

Here's a Hole-by-Hole View of Pebble Creek CC

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Here is a brief description of Pebble Creek Country Club. MGCSA members will play the red nine and the white nine.

RED NINE

1 405 Yards Par 4

Club selection off the tee is important for two reasons on this hole. Ensure that you are in the fairway and at a distance for a full shot to a shallow green fronted by a large pond. The fairway bunker is 227 yards from the front of the middle tee. A back right pin may be easiest to get it close, however, it presents more difficult putts.

2 365 Yards Par 4

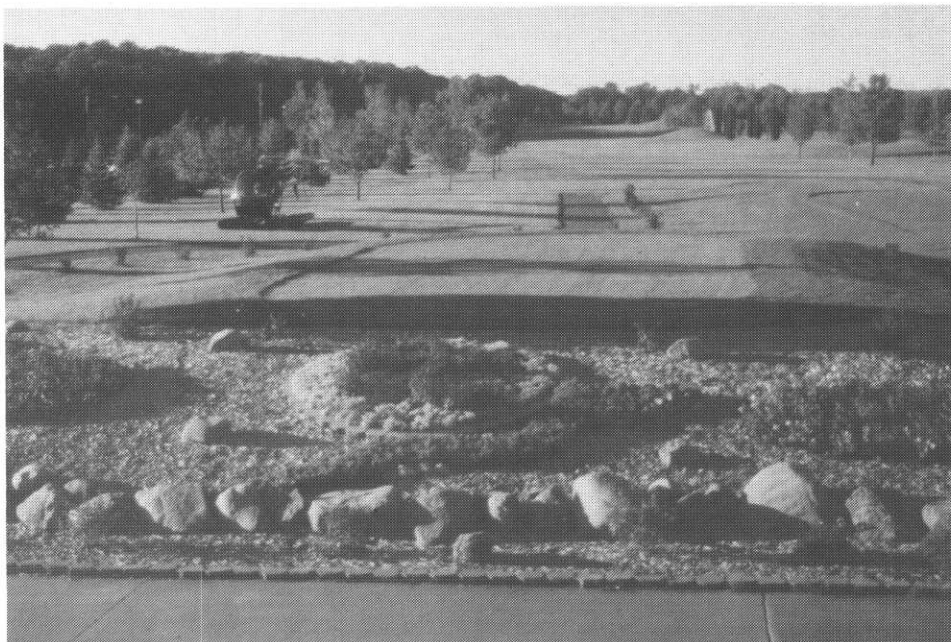
A short dogleg left presents little problem unless you get greedy off the tee. Laying up short of the mound leaves 130 yards to the green. However, if the driver is hot, take it over the fairway bunker — it's only a 230 yard carry. The green slopes toward the front except for a small shelf back right.

3 165 Yards Par 3

A well-bunkered Par 3 of 165 yards that usually plays into prevailing winds. The back half of the green slopes toward the front. Beware of the "sucker" pins front right and back left.

4 420 Yards Par 4

The most difficult Par 4 on this side requires a lay-up off the tee because of a pond that crosses the fairway. Land bridge on left side. Any-



thing too close to the edge will yield a downhill lie in the rough. It's 208 yards to the end of fairway. Stay below the hole if it's front of center.

5 530 Yards Par 5

Do you feel lucky? A dogleg right Par 5 boasts plenty of water down its entire right side. Plenty of "others" are recorded here; however if conditions are right, the hole is reachable in two shots. The drive must hug the water's edge to leave a shot of less than 250 yards to the green. A good approach shot is left, short of the hole.

6 400 Yards Par 4

Straightforward, well-bunkered, Par 4 requires a drive of 225 yards to carry left bunker. Out-of-bounds behind green, which doesn't hold shots hit to back half, makes proper club selection imperative or your approach

shot is left short of the hole.

7 550 Yards Par 5

Don't let the numerous O.B. stakes along the left side of this 550 yard hole bother you. Instead, visualize a drive of 245 yards to carry the fairway bunker. Rarely reachable in two, lay up on the left side of the dogleg to open up the small green. Don't be long!

8 210 Yards Par 3

Birdies are rare on this long Par 3. Usually played into the wind, this tee shot is all carry. The large tee can vary club selection between a 5-iron to a fairway wood.

9 415 Yards Par 4

In order to make par here, you must take the fairway bunkers out of

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play. Laying up short will still leave 180 yards into this bunkered green. Avoid missing left.

WHITE NINE

1 435 Yards Par 4

Even at 435 yards, this hole should not pose too much trouble if you advance the ball and keep it in play. The fairway bunker should not come into play but the oak tree could. A ball knocked down here and it will be tough to reach the green.

2 505 Yards Par 5

A classic risk/reward hole. Short enough to reach in two shots, this Par 5 is lined by lateral hazards on both

4 190 Yards Par 3

Don't lose your shot right. A pond guards the entire right side of this green just 20 feet off the putting surface. This putting surface should yield a few birdies. Check the wind carefully as you won't feel it out of the south or east.

5 525 Yards Par 5

A reachable Par 5 if you're in the fairway which is very narrow at the second bunker. From there it's 225 yards to a small green. Lateral hazard runs entire left side of hole.

6 180 Yards Par 3

Water surrounds the green short, left and long on this Par 3. Swirling winds make club selection

leg or lay up. A lay up left of center leaves 135-150 yards to the green. Anything closer risks going in the bunkers at the corner. Cutting the corner requires accuracy and length. Pick a line just left of the bunkers. You'll need 250 yards to reach short grass. Stay below the hole for legitimate birdie opportunities.

9 370 Yards Par 4

This deceptively easy Par 4 has squelched many a sub par round. This risk/reward hole offers the long hitter a formidable challenge. Out-of-bounds guards both sides and behind the green. A drive of 230 yards will clear the bunker leaving a flip wedge to the small, lobed green.



sides. If you do center cut your tee shot with some length, the most guarded green on the course awaits you. Six bunkers and a pond catch wayward approach shots to the green 46 yards deep surrounded by a lateral hazard.

3 370 Yards Par 4

Take an iron out and lay up short of the fairway bunkers. Big hitters should take it over the left fairway bunker — a carry of 235 yards. Position off the tee is more important than distance on this hole. A small ridge laterally bisects this green.

difficult from the elevated tee. The green slopes slightly from back to front and right to left.

7 395 Yards Par 4

Keep it straight off the tee to have a clear shot at the green. Too far left and trees will block your approach. The fairway bunker right requires a blind shot to the green. The green is situated on a peninsula of land surrounded by river bottom and backwater.

8 395 Yards Par 4

You have a choice to cut the dog-

Red Nine — 3,460 Yards
White Nine — 3,360 Yards
Total — 6,820 Yards

All distances form Blue Tees.



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