

BEAR MOUNTAIN RESORT

The Mountain Course - Hole by Hole

JACK & STEVE NICKLAUS CO-DESIGNED MOUNTAIN COURSE

The Jack and Steve Nicklaus co-designed Mountain Course, an 18-hole beauty that is the first Jack and Steve Nicklaus co-designed course on Vancouver Island. The Mountain Course is a masterpiece, offering challenging terrain and spectacular natural beauty. A par 70 playing at 6,900 yards, the course takes full advantage of its setting atop a 1,100-foot mountain, exhibiting dramatic elevation changes and awe-inspiring views. The course has been assigned a slope rating of 142 from the back Golden tees, making it one of the most inspiring courses in North America. From the Golden tees stretching out to 6,900 yards while from the Spirit tees it plays 5,500 and the Cinnamon just 4,800.

#1 The opening hole is a dogleg left with large sand traps on the left and right side of the fairway. There is a natural water hazard and creek in front of the green making this par five a tough opening hole even for the long hitters.

#2 The second hole has a fairway sloping towards the creek on your right. If you hit a nice straight drive you should walk away with par as this hole measures 352 yards from the back tee and 375 from the championship tees.

#3 The third hole gently sweeps to the right. Don't be too greedy and cut your ball too close to the right side as you may be spending your time amongst the beautiful fir trees looking for your ball. Straight is the key to this hole, which has a large green with many contours.

#4 As your first par 3 you will enjoy the view over the green of the Malahat and surrounding mountain ranges. The green is tricky so try to place your shot leaving you with an uphill putt. This green was moved from the original drawing to incorporate more scenic views of the valley.

#5 The fifth is a long par 4 measuring 493 yards from the back tees. This hole tests your ball striking ability as it required a good straight drive to set up your second shot which is over water which is the natural habitat to rare frog species.

#6 The sixth hole measures 432 yards from the back tees with the fairway elevated from the tee area. Once you are at the top of the fairway you have a good shot to the green, as the sand traps are slightly away from this green.

#7 The seventh is a par 3 heavily guarded by a large sand trap in front of the green. The hole looks harder than it is because you are shooting over a large canyon as long as you have enough club you will be onboard with a birdie putt.

#8 The spectacular 8th hole is a beautiful par 4 measuring 483 yards from the back tees and plays slightly downhill. Your drive must clear the water and reach the fairway still leaving you a long approach shot. The green is fairly wide open so shoot for the pin.

#9 The 9th hole is a tricky par 4. A tee shot that hits the fairway will take advantage of the downhill slope. The green is large and situated in front of the water hazard so do not be long of the green with your approach.

#10 What can we say about this par 3 island green. One of golf's most spectacular holes this will end up on many calendars. Only 124 yards from the back tees but there is no room for error. Completely surrounded by water from the tee this hole could make or break your round.

#11 A tough par 4 with your tee shot over the water hazard but you are not done yet. The right side of the green is guarded with another water hazard so keeping your ball in play is critical on this hole.

#12 The 13th green is guarded by water all along the left side this hole has more room to the right than it looks like from the tee. A long par 4 at 488 yards from the back tees means your approach shot over the water could be over 200 yards. A precise tee shot will make or break your hole here.

#13 It's a long way to the green but once you get there you will be amazed. The green looks to Mt. Baker on the east. The city of Victoria and the city of Port Angeles are also easily in sight. This hole also has an upper and lower fairway to play on your way up as this hole is totally up hill.

#14 The uniquely designed hole formerly known as the 19th hole was added because of its view – offering a panoramic view of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Olympic Mountain range and the city of Victoria. This short par three is a stunning and truly spectacular golf hole.

#15 The 15th is a tough hole. The main trouble is you aren't sure if you want to look over your back to the city views or look straight ahead down at the valley or up to Mt. Finlayson. This hole leans from right to left so hit down the right side of the fairway

#16 The 16th is a par 3 with a sloping right to left green. The hole plays much shorter than the 189 yards from the back tees with the green being well below the tee above.

#17 The 17th is not a long par 4. This is an ultimate risk reward hole measuring only 343 yards from the very back tees do you pull driver and go for the green or iron and play it safe?

#18 The 18th finishing hole is a tough, long par 5 with water throughout. Each shot has to be carefully hit into the right spot to ensure a par here. A great closing hole made famous by Mike Weir's \$270,000 closest to the pin heroics in the 2010 Telus Skins Game.

