



Lee's Hill Golf Club ~ The General Has It

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Several of *The Golf Guide's* feature courses have historical ties, especially to The Civil War. The Links at Gettysburg in Pennsylvania shares the past with that war's bloodiest battle. While in the Old Dominion, Cannon Ridge in Fredericksburg, Jackson's Chase in Front Royal, and Virginia National in Bluemont all link directly to Civil War events. Sometime, somewhere when you play these courses you wonder what happened here long ago. At Lee's Hill Golf Club in Fredericksburg, Virginia, you will definitely be overcome with those thoughts. Set amid General Robert E. Lee's 19th century Confederate campground, Lee's Hill has always maintained and embraced the military theme using creative names and images for tee markers (Cannon, Rifle, Saber, and Pistol) and other course aesthetics. Not only that, but several landmarks remain intact from Lee's headquarters there.



The golf course does not have near the history as the land itself but claims status as being the initial entry into the Baltimore–Washington metro area golf explosion back in the early 1990's. Bill Love of Ault, Clark and Associates was the designer, and the course in the Fall of 1993, named Lee's Hill Golfer's Club, catapulted the upscale golf revolution. Some changes occurred

during the course's timeline, none more significant than when General Manager Jamie Loughan and his brother-in-law Joe Amberger bought the facility back in December of 2007. Loughan earned his chops working at many of the area courses before eventually getting into the ownership business.

One thing that Lee's Hill Golf Club is recognized for is its playability. The par 72 will not beat you up with its length at 6834 yards from the tips (just over 5000 from the forward tees) but will demand some strategy much like the general had to ponder many years ago. The front nine is known for a golf course rarity of back-to-back par 5's on holes two and three. Playing 579 yards from the Cannon tees, the second is dapperly played in three shots avoiding the wetlands and bordering hardwoods along the way. The third is much shorter at 510 yards and is reachable especially if you can hit a slight



draw off the tee. The par 4 fourth is one of this writer's favorites, playing from an elevated tee to a fairway that slopes away from the golfer. Check the flag position on your approach because the green is very deep. Five is considered a birdie hole with multiple tee boxes playing over a pond on this short par 3. In contrast, the seventh is the longest par 3 at Lee's Hill but does allow a bump and run shot into play to the bunker-free green. Depending on the wind, the par 4 ninth can be driven, but the approach is narrow. It's a good scoring opportunity to end the outward nine.



Hole 10 Par 5

The par 5 tenth is the hole most remembered at Lee's Hill. Because of its location, you can see the entire hole from the practice putting green. Having that image to recall, as you stand on the tee, you'll see water and trouble down the entire left side. The fairway seems to narrow the closer you

get to the green adding to the risk on the hole. More water, this time to the right of the fairway make twelve the most challenging par 4 on the back nine. Fourteen is another aesthetically pleasing par 3 that earns signature hole status with a full carry over wetlands to a green protected by bunkers and large mounding. The short par 4 fifteenth is a quirky, sharp dogleg right par 4 with the green tucked against bulk-headed wetlands. Sixteen and seventeen, a par 4 and 3 respectively, lead the path to a classic finishing hole. From the Cannon tees it's 605 yards, and it looks even farther as you stand there. Two good shots to avoid the water and bunkers that come into play will leave you with a short iron for your third shot into the green. It's a hole that can rough up your scorecard at the final bell, or keep you coming back for more.



Hole 14 Par 3

The friendly and accommodating staff is well suited for company outings as well as your weekday or weekend foursome. Loughan, current "general of the campgrounds" today, preaches teamwork and credits his staff with much of the success the facility has enjoyed. Lee's Hill Golf Club has a terrific location on the south end of Fredericksburg and is located just minutes off of I-95. You really don't have to be a Civil War buff to march on some historical grounds. Bring your weapons, and you might even create some personal memoirs yourself. 🏌️

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