



# Mountain View Golf Course ~ Standing on Their Own Two Feet

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Remember the first time you walked all by yourself on your own two feet? Probably not, but I'm sure you remember many other firsts in your life that you have conquered and accomplished. The first day of school, first date, and first kiss are memories that most people carry in their memory closet for a long time.



For me, it's the day I got my first place. Kinda like my Independence Day of sorts. There is nothing quite like the feeling of being out there ready to take on the world. Coming from a big family, the day you step out on your own is a big event. The parents worry "Is he going to survive?" The siblings surmise "He doesn't have a prayer!" Yes, the coronation of self-reliance is quite a big step. Since it first opened, Mountain View Golf Club in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, was a sister course to nearby Carroll Valley Resort. They worked together and did quite well as a tag team. That all changed in 2010 when the resort was sold to Snow Time Inc., who had been operating at Ski Liberty adjacent to the resort for many years. The previous owners of the resort decided to hold on to Mountain View Golf Club, and it now stands alone as one of the best golf values in the mid-Atlantic.

One of the first impressions left with any golfer after visiting Mountain View Golf Club is the pre-Civil War farmhouse that adorns the property. This historical site has recently been given a gentle renovation to house the golf shop and other offices in a more effective way. To compliment that, a new Grill-Pavilion has been added to handle outings and after play dining. Overlooking several holes, the new addition features a new menu and large hi-def TV to catch your favorite sporting events and includes upgraded restrooms.



The first nine holes at Mountain View, designed by Ault, Clark and Associates, was unveiled in 1978, with the second nine debuting in 1987. The name best describes the landscape of the course. Mountain View is a relatively flat course with a lush background



of the lofty hills of the Catocotins surrounding it. Four sets of tees ranging from 4961 to 6420 yards make this course one of the more playable tracts in the region. The front nine is spread across an open pasture and plays a stroke or two easier than the back side. Playing

the right side of the fairway on the par 4 opening hole will allow easier access to the green. One of the noticeable features on the outward nine are fairway bunkers found on every hole but the par 4 sixth, where a couple of dry ponds tuck in the fairway on this gentle dogleg left. The only par 5 on the front is the eighth, and at 476 yards from the back tees, it can be reached in two. A maintenance barn straight out of Norman Rockwell serves as backdrop to the par 4 ninth.

Before heading to the back nine, make sure to indulge in the previously mentioned fresh new eats now being served at Mountain View. Those nutrients will be well received because the next four holes represent the toughest stretch of golf on the course. A sharp contrast



to the prairie-like setting of the first nine holes, the inward side uses more elevation changes and brings trees and more water into play. Ten and eleven are both par 4's with the latter rated the hardest hole on the course. The green on eleven is nestled in a heavily wooded area which denies any approach seen thus far. The beautiful par 3 twelfth is also draped in hardwoods in a remote section of the course. A signature-worthy hole at Mountain View is the par 5 thirteenth. The fairway slopes to the left away from the golfer, and anything hit that way when trying to reach the green will end up taking a bath in the lake. Three solid holes wrap up the back nine. Sixteen is a par 3 with trees overhanging the putting surface that impose an immediate threat to any balls directed there. Seventeen is a long par 4 playing nearly 430 from the blue tees. The par 5 closer is an delightful risk-reward hole that has a pond to the right of the green that finds many unforced errors.

Most golfers that I know who have played Mountain View find it to be a relaxing, yet challenging day on the links. For years, it was always thought of as the “other” course at the resort. Now, on it’s own, Mountain View Golf Club stands by itself as one of the most enjoyable golf experiences in South Central Pennsylvania. 🏌️

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