

THE OLD COURSE

St Andrews Links

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Welcome to St Andrews Links

St Andrews Links: a place of infinite variety and the most renowned golfing landscape in the world.

For more than 600 years St Andrews Links, much like the game of golf itself, has evolved. Today more than 230,000 rounds are played over our seven public courses. St Andrews Links Trust also manages a number of additional facilities including three clubhouses, five shops and a golf academy. The St Andrews Links Golf Academy harnesses the spirit of tradition at the Home of Golf to deliver world class instruction for golfers of all ages and abilities. Utilising the latest cutting edge technology and instructional techniques, a trip to the Golf Academy guarantees a memorable experience for visitors. Instruction is delivered by PGA Qualified St Andrews Links Golf Academy professionals and the Academy also houses the Callaway National Performance Centre.

All profits at St Andrews Links Trust go towards the preservation and maintenance of our courses and facilities. Throughout our unique history, our focus has remained on nurturing the game here in St Andrews, ensuring our golf courses are open to all, managed in a sustainable way, and the next generation of golfing greats are encouraged to learn the game with free tuition for the children of the town, through our Junior Golf programme, SALIGA.



The Old Course in Reverse

The Old Course at St Andrews Links is revered and recognised as the birthplace of the game after the sport was first documented being played on the Links in the early 15th century.

For more than 600 years the course has evolved without the help of any one architect, instead many credit Mother Nature with the course's emergence from the living landscape. Yet as the centuries have passed notable contributions to its design are recognised by Daw Anderson (1850s) and Old Tom Morris (1865–1908).

Originally, the course was played over the same set of fairways out and back to the same holes. As interest in the game increased, groups of golfers would often be playing the same hole, but going in different directions. For instance, in 1764, the course had 22 holes and the members would play the same hole going out and in with the exception of the eleventh and twenty-second holes.

The decision to reduce the world's most famous Links from 22 to 18 holes was made by the Society of St Andrews Golfers – more commonly known today as the Royal & Ancient – on 4 October 1764. This decision resulted in the first four and last four holes on the course being deemed too short and combined into four total holes (two in and two out).

St Andrews then had 18 holes and became the standard bearer for courses around the world and championship golf to the present day. At this time the course was played clockwise with players starting on the first tee and playing to what is now recognised as the seventeenth green. However, around 1870 Old Tom Morris had the first green separated from the seventeenth green, producing the current 18-hole layout with seven double greens, four single greens and the opportunity to play the counter clockwise route we know today.

For many years thereafter the course was played over both circuits on alternate weeks, and as recently as the 1970s, it was still played in a clockwise direction for one month every winter before this practice ebbed away and the counter clockwise route become the preferred choice.

Today St Andrews Links has revived the tradition of playing the Old Course clockwise one day of the year, providing a new generation of golfers with the opportunity to be transported back in time, experiencing the Old Course as Old Tom Morris played it.

From the first tee to seventeenth green, eighteenth tee to sixteenth green and so on, the reverse route presents a unique and entirely different range of challenges with some of golf's most iconic holes, not to mention the Old Lady's most celebrated bunkers, viewed in a completely different light.

Enjoy your walk back in time, experience the Old Course as it was played more than 100 years ago and become a part of history.



USE THE HORIZON VIEW PHOTOS TO IDENTIFY YOUR IDEAL DRIVING LINE AND MAKE SHOTS WITH CONFIDENCE AND CERTAINTY.

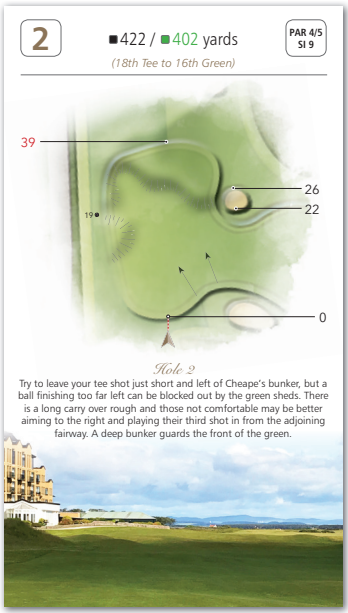
All distances are measured in **YARDS** to the **FRONT** of the green.

39

Red figures indicate depth of green from front edge 'o'

A

Runouts
When struck on this line your ball will 'runout' of fairway after the distance indicated from each tee



26

All measurements on and around the green are taken from a point perpendicular to the white dot 'o'

L R

Left & Right
indicate the left and right side of the fairway at the distances shown on the main illustration from each tee



Figures indicate depth of green from front edge



Driving distance from tee position in **green** from forward tee



Tee Position



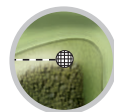


Compass Point



Sprinkler Heads are measured to the front of the green

Circled numbers represent the number physically marked on the sprinkler head in either white or red



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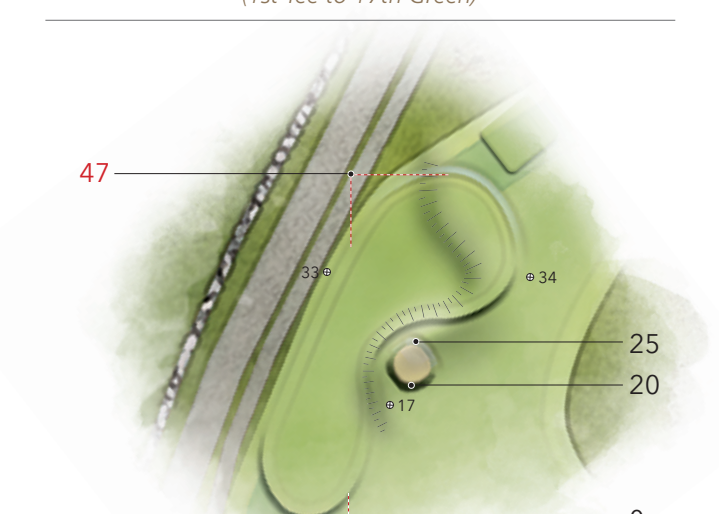
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374 yards

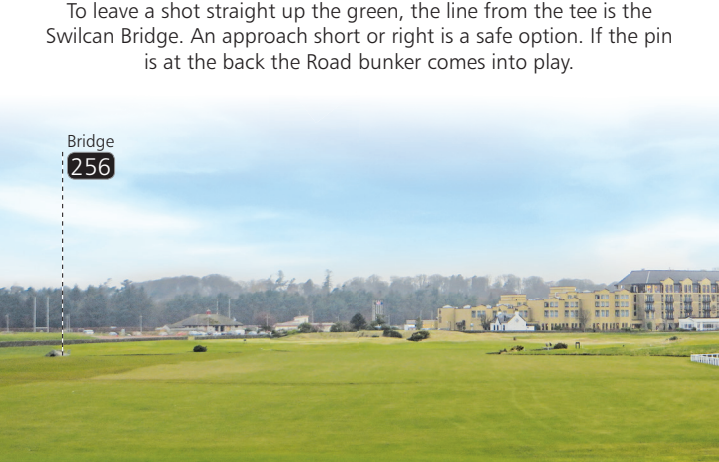
(1st Tee to 17th Green)

PAR 4
SI 1



Hole 1

To leave a shot straight up the green, the line from the tee is the Swilcan Bridge. An approach short or right is a safe option. If the pin is at the back the Road bunker comes into play.




W
S
E
47
Road
22
74
80
256
93
Bridge
90
74
103
107
119
100
133
126
150
127
163
175
180
159
194
145
209
131
223
114
Grannie Clark's
Wynd

1

374 ■ 4

374 ■ 4

2

■422 / ■402 yards

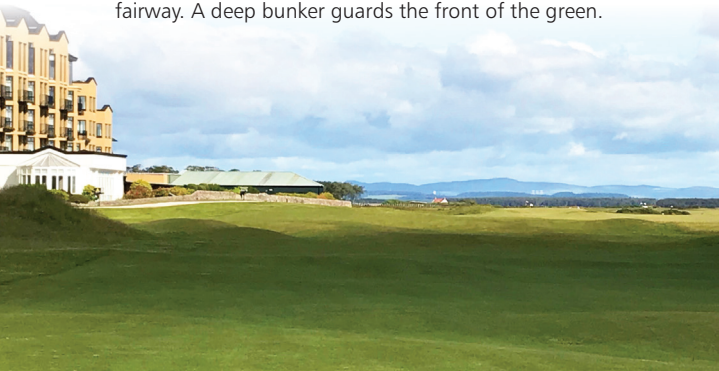
(18th Tee to 16th Green)

PAR 4/5
SI 9



Hole 2

Try to leave your tee shot just short and left of Cheape's bunker, but a ball finishing too far left can be blocked out by the green sheds. There is a long carry over rough and those not comfortable may be better aiming to the right and playing their third shot in from the adjoining fairway. A deep bunker guards the front of the green.




W
S
E
39
57
78
78 49
101 74
130 103
Cheape's
148
158
158 132
247
227
180 238
172 246
L
206 216
208 210
217 193
R
229 190

2

422 ■ 4

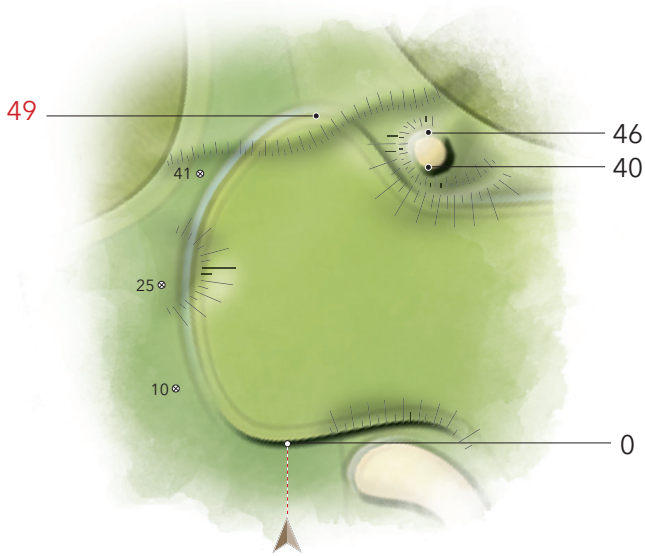
402 ■ 5

3

324 yards

(17th Tee to 15th Green)

PAR 4
SI 15



Hole 3

The drive should be aimed to the left of the Principal's Nose providing an easier approach with no rough. Although there is plenty of room on the right from the tee, that line leaves you playing in over Cartgate so be sure to take enough club.




49
Cartgate
24
52 41
62
238
67
Valve Box
81 63
111 185
118
182
End of Rough
127 170
141 155
Principal's Nose
152
149
157 139
187 110
Deacon Sime
Grant's
Wig
W
S
E

3

324 ■ 4

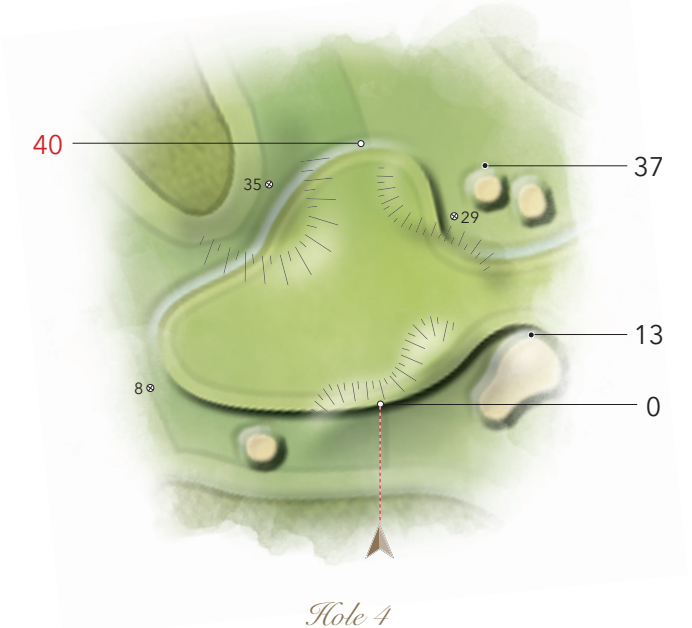
324 ■ 4

4

■378 / ■338 yards

(16th Tee to 14th Green)

PAR 4
SI 11



Hole 4

A good line from the tee is over the centre of the mound but beware of going too far and reaching Cottage bunker. To avoid the small pot bunker guarding the approach to the green, the safer shot may be left where the grass is shorter, leaving an easier uphill pitch to the pin.




W
E
S
40
Cottage
122
237
197
129 111
127 202
137 188
Sutherland
149
210
170
R
153 173
167 158
197 144
183 143
190 128
Miss Grainger's
Bosoms
Rob's
4
378 4
338 4

5

■455 / ■418 yards

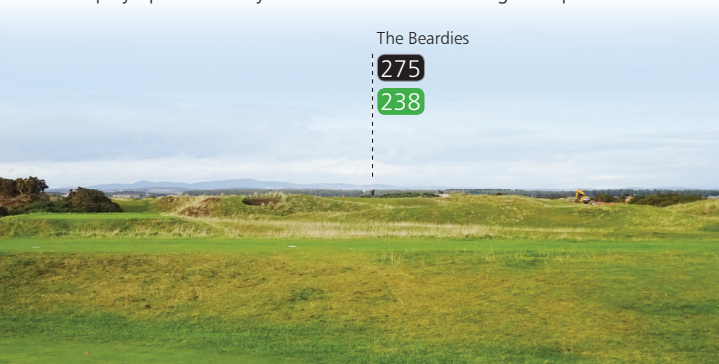
(15th Tee to 13th Green)

PAR 5
SI 5



Hole 5

The line from the tee is over the left edge of the small bunker cut into the face of the hill. This will leave you on the centre of the fairway. If your drive and the wind allows it, you may be able to reach in two but it is all carry over rough, heather and bunkers. If playing as a 3-shot, you can play up the fairway left of The Beardies leaving a simple shot in.




W
E
S
60
29 62
65 98
The Spectacles
95
92
The Beardies
125
150
275
238
161 285
179 275
203 267
191 254
209 245
231 239
220 225
238 216
Benty
Hell

5

455 5

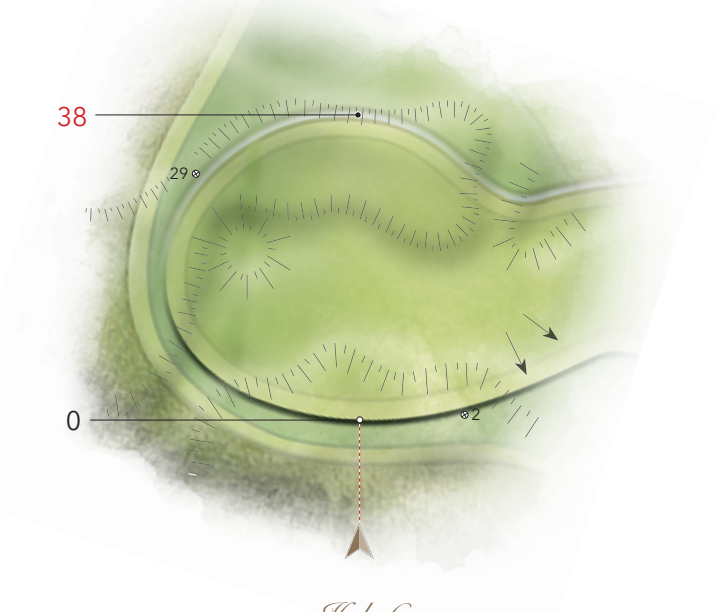
418 5

6

■339 / ■299 yards

(14th Tee to 12th Green)

PAR 4
SI 13



Hole 6

A line to the left of the two distinct gorse bushes on the right will keep you away from the Coffins. A short but tricky approach to a shallow plateau green. There are no bunkers to worry about on this approach.



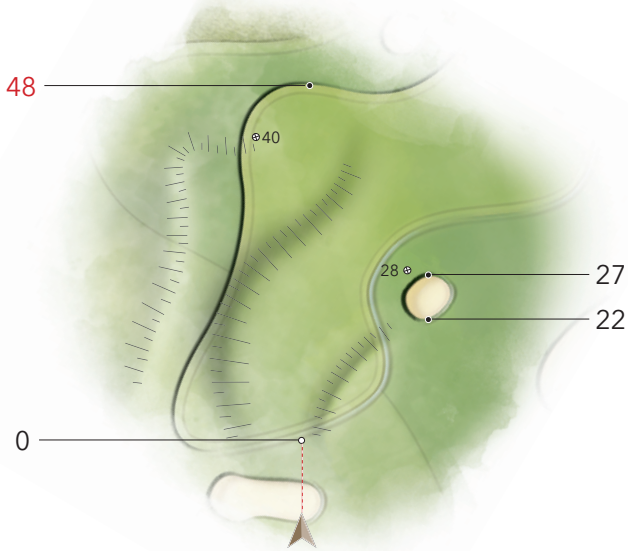

38
W
E
S
114
204
164
Nicks
127 210
142 190
140
180
140
159
158 182
163 172
173 179
Coffins
180
142
102
184 157
192 142
203 131
Cats Trap
6
339 4
299 4

7

330 / 295 yards

(13th Tee to 11th Green)

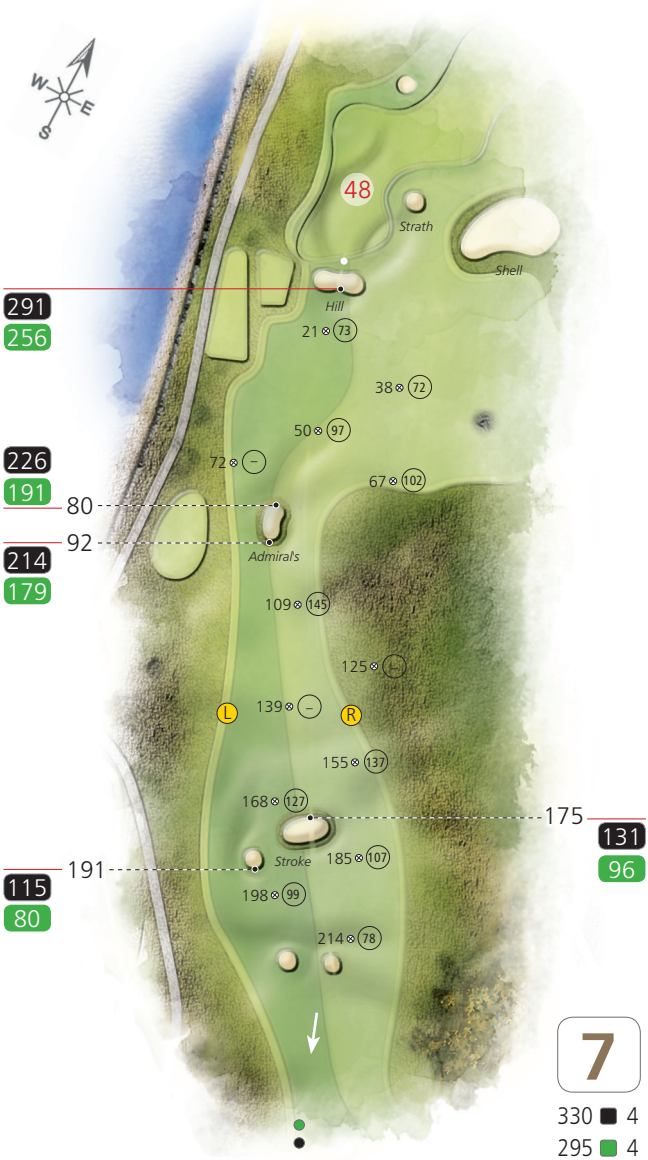
PAR 4
SI 3



Hole 7

Admiral's bunker in the distance is a good line from the tee, just be sure you don't reach it! A difficult approach over Hill bunker to a narrow green - be sure to take enough club as Hill bunker is one the toughest on the course. If you feel you can't reach, then playing your second short and right leaves the easier shot on to the green.



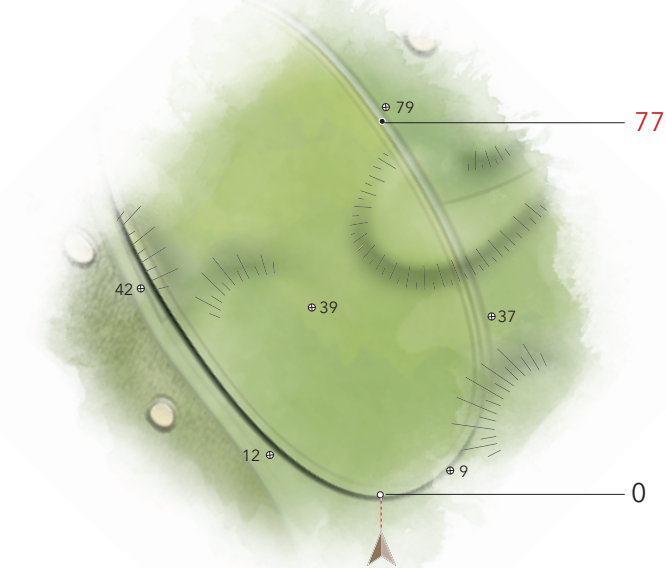

W
E
S
48
Strath
Shell
291
256
Hill
21 73
38 72
50 97
226
191
72 –
67 102
80
92
214
179
Admiral's
109 145
125
L
139 –
R
155 137
168 127
175
131
96
Stroke
185 107
191
115
80
198 99
214 78
7
330 4
295 4

8

187 yards

(12th Tee to 10th Green)

PAR 3
SI 17



Hole 8

Depending on the wind direction and strength and where the pin is placed this can be a straight forward par 3 or it can play quite long. There is plenty of room on the right to play safe. All the danger is short and left.





8

187 ■ 3

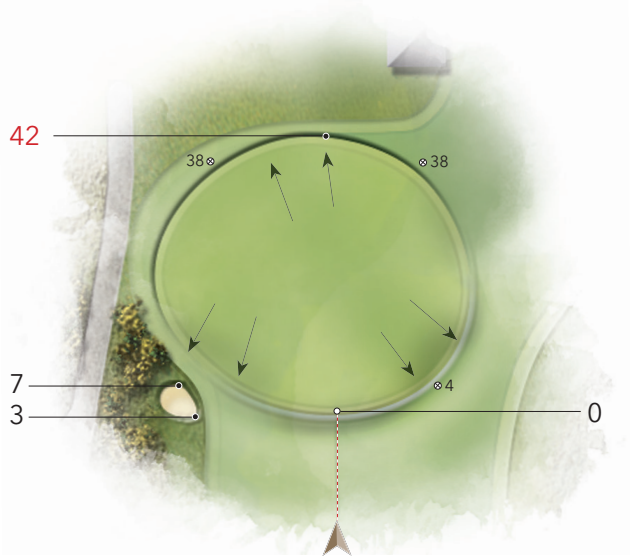
187 ■ 3

9

279 yards

(11th Tee to 9th Green)

PAR 4
SI 7



Hole 9

Under favourable conditions the green is driveable but beware Boase's and End Hole bunkers and also the three blind ones in the right rough. With a good drive you will be left with only a small chip or pitch and run to the green.



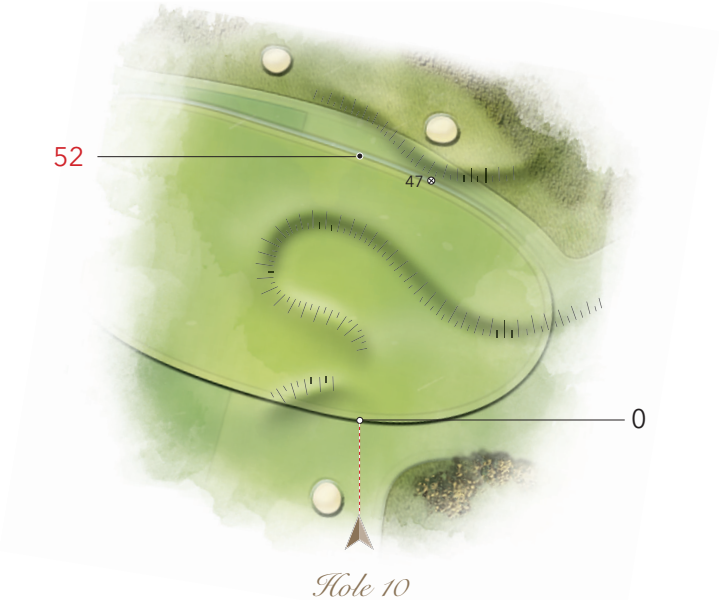

Shelter
and Toilets
S
W
E
42
258
20
36
222
36
40
218
End Hole
50
68
190
Boase's
89
104
99
110
129
Kruger
9
279 4
279 4

10

■309 / ■289 yards

(10th Tee to 8th Green)

PAR 4
SI 18



Hole 10

The ideal line is to the left of the large bunker on your right. The further left you go the more open approach shot you have. The trickiest part of this approach is the steep slope at the front of the green. The small bunker is some way short of the green and should not be a concern.



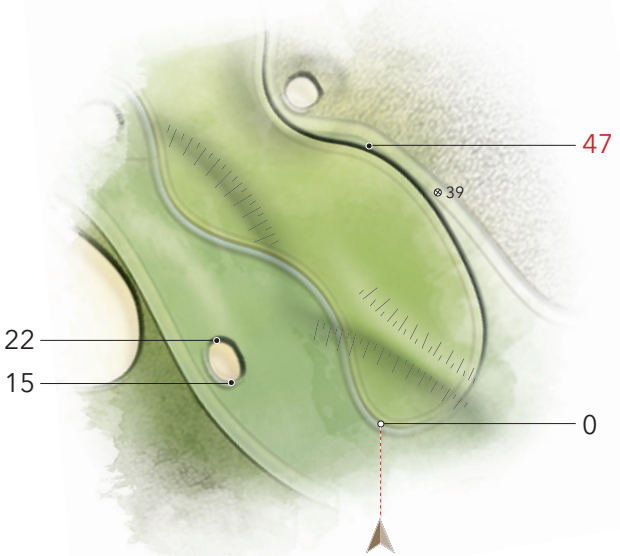

W
E
S
52
261
241
22
22
226
206
44
47
57
Kruger
74
75
83
90
99
200
180
121
110
126
115
150
81
154
86
161
122
102
Boase's
End Hole
Shelter
and Toilets
10
309 4
289 4

11

■ 172 / ■ 139 yards

(9th Tee to 7th Green)

PAR 3
SI 10



Hole 11

This shot is all carry and will play long if into the wind. There is less trouble on the right than on the left.





11

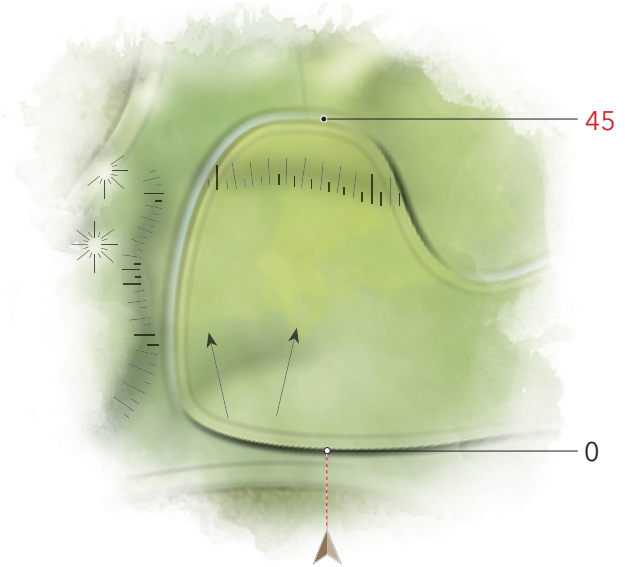
172 ■ 3
139 ■ 3

12

■369 / ■321 yards

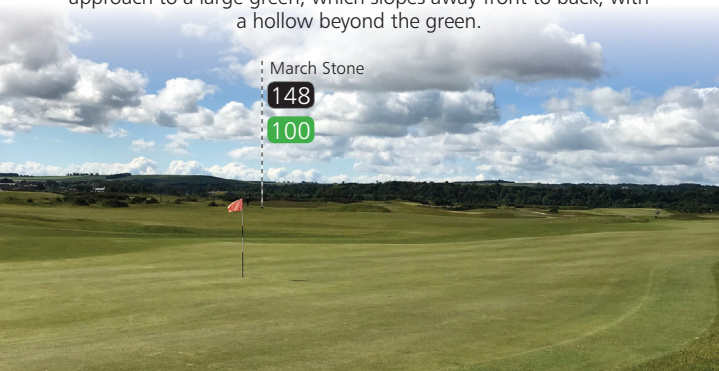
(8th Tee to 6th Green)

PAR 4/5
SI 14



Hole 12

Aim to hit your tee shot taking a line over the March Stone to a narrow section of fairway. For those who lack the distance, then favour the right side with a shorter shot but this will leave you unable to reach in two. Following a good tee shot, this will leave you a blind approach to a large green, which slopes away front to back, with a hollow beyond the green.




S
E
W
45
44
78
90
107
118
135
147
155
165
145
Sign
199
March Stone
191
114
148
100
207
98
212
102
220
84
12
369 4
321 5

13

■385 / ■339 yards

(7th Tee to 5th Green)

PAR 4
SI 6



Hole 13

Take a line on the Old Course Hotel which you can see between the two gorse bushes in front of the tee. It is possible to run out of fairway if you go left while going further right will open up a better view of the green. The approach will be all carry, especially from the left. If playing short with your second, then favour the right but beware the Lion's Mouth in front of the grassy hollow.



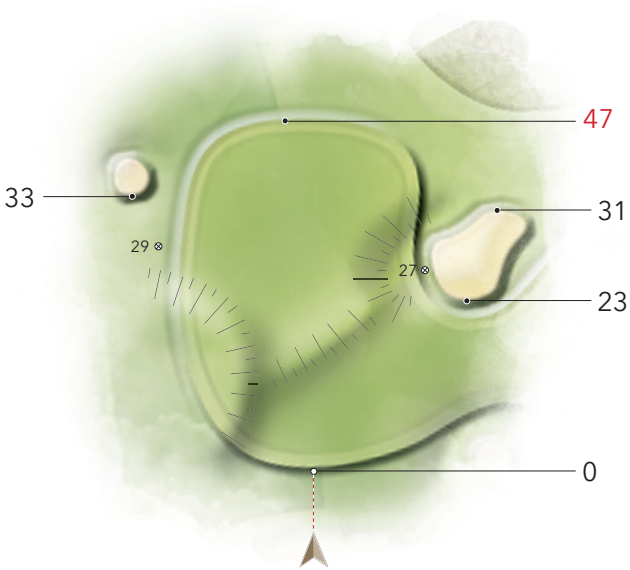

101
18 (–)
Lion's Mouth
26
309
46 (56)
72 (82)
85
250
204
Cats Trap
114 (171)
101 (111)
145 (151)
131 (165)
147
188
142
143
192
146
161 (172)
174 (121)
Coffins
191 (106)
205 (91)
13
385 4
339 4

14

■519 / ■409 yards

(6th Tee to 4th Green)

PAR 5
SI 4



Hole 14

Follow the line of the Old Course Hotel but beware of the gorse bushes on the left. A long drive may give you an opportunity to reach the green in two but it is all carry. Favour the left of the green where the grass is shorter and the chip on will be easier. Coming in from the right, you have a steep bank and Ginger Beer bunkers to contend with.



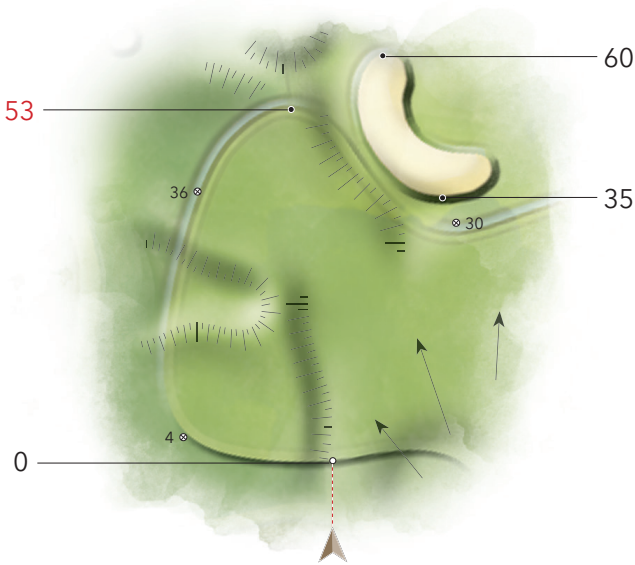

47
Ginger Beer
58
68 70
110
112 101
131 241
134
166
164
162 268
Seven Sisters
183
176 252
192 238
196 238
211
208 221
272
224
162
236 192
250 180
267 162
149
119
142 90
The Spectacles
14
519 5
409 5

15

■382 / ■349 yards

(5th Tee to 3rd Green)

PAR 4
SI 2



Hole 15

Another tee shot which should be over the bush on the left edge of the Old Course Hotel. A draw should help you past the mounds on the right and run down the 'chute' which is the narrow strip of fairway making the approach much easier as you will have a better view of the green. Again this will be all carry over rough, more so if coming from the right which may also make it semi-blind.



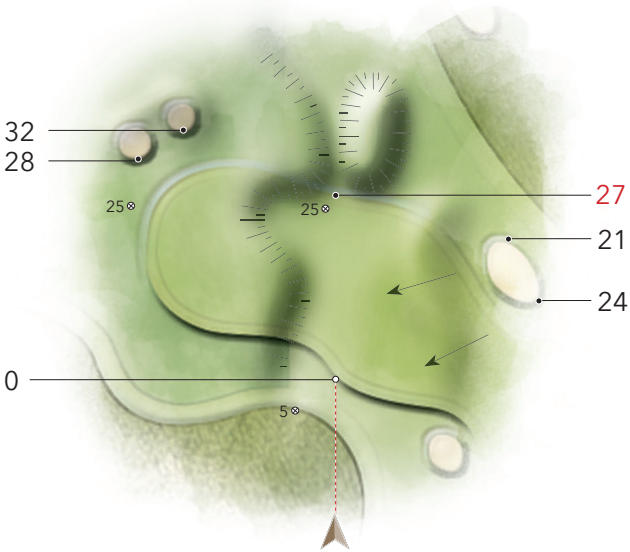

S
E
W
53
92
110
Gorse
250
217
104
260
119
214
135
222
189
155
148
184
146
252
157
R
178
178
145
176
154
186
141
Sutherland
193
163
204
125
216
111
Cottage
15
382 4
349 4

16

307 yards

(4th Tee to 2nd Green)

PAR 4
SI 12



Hole 16

Aim on the conservatory of the Old Course Hotel. Another forced carry over rough with only a small area of approach to land the ball short. Favour the left side of the green where there is short grass and an easier chip to follow.



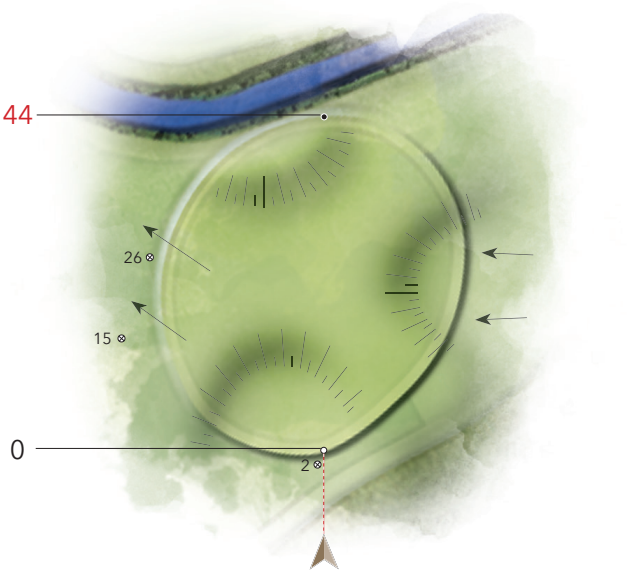

S
E
W
27
Wig
Grant's
100
118
125
A
146
153
Principal's Nose
156
138
159
134
171
127
170
124
176
118
189
105
201
97
200
94
206
97
16
307 4
307 4

17

376 yards

(3rd Tee to 1st Green)

PAR 4/5
SI 16



Hole 17

Aim on the flagpole on the horizon or try to hug the left side of the fairway as tight to the holly tree as you dare, this will allow you to hit it further before running out of fairway. A difficult approach over rough with the Swilcan Burn behind the green means club selection is everything. With the last tee being on the left, the grass is a little shorter here.



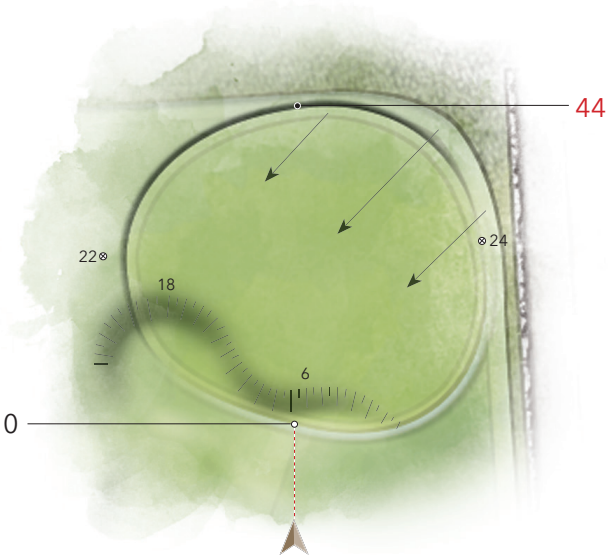

44
72
102
115
132
145
161
175
190
205
221
134
141
213
193
161
233
121
Cheape's
A
Right of March Stone
17
376 4
376 5

18

362 yards

(2nd Tee to 18th Green)

PAR 4
SI 8



Hole 18

Take your line on the left edge of the 18th green as this will give you equal room either side of this wide fairway. Remember to take enough club especially as you have to carry the Valley of Sin if coming from the left and the slope if approaching from the right.




44
340
46
51
72
105
244 Path Carry
Grannie Clark's Wynd
Path 238
114
131
145
159
190
The Swilcan Bridge
18
362 4
362 4

The Old Course in Reverse

Course Map





THE
OLD COURSE
St Andrews Links

Notes

The Old Course in Reverse

Scorecard

Hole		Black Yards	Par M/W	SI	Green Yards
1	1st Tee to 17th Green	374	4	1	374
2	18th Tee to 16th Green	422	4/5	9	402
3	17th Tee to 15th Green	324	4	15	324
4	16th Tee to 14th Green	378	4	11	338
5	15th Tee to 13th Green	455	5	5	418
6	14th Tee to 12th Green	339	4	13	299
7	13th Tee to 11th Green	330	4	3	295
8	12th Tee to 10th Green	187	3	17	187
9	11th Tee to 9th Green	279	4	7	279
OUT		**3088**	**36/37**		**2916**
10	10th Tee to 8th Green	309	4	18	289
11	9th Tee to 7th Green	172	3	10	139
12	8th Tee to 6th Green	369	4/5	14	321
13	7th Tee to 5th Green	385	4	6	339
14	6th Tee to 4th Green	519	5	4	409
15	5th Tee to 3rd Green	382	4	2	349
16	4th Tee to 2nd Green	307	4	12	307
17	3rd Tee to 1st Green	376	4/5	16	376
18	2nd Tee to 18th Green	362	4	8	362
IN		**3181**	**36/38**		**2891**
OUT		**3088**	**36/37**		**2916**
TOTAL		**6269**	**72/75**		**5807**

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