square foot flexible conference and event space provides the hotel with destination wedding or family event capabilities. Other features include a business center, health and fitness center, whirlpool spa, heated indoor pool, and outside sundeck.



To book your stay and play package contact Megan Coutu at the golf course or choose Golf Guide Golf Getaways. Either will create a golf package perfect for your group. You can also pick from ten other courses in the surrounding area to add variety to your trip. General Manager Brian Jones and new Superintendent Chris Dieter combine their many years of golf expertise to assure that your next round or visit to Blue Ridge Shadows will be one to remember. 🏌️

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