

Hole 3/12 is a par 4 measuring 360 yards and 376 yards. The tee shot is from an elevated tee the drop must be a hundred feet, and the hole is a big dog leg right. You have got to be accurate off the tee with trees left and right and a hidden pond for those trying to cut the corner. Your approach shot will be a mid iron into a green protected on the left by trees and a slope on the right which takes you into trees, you need to be accurate here or you will hit bogey or more.



The view from the 3rd tee.

Hole 4/13 is a short but tricky par 4 measuring 283 yards and 311 yards. The hole is a straight one with a wall running straight across the fairway. The hole slopes up from the tee to the green and is a good climb all the way. The fairway is tree lined on both sides to catch any errant drives so the safe play is a long iron or fairway wood off the tee. The green slopes slightly from back to front, but with a nice tee shot and approach you might make a birdie here.



Hole No4 with the wall running across.



The view from the 4th green looking back down and across the fairway.

Hole 5/14 is the first par 3 on the course it measures 183 yards and 165 yards. The green slopes slightly back to front and is surrounded by trees, if you are long here you will find the worse of the trouble. The green is only a small target so it will take a good mid—long iron to set up a birdie chance here.

Hole 6/15 is a par 4/5 depending on tee position. The hole measures 446 yards and 471 yards. The hole has out of bounds all down the left hand side and trees and heather down the right. The fairway slopes slightly from right to left. Your approach is to a small green and you will be happy with a par here.

Hole 7/16 is a long par 3 measuring 203 yards and 193 yards respectively. You have trees and heather all down the left and the ground slopes naturally that way to catch any wayward tee shots. The green is a smallish target and you will be more than happy with par here.

Hole 8/17 is a par 4 and plays 347 yards and 389 yards. The hole dog legs left from the tee and you can get away with playing an iron from the tee. The approach shot is to a tricky green with a big slope from back to left. The ideal approach will leave you below the hole to leave an uphill putt.

Hole 9/18 a short dog leg par 4 to finish measuring 313 yards from both tees. This is one of the easier holes on the course and could offer you a birdie to finish with. You can play an iron from the tee to leave a nice pitch in to a fairly open and welcoming green.

I would say Charnwood forest is one of the most enjoyable and different courses I have played this year. There are no bunkers on the course, but they are not needed there are still plenty of hazards to be found. The layout and natural shape of the course is simply superb. The view from the 2nd tee is something else, on one side you have the rocks over hanging and on the other you have trees and gorse and heather with the fairway outstretching before you. If you have not yet had the pleasure of playing this course then I would suggest you book a tee and get out there, you will enjoy it.

View from the fairway to the 18th green and clubhouse

