

Welcome to Glen Haven!

The following are explanations for the designs of holes 2 and 17 at Glen Haven.

Hole 2 - Par 4 - 394yd

I wanted a tricky, medium length par 4 here for the second hole, something to get your brain working. Off the tee you are given 3 options, keeping in mind the best angle to the green is from the right. You can play safe by hitting straight up the fairway with a long iron or fairway wood, making sure not to go through the fairway into a bunker. Another option is to hit up the right side, staying short of the bunker guarding that side. Last, for the big hitters, try playing a big fade over the bunker, about a 260 yard carry to a small landing area. I decided to give the green some natural defense by perching it on the slope and angling it away from the line of play. Since the approach is relatively short the green is smaller in size and shows plenty of movement. The toughest pin placement will be back left over a small bunker, while the easiest being middle-right. Don't forget to enjoy the views!

Hole 17 - Par 4 - 298yd

For the 17th at Glen Haven I decided this would be the perfect spot for a driveable par 4. I drew inspiration from a drawing in Michael Hurdzan's book Golf Course Architecture. The drawing was for a long par 4, but I saw that it applied to a driveable par 4 very well also. The best angle to the green is from the right, so you may opt to play a long-iron to the right side, but look out for the bunkers guarding the landing area. The safest play is a fairway wood down the left side to a large landing area. Your approach here is short, but to a narrow green with 3 deep bunkers to catch mishits. The most dangerous option is to go for the gusto and try to drive the green. With the green angled to the left, so a draw is the optimum shot here. There's some room to miss on the right, but anything left will get eaten up by the trio of bunkers guarding the green. The green is two-tiered to add some difficulty once you are safely putting.