

Strikes n' Strokes

Bowling and Golf news

COURSE REVIEW - WOODLAND HILLS



Woodland Hills is on the western side of Sandusky just about one half mile north of M46 on Gates Road.

The course has four sets of tees ranging from 5149 yards to 6361.

Woodland Hills is a fun tract to play as it has several unique including No. 13 and No. 14 (shown above).

No. 14 at Woodland Hills is a relatively short par-5, 487 yards. However the shot into the green might have to carry these willow trees. That, or punch it low and between the gap.

Woodland Hills Golf Course

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Front	(yards)	Back	(yards)	Total	(yards)
Blue	3046	Blue	3315	Blue	6361
White	2884	White	3091	White	5975
Gold	2643	Gold	2773	Gold	5498
Red	2528	Red	2621	Red	5149



Left, the first hole at Woodland Hills is a 176-yard, par-3 to open up your round. Not much trouble with a large green to hit.

Below, the 349-yard, par-4 has a left dogleg from the tee box. The entire left side of the fairway is protected by a water hazard.

I tried to cut the corner, hit a line drive and got a couple of skips off the water onto the rough.

But, if you hit the ball too far right, you could get blocked by trees on the right hand side of the green.





Above, the No. 3 fairway is one of typical holes on the front nine. There are a lot of trees that are on both sides of the fairway. Below, a side view of the green, is the second par-3 on the front nine, 181 yards from the blue tees. The green slopes from back to front,





Left, the No. 7 hole is a 380-yard, par-4. Left side of the trees is a pond.

The trees on the left will force a punch out to the right side of the fairway.

While there trees on the right side, too, there is a generous landing area to the right of the 150-yard marker.

The green is nestled behind the last group of trees on the left.

Below, is the No. 9 hole.

It is a long par 4 that measures 455 yards from the tips.

There is a lot of room for your tee shot so let it rip.





Above, the 10th hole is a par-5, 547 yards from the blue tees.

Down the left side, is a water hazard while a large sand bunker awaits errant tee shots to the right.

The fairway funnels to the left.

A relatively flat green gives this hole a good chance for red numbers.

Left, the No. 11 hole the first to two 370-yard par 4s that take you toward the front nine and then right back to north east side of the course.

On the left of both the 11th and 12th holes are water hazards that give the greens some type of protection.



Above, the No. 13, a long par-3 that requires a straight shot.

Measuring 233 yards from the tips, the first 80 yards will get you just past the forward tees.

There is little room, very little room to the right of the green.

There is no room to the left side as the trees run all the way down this par 3 and up through the tee box of the No. 14th hole.

Above left, is the cart path to the that runs the entire length of No. 13 and the beginning of No. 14.

Left, is the tee box of No. 14, the par-5 that has its green protected by willow trees (see front page).

This hole has a very narrow chute has your drive from the tips has to travel 125 yards before it can start to wander.

In the clearing on the left is a small water hazard with out of bounds running the right side of the hole.



This page features the longest par-4 on the back nine. This is No. 16, 419 yards from the tips. The above photo shows another narrow chute out of the tee box.

Along the entire right side of the fairway (after the trees), is a long waste bunker that runs from 125 yards out to the front of the green.

There is a large tree that protects the front edge of the green.

Below, my ball found a resting spot next to a tree.





Above left, the No. 17 par-3 that is all carry from tee box, ranging from 94 yards to 160 yards.

Top right, is the view of the back of the Woodland Hills pro shop and restaurant as seen from the No. 18 fairway.

Middle photo is the view from the tee box on No. 18.

There are sand bunkers down the right side and water that was seen on the No. 10 tee box on the left side of 18.

Left, the green has a creek that runs in front with a nice size bunker to the right.

The No. 18 hole measures from 283 yards to 362 yards.

Woodland Hills is another one of many fun courses in the Thumb area.