

Charnwood Forest golf club is the oldest course in Leicestershire founded in 1890 by the reverend R.C. Faithful and later modified by Mr. James Braid. The course is an Heathland course and is located between Beacon hill country park and the sleepy village of Woodhouse Eaves. The course itself is an Heathland course and as the most amazing natural shape to it. When you walk off the second green and make your way up to the 3rd tee you walk up the path between the heather and the rocks and you could easily think you were somewhere like Bradgate Park such is the natural beauty to the scenery and the lay out. The course itself is a nine hole course but with a difference, although there are only nine greens there are eighteen tee positions. Some only change the hole in terms of distance others are situated in places where the hole will have a completely new shape to it. On arrival at Charnwood forest we were greeted by the wonderful Jenny who made us feel at home immediately and gave us a fantastic welcome to the course.

Hole 1/10 the course starts with a par 4 measuring 361 yards and 362 yards respectively. This is a nice straight hole to get you started. You will have a wall down the left hand side which is out of bounds and heather and trees on the right so you will need to be straight here. The approach shot is to a blind green so take the time to walk up and have a look before playing.

The wonderful view from the second/eleventh tee

Hole 2/11 is a par 4 measuring 433 yards and 464 yards. The view from the tee is stunning but a little daunting surrounded on one side by trees and the other by rocks. The hole itself is a dog leg right and with the fairway sloping from right to left this hole will suit a fade. The approach shot is to a hidden green and you will have to take a walk to the top of the hill to get your angles right. The green is relatively flat and is protected on the left by trees and heather, the ground slopes away on the right hand side of the green so any wayward shots will be punished. A par here and you will be happy.

