

Strikes n' Strokes

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Apple Mountain has a full service pro shop, snack shop and restaurant on its premises.

Driving range along with a putting/chipping green and a separate putting green near the first hole.

During the month of July of 2013, the golf special is \$45 per golfer. There are also senior rates (before 11 a.m.) and twilight rates (after 3 p.m. and after 5 p.m.)

Check out www.applemountain.com for events and other specials.

Apple Mountain's signature hole is a par-3, ranging from 114 yards (front tees) to 175 (back tees). Notice the tiered-green is shaped like an apple with a couple of sand traps for its leaves. The tee shot is nearly all carry over the pond in front of the green.

Apple Mountain

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Front (yards)		Back (yards)	Total (slope)	(yards)	
Black	3,285	Black	3,662	Black (142)	6,947
Blue	3,012	Blue	3,325	Blue (135)	6,337
White	2,729	White	3,168	White (131)	5,808
Red	2,324	Red	3,079	Red (124)	4,966

The big red apple greets golfers at the first hole at Apple Mountain.

Only 329 yards from the white tees, the green is a dogleg right from the tees.

Long hitters can cut the corner, but if it doesn't reach fairway, the ball will be nestled in the rough within some hilly terrain.

A long narrow green awaits the player with several contours.

The second hole, below, is a par five with out of bounds on the left.

Hitting the cart path on the left can put the ball out of bounds or behind some trees.

A long pond to the right of the fairway will penalize a slice.

The wide fairway still has several sandtraps on both sides.

When approaching the elevated green, several sand traps force the shot to the green to be all carry.





The third hole also has a force carry with the approach shot to the green. The par-4, 307 yards (from the whites) has another generous fairway, however, a long drive can put it in the water.

Too short of a drive, could end up with a long iron to the left-to-right narrow green. Just beyond the water is a sand trap guarding the center of the green.

The fourth hole, another par-4, 396 yards from the tips, has a couple of heather areas to go over.

The right side of the fairway is protected by marsh and the left side by trees. If the pin is on the right side, a sand trap protects the front.





From the highest point in Saginaw County overlooking the fairway of hole No. 6, you can see several holes of the Apple Mountain layout. Looking down onto the fairway, you can see the sand trap that is shaped like an apple. The green is flanked by a couple of traps.

The ninth hole is a short par-4 from the whites, 326-yards. A little more narrower fairway has traps along the right side. When the pin is near the middle of left-to-right green, the approach has to clear several traps. The 10th hole runs parrallel back toward the No. 9 tee. If the drive isn't long enough, a lay-up maybe needed to avoid going into the ditch about 25 yards in front of the green.





Apple Mountain is a popular site for outings. Above, a golfer tees off on No. 9 while participating in the Red Carpet Ladies on the Links Golf Classic.

A large driving range can accommodate many golfers in fine tuning their swings. Below right, Director of Golf, D.J. DiBlasi gives a tip as part of the Ladies on the Links Classic.

Apple Mountain does not have leagues, allowing for night play after work.

There are four sets of tees allowing competitive play for all levels of golfers.

Cart paths wind through out the course, allowing for cart path only play in soggy conditions.



A great finishing hole is the 506-yard (from the tips), par-5 No. 18 hole at Apple Mountain. It is very much a risk and reward hole. Long ball hitters can go for the green in two.

However, the front of the green is protected by a sand trap that winds around the right side of the green. There is another large trap on the left side of the multi-tiered green. In front of the sand trap in front and on the right is a large pond that forces a long carry over the water. There is room on the right and the left side of the fairway for a layup before the water.

Straight down the middle is a well-placed trap, around the 100-yard marker.

On the tee shot, there is a sand trap on the right side of the fairway near the landing area from the different tee boxes.

