

Here's a Hole-by-Hole View of The Preserve

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The challenging Preserve golf course, site of the 1997 Stodola Research Scramble at Grand View Lodge on September 14, opened for play last August and clearly is developing into another Brainerd Lakes area golfing gem.

Somewhat similar to The Pines at Grand View Lodge, it also has many of its own characteristics which make it a joy to play.

Built through a picturesque forest on 240 acres, this par 72 course has attractive rolling hills with 75 feet of change in elevation, 14 elevated tees, 36 sand traps and 40 acres of wetland.

The Preserve has bent grass greens, tees and fairways and offers multiple sets of tees which vary from 4,816 to 6,620 yards.

1 502 Yards Par 5

Great starting hole. Elevated tee shot to a fairway carved through trees. Fairway doglegs slightly right to an uphill green tucked back in the trees. Green is reachable in two for long hitters, but is protected in front by bunkers.

2 134 Yards Par 3

Kidney-shaped green protected front left by huge bunker. Terrain to the back and right of green slopes severely away, so club selection is critical to avoid overshooting green. A smaller bunker on the backside will save a few errant long shots.

3 375 Yards Par 4

Elevated tee shot to fairway protected on both sides by bunkers. Fairway doglegs slightly left to a small green guarded on left side by a bunker. A good drive is rewarded with

a short approach shot, but accuracy is needed to avoid the sloped banks on either side of the green.

4 335 Yards Par 4

Tee shot over small wetland through narrow opening in trees. Fairway is tight with trees on right and water on the left. Again a good tee shot yields a short approach to this large, elevated, undulating green.

5 437 Yards Par 4

A properly placed tee shot is critical to making par on this hole. The fairway doglegs around a small wetland on the right and stops short of a second wetland area. A tee shot through the fairway on the left could make reaching the green in two quite difficult. The approach shot is a forced carry over a 70-yard wetland to an uphill, two-level green.

6 551 Yards Par 5

An interesting hole with a blind shot off the tee. About 150 yards from the green, the fairway is separated by a narrow strip of rough. To the right of this are two small ponds, and to the left is a wetland area which comes into play and is waiting to accept any errant second shots. The green is two-tiered and is guarded on the front left by two bunkers.

7 393 Yards Par 4

An elevated tee shot to a rolling fairway. This hole has a large green which wraps around a bunker on the front left side, and has a tiered shelf in the back right corner.

8 197 Yards Par 3

Medium-length shot to a large

green guarded on the front right by a horseshoe shaped bunker.

9 436 Yards Par 4

This hole doglegs right with the fairway protected on both sides by bunkers. A strip of rough separates the green from the end of the fairway and makes it necessary to carry the approach shot all the way to the elevated green. This very large green has mounding at the rear and is protected by a small pot bunker and trees on the left. Out of bounds guards the entire left side of this hole.

10 424 Yards Par 4

A great par 4 to start off the back nine. Water comes into play off all tees. This beautifully rolling fairway is cut through the trees and is protected on the right by a bunker. The elevated green is set into a hillside with water and a bunker on the right.

11 428 Yards Par 4

A good tee shot is required to clear the valley at the beginning of the fairway. The left side of the fairway is guarded by a bunker. This two tiered green is positioned diagonally to the fairway and has mounding to the left and rear with a large bunker on the front right.

12 384 Yards Par 4

This hole doglegs left with two bunkers guarding the right corner of the fairway. The inside corner of the dogleg slopes left away from the landing area. This bowl shaped green is one of the smallest on the course and is protected on the right side by a bunker.

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13 162 Yards Par 3

A beautiful elevated tee shot to a green that slopes slightly from left to right with a swail through the middle and a bunker on the front right.

14 287 Yards Par 4

A short par 4 reachable off the tee for very long hitters. A spectacular view of the hole, which is carved through the trees, awaits the golfer from the upper tee location. Small elevated green is two-tiered and guarded on the front left by a small pot bunker.

15 412 Yards Par 4

To reach the landing area on this hole, the tee shot must clear a ravine which cuts across in front of the fairway. The hole doglegs to the right with the entire right side dropping sharply to the ravine below. The green is good sized with a bunker along the right side.

16 473 Yards Par 5

A reachable par 5 for long hitters. The hole doglegs left and has two bunkers on the right corner. Left of the hole is lined with trees, which makes cutting the corner quite risky. This large green has lots of roll to it and has a bunker along the right side.

17 171 Yards Par 3

An elevated tee shot to a green closely guarded on three sides by bunkers. To the right of the green is a rock-lined pond which adds to the beauty of this hole.

18 519 Yards Par 5

A great finishing hole. Once again, the elevated tees provide a wonderful view of the hole. The rolling fairway doglegs left with a bunker on the right corner. Water may come into play for any shots short and left of the green. This good-sized green is guarded on the left side by a massive bunker.

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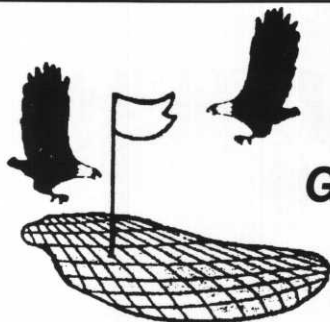
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