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MOUNTAIN COURSE OVERVIEW

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The Nicklaus Design Mountain Course, an 18-hole championship course, was the first Jack and Steve Nicklaus co-designed course on Vancouver Island. The Mountain Course is a masterpiece, offering challenging terrain and spectacular beauty. A par 71 playing at 6,850 yards, the course takes full advantage of its setting on an 1,100-foot mountain, exhibiting dramatic elevation changes and awe-inspiring views. The course, home to two consecutive PGA TOUR Champions events, has been assigned a slope rating of 142 from the back Golden tees, making it one of the most inspiring courses in North America.

**#1** The opening hole is a dog-leg left with large sand traps on the right and left 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 a creek on the right. A nice drive should result in a par as this hole measures 375 yards from the championship tees.

**#3** The third hole gently sweeps to the right. Don't be greedy and cut your shot too close to the right side as you may end up 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 the first par 3 on the course, you will enjoy the view over the green of the Malahat Mountain range and surrounding mountains. The green is tricky so try to place your drive to leave an uphill putt.

**#5** The fifth hole is a challenging par 4 measuring 389 yards from the back tees. This hole tests your ball striking ability as a good drive is required to set up a second shot to the green.

**#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 hole 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 - but as long as you have enough club, you will be onboard with a birdie putt.

**#8** The spectacular eighth 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 ninth 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 picturesque par 3 island green? This is one of golf's most spectacular holes, 152 yards from the back tees with little 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.

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**#12** The twelfth green is guarded by water along the left side. A reachable par 5, this is a great risk/reward hole. Going for the green with a second shot requires the carry of a significant water hazard.

**#13** It's a long way to the green but once you get there you will be amazed by the view looking to Mt. Baker on the east. The city of Victoria and the city of Port Angeles are also easily in sight. Totally uphill, this hole also has an upper and lower fairway to play on your way up.

**#14** The uniquely designed hole formerly known as the 19th hole was added because of its panoramic view of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Olympic Mountain range and the city of Victoria. This short par 3 is stunning and truly spectacular.

**#15** While enjoying stunning views of Victoria and Mt. Finlayson, the challenge of the fifteenth hole is proper drive placement in order to take advantage of the downhill slope of the fairway. This hole leans from right to left, so play to the right side of the fairway is recommended.

**#16** The sixteenth 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 seventeenth 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 a driver and go for the green or an iron and play it safe?

**#18** The eighteenth finishing hole is a tough, long par 5 with water throughout. Each shot has to be carefully placed to ensure a par. A great closing hole, #18 was made famous during the 2016 PGA Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship when Colin Montgomerie made a 15-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole to edge out Scott McCarron.