

The view to the 11th Green.

The fourteenth hole is the hardest hole on the course measuring 454 yards par 4. It is a tight drive with trees down both sides of the fairway the ideal drive will be down the right hand side which will open the green up for you. The green as a bunker front right edge and a 4 here will feel like a birdie.

The fifteenth hole is 368 yards par 4. With trees down both sides of the fairway and out of bounds down the left, there are also 3 fairway bunkers to negotiate from the tee. Your drive should be down the right side of the fairway this should leave you the best angle to the elevated green. The tee shot is crucial here miss all the trouble and you might make 3.

The sixteenth hole is 364 yards par 4. The tee shot is slightly elevated and you can see all the trouble from the tee. Aim for the right centre of the fairway from the tee this will minimise the amount of water you have to carry with your approach shot to the well protected green.

Hole seventeen is a par 5 which weighs in at 540 yards. The hole dog legs to the right and the fairway is lined on both sides by trees. You need to be down the left of centre off the tee this will open the dog leg up for you. The green is well protected by sand. I would take a 5 here everyday.



Over the valley to the par 3, twelfth

The eighteenth hole is undoubtedly for me the best hole on the course. It is a tough par 3 measuring 222 yards. From the tee you are shooting up hill all the way the view is magnificent as behind the green stands the magnificent clubhouse. The green slopes up from front to back and anything short or front edge could easily roll back off. If you finish here with a 3 you will feel like you just made birdie.

In general Hinckley really is a true gem of a course, and a real good test of your golfing ability. I believe it is right up there with the best Leicestershire has to offer. The facilities from the practice areas to the pro shop and the fantastic clubhouse are all of real high quality and anyone associated with the course must be proud to say they play there. When you sit out on the patio in the evening sun reflecting on your game and what might have been, the views it offers you are simply stunning some of the best in the courty. If you have never played Hinckley then you need to find a date in your diary when you can, this course is one of those courses that you must play, it will test your game but it will be a true and fair test of your game. This for me was the first time I had the pleasure of playing this course and I can tell you now I will definitely be going back. I would like to say thank you to Richard Jones for offering us this opportunity and everyone else associated with Hinckley Golf Club for making us all feel very welcome.