

HOLE BY HOLE DESCRIPTIONS

The Ashford



Hole No. 1 Punchbowl, Par 3, 85 yards A “punchbowl green” is a putting surface that sits inside a hollow or depressed area on a golf hole, so that the putting green appears as a “bowl,” with a flat bottom and sides rising up from that bottom. The bottom is the putting surface. The “sides” of the bowl typically consist of mounding around three sides of the putting surface. The front of a punchbowl green is open to the fairway to allow golf balls to run onto the green, and the fairway often runs down to a punchbowl green. The complex is very accepting to most shots as it will play slightly downhill.



Hole No. 2 Press, Par 3, 82 yards This hole plays to a shared green with Double. This concept was inspired from a Walter Travis green complex from Kennebunkport, Maine. Mr. Travis thought a player should be able to play most shots around a green with almost any club in his bag. With the large approach and mounding around this green, a player should be able to use a variety of clubs and imagination if the green is missed.



Hole No. 3 Duel, Par 3, 93 yards This hole plays to a shared green with Lions Mouth. It is inspired by The Duel Hole, a famous par 3 designed by A.W. Tillinghast at The San Francisco Golf and Country Club. That famous hole was built on the actual site of a well-known duel in 1859 between Senator David Broderick and Supreme Court Justice David Terry of the Democratic Party. This duel hole has a large potato chip-looking putting surface, a concept “Tilly” incorporated in many of his designs.

In case you were wondering, Supreme Court Justice Terry was on the better end of the duel!



Hole No. 4 Reverse Redan, Par 3, 100 yards With two great concepts in one, the reverse Redan will encourage players to play left of their target and use the slope to get closer to the hole and the more level part of the green. A misplaced shot to the right will force the player to have to contend with the deep bathtub bunker that guards the green!



Hole No. 5 Plateau, Par 3, 112 yards This hole plays along Howard's Creek and to a double shelved putting surface. The green complex features a sloping green from back to front with deep penal bunkers to the left and rear of the green. This hole plays the longest of any on the course.



Hole No. 6 Lions Mouth, Par 3, 76 yards This hole plays to a double green shared with the Duel hole. The green is split by a large ridge that dissects the two holes. A "Lions Mouth" bunker, guards the front right of the green. The Lions Mouth is a concept that Seth Raynor and CB Macdonald used on many of their courses.



Hole No. 7 Double Par 3, 97 yards This hole plays to another shared green with the Press hole. The green is again separated by a large ridge running through the center, giving each hole its own defined putting surface, even though the greens are connected. A long skinny bunker on the front left guards the green. Once on the green, the surface has many subtle breaks. Walter Travis, renowned for his green complexes, inspired the green concept.



Hole No. 8 The Redan Par 3, 102 yards The original Redan hole was built in Scotland at North Berwick. The hole has been duplicated many times by the likes of Seth Raynor, CB Macdonald, Charles Banks and many others. The Redan allows a player to play on the extreme side of the green, to which the ball will roll to the level part of the putting surface.



Hole No. 9 Papa Par 3, 88 yards This hole is our rendition of HC "Papa" Leeds' 9th hole at Myopia Hunt Club – which some call the most interesting par three in the world. This quirky, but fun, short par 3 has it all – from the surprise bathtub bunkering (deep and skinny), to the dramatic views once on the green.

History of The Ashford Course

The most recent addition to the award-winning golf offerings at The Greenbrier opened in August of 2018. The Ashford Short Course, located at The Greenbrier Sporting Club, is a walking-only 9-hole loop of par 3 holes ranging from 56 to 112 yards in length. The holes pay tribute to revered architects and courses around the world and provide a relaxed family environment that is entertaining for golfers of all levels and abilities. Available for both Greenbrier guests and members of The Greenbrier Sporting Club, the Ashford Short Course provides a place for beginners to learn the game and more experienced golfers an opportunity to work out the rust on the short game.

The course's name pays tribute to the a unique moment in the resort's nearly 250-year past. In 1942, The Greenbrier was sold to the United States Army, and it became a hospital for sick and wounded soldiers during World War II. Named for Army physician Col. Bailey K. Ashford, Ashford General Hospital treated more than 25,000 soldiers from 1942 through 1946. It employed 45 doctors, 100 nurses and 500 enlisted men, along with hundreds of volunteers. The recovering servicemen benefited by using The Greenbrier's immaculate facilities – including the golf courses – during their recovery.