

Hole of the

■ No. 18, East Course
Winged Foot Golf Club
Mamaroneck, N.Y.



Month

Go East, Young Man

At Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y., it's usually the West Course of the 1923 A.W. Tillinghast design that gets all the attention. After all, the West Course has hosted four U.S. Opens and countless other memorable tournaments (including the 2004 U.S. Amateur last month).

But students of the game and golf course architecture say the East Course is in some ways just as challenging, as embodied by the 384-yard par-4 18th hole. Nicknamed "Taps" because it's the final march to the clubhouse (and perhaps because it marks the mournful end to a difficult round of golf), golfers will find many points of interest, including the mammoth bunker guarding the left side of a challenging green.

Long hitters should favor the left side of the fairway to take advantage of favorable forward bounces, and members recommend that golfers read the green carefully because of its subtle breaks.

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