

Saint Croix National Golf Club Player's Guide

Site of the 1996 MGCSA Amateur Championship

1 Par 4, 346 yards
A drop of over 100 feet off the first tee offers a dramatic beginning to Saint Croix National. Drive the ball at the front left corner of the green and let it fall to the generous landing area at the bottom of the valley. This drive will leave a short pitch to a two-tiered green.

2 Par 4, 328 yards
A short dogleg left requires a tee shot of about 200 yards favoring the right half of the fairway. From this position you will be left with a short iron over the pond which guards the front of this small green.

3 Par 3, 194 yards
A straightforward par three. Avoid missing long or right. Stop to enjoy the view from the cart turnaround area above the tee boxes.

4 Par 5, 560 yards
The first of two long par fives on the front nine. A drive just left of the right hand fairway bunker leaves you with many options. The second shot can be laid up short of the cross bunkers, just over the cross bunkers, or long hitters can go for the green in two. The pond guarding the right side of the green will come into play on both the lay-up shot and the third shot to the green.

5 Par 4, 404 yards
A classic dogleg left. A drive just left of the fairway bunker leaves a mid-to-short iron into this green which has trouble just long.

6 Par 5, 557 yards
A long dogleg left par five with trouble left and right along the entire hole. A drive at or just left of the right hand fairway bunker followed by a long and straight second shot will leave a short uphill third shot to a small green.

7 Par 3, 142 yards
A dramatic downhill par three. Simply enjoy the view and don't go long.

8 Par 4, 389 yards
The first of two challenging finishing holes on the front nine. A drive in the right half of the fairway should kick left leaving a mid-to-short iron shot which must be maneuvered around or over the trees guarding the front left of the green. This green has trouble left and long.

9 Par 4, 388 yards
Trouble left and right off the tee makes the key to this hole a straight drive placed at or just left of the fairway bunker. A good drive leaves a challenging uphill second shot which will play one to two clubs longer than the yardage due to the elevation change.

10 Par 4, 400 yards
A dramatic dogleg right which calls for the drive to be placed just left of the fairway bunkers. Out-of-bounds comes into play to the left of the fairway. The second shot will be a mid-to-short iron into a beautiful green with trouble long and left.

11 Par 4, 297 yards
This short dogleg right requires a tee shot between 190-210 yards to leave a short 100-yard shot into the green. Bold players may wish to drive the ball just short of the green, but bunkers and trees then come into play.

12 Par 5, 490 yards
The shortest par 5 on the course requires a drive at or just left of the right hand fairway bunker. Long hitters may be able to reach this green in two, but bunkers short of the green must be carried. The more conservative play is to lay up to the top of the hill and leave a short pitch into a small green.

13 Par 4, 412 yards
Drive the ball just left of the fairway bunker being careful to avoid the pond on the left of this dramatic par 4. The right side of the fairway provides the best angle into the green which

is guarded by a pond in the back right corner. Don't forget to enjoy the view from this tee!

14 Par 4, 397 yards
This tee shot calls for the ball to be placed short of a steep drop-off. The yardages to the dropoff are as follows: Black = 258 yards, Blue = 234 yards, White = 198 yards and Red = 146 yards. Aim at the stand of birch trees on the left to give yourself the best angle into the green. The dramatic second shot requires a long iron over the valley to the green.

15 Par 3, 136 yards
A picturesque par three. Just don't go over the green.

16 Par 4, 382 yards
This par four calls for a drive to be placed in the left side of the fairway. The two-tiered green will offer plenty of challenge. Trouble on this hole is over the green.

17 Par 3, 182 yards
This great par three will be the turning point of many matches. The forced carry over water leaves very little room for error. The large undulating green will cause even the best players to stop and think.

18 Par 5, 540 yards
The finishing hole at Saint Croix National requires a drive to be placed just left of the right fairway bunker. The second shot will be a long lay-up to the bottom of the hill. The fairway bunkers at the bottom of the hill should be your target. The third shot is a challenging short shot with trouble all around this small undulating green.

Total Yardage:

Black Tees.....	3506-3403-6909
* Blue Tees	3308-3236-6544
White Tees.....	3099-3045-6144
Yellow Tees.....	2602-2649-5251

* The Championship will be played from the Blue Tees.