

The Woods

The Woods ~ A Winner Every Time

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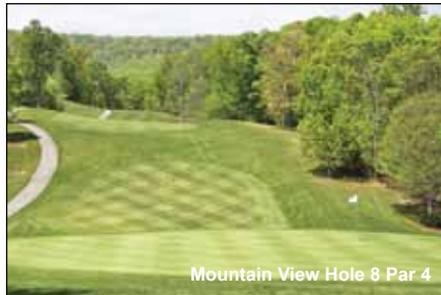


Mountain View Hole 2 Par 4

The State of West Virginia is blessed with some beautiful landscapes, and few of them rival the natural setting found around [The Woods](#) in the Eastern Panhandle. I have been a long-time fan of this facility, and even though it has gone through a metamorphosis of sorts, it remains as one of the most attractive golf destinations either for a daily fee day trip or an extended stay. The bones that developer Ray Johnston

laid down endure at The Woods. The 18-hole championship Mountain View course and the 18-hole mid-length Stony Lick course make up the heart and soul here and look and play as good today, if not better than ever before. Both courses can accommodate every level of golfer from beginner to expert with varying levels of difficulty. The wide variety of holes on each course make them fun, fair, and challenging.

The Mountain View course wanders around a wooded plateau where the majestic Third Hill Mountain dominates the views. Most holes play relatively flat but several offer some dramatic elevation changes. Carved from a forest, dogwood, maple, oak, and pine trees frame Mountain View's fairways. The Mountain View course at The Woods opened in 1989 and provides a wonderful jaunt over hills and valleys. At 6600 yards from the back tees you'll find plenty of room to hit the big stick all day long. Each hole has been given a descriptive moniker, and you'll easily see why most rounds on Mountain View are far from boring. The two par 3s on the front nine both play over



Mountain View Hole 8 Par 4



Mountain View Hole 18 Par 5

water, including the third, entitled "Ballwasher" featured on the cover. Three holes on the back nine, fifteen, sixteen, and eighteen, stand out to me. The par 5s, fifteen and the closer, are types of holes that can make or break your rounds. Put it this way. You can just as easily make a double on these holes as you can make a birdie. The lousy view from the short par 4 sixteenth's tee



Stony Lick Hole 1 Par 3

box that sits nearly 70 feet above the fairway is touted for its sheer drama.

The mid-length Stony Lick course at The Woods complements the regulation course perfectly. It plays to a par 62 from three sets of tees that range from 3000 to 3700 yards in length. Stony Lick was the first mid-length course to be built in

the Shenandoah and Cumberland valleys when it opened in 2002 and was conceived from a third nine that The Woods featured. Don't confuse Stony Lick with a pitch and putt course you might find at the beach. It provides plenty of challenge. High handicappers, youngsters, seniors, and families who want to play together find it especially fun. Holes here have been named just like its sister course. Perhaps no hole at The Woods is more recognized than the hole at the golf course entrance. The first hole on Stony Lick, a downhill 170-yard par three, presents a striking 80 foot drop from tee to green. The facility's signature logo sits just beyond the putting surface embedded in white into the landscape. Five par 4s are integrated into the mix allowing even the best of players to work on the scoring zone from 100 yards in. In 2015, The Woods routed a FootGolf course along the Stony Lick layout so that someone who plays traditional golf may play alongside someone lacing it up for a round of FootGolf. The Woods has been accredited as an American FootGolf League (AFGL) course.



Mountain View Hole 15 Par 5



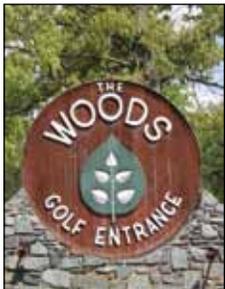
Stony Lick Hole 13 Par 4

The Woods has never been one to shy away from trying something new. This year they are holding a Tournament of Champions. Organizations hosting their fundraising tournaments at The Woods will be eligible to have their winning teams compete at the end of the season to earn additional monies to support their programs.



Thirteen charities have already been penciled in for the season-ending event. "We've been looking for something to give back to the community. It just came to me," The Woods Golf Pro Ron Springer said. After seeing numbers of tournament participants decrease recently, he hopes the project will help increase those totals. The top three teams in the Tournament of Champions will earn their charity extra money. The first place team will collect \$2,000 for their charity, the second place team \$1,000, and the third place team \$500. The winners themselves will also pick up prizes. Springer noted that the first year might not show a huge boost in participation, but he hopes that over time The Woods and the affiliations can build on those numbers.

Since I have spent so much time focusing on golf, I can't forget to mention the Sleepy Creek Spa at The Woods that offers treatments for both men and women. If you have been wearing yourself out on the course or in the back yard, Sleepy Creek may have just what you need to get reenergized. Also check out the Clubhouse Grille & Pub located at The Woods clubhouse where you can meet up with friends for a relaxing lunch or dinner, dine fireside in the pub, and watch the play on Mountain View's #18 fairway and green!



Drive to The Woods in just 90 minutes from the Baltimore and Washington beltways for the perfect day trip getaway for golfing and spa or spend your next getaway in a vacation rental at The Woods. Choose from the four bedroom Meadow Cottages ideal for small groups, the privately owned Pinecrest Cottages, or other unique and privately owned villas, cabins, and cottages. I personally know of quite a few people who went from being just plain visitors of The Woods to becoming either part-time or permanent residents. The lifestyle there can be a win whether for just the day or a lifetime.

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