

EASTERN SHORE YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB

Hole 1 –

Blue: 395 White: 386 Green: 380 Gold/Red: 369 Par: 4 Handicap: 7

Pro's Tip: Eastern Shore starts you off with a straight forward hole. A dogleg left with a bunker guarding the left side of the fairway in the landing area. The best play is to hit your drive favoring the right side of the fairway leaving you with a mid to long iron shot to the green. There is a generous area in front of the green to run your ball onto the green. When the pin is on the left side of the green the smart play is to aim towards the center of the green because there are bunkers guarding the green short left and long left.

Hole 2

Blue: 382 White: 342 Green: 292 Gold/Red: 263 Par: 4 Handicap: 1

Pro's Tip: The most difficult hole on the golf course comes very early in your round. The second hole is a dogleg right, favor the left side with your tee shot as the trees on the right impede your second shot if you cut too much off the dogleg. Your second shot is probably the most difficult shot on the golf course. There is water and sand left and right of the green. Over the green is no picnic either. Aim for the center of the green and swing confidently.

Hole 3

Blue: 489 White: 478 Green: 448 Gold/Red: 441 Par: 5 Handicap: 9

Pro's Tip: The third hole is another dogleg, this one is from right to left. A par 5 that is reachable in two if you hit a good tee shot. But for most it's a three shot hole. There is a bunker about 75 yards from the green. Be careful where you lay up should you choose to play the hole in three shots. The left side is ideal for an approach to any pin on the green. Once you reach the green, be careful as this is our most difficult green to read and putt.

Hole 4

Blue: 392 White: 386 Green: 382 Gold/Red: 375 Par: 4 Handicap: 3

Pro's Tip: The fourth hole is a slight dogleg left par 4. A accurate tee shot is very important due to the out of bounds on the right and trees to the left. If you can manage to hit the fairway the hole is much easier. Bunkers are located on the left and right sides of the green making your approach shot a little tougher.

Hole 5

Blue: 182 White: 176 Green: 173 Gold/Red: 165 Par: 3 Handicap: 15

Pro's Tip: The fifth hole is a mid length par 3 measuring 182 yards. There are bunkers left and right of the green with ditches along the left and behind the green. The safest approach is short of the green to avoid all of the trouble on this hole. The green has some interesting slope to it so be careful to look before chipping or putting.

Hole 6

Blue: 387 White: 380 Green: 350 Gold/Red: 302 Par: 4 Handicap: 13

Pro's Tip: The sixth hole is a short dogleg right par 4. Once again accuracy is the key off the tee since the hole is lined on both sides with trees. After hitting the fairway, a birdie is a good possibility. The green is small and if you can hit the green you should have a short to medium length putt. Again a miss short of the green will avoid the trouble on this hole.

Hole 7

Blue: 400 White: 391 Green: 365 Gold/Red: 350 Par: 4 Handicap: 11

Pro's Tip: The seventh hole is a straight par 4. There is out of bounds right and the left side is lined with trees. But hitting a good tee shot will leave you with a short to mid iron for your second shot. There is a bunker on each side of the green. Be sure to check the pin location as this is one of the bigger and more undulating greens at the Eastern Shore. The back pin can be particularly deceptive, it is a good idea to check the location of the pin before you leave the first green.

Hole 8

Blue: 419 White: 411 Green: 360 Gold/Red: 311 Par: 4 Handicap: 5

Pro's Tip: The eighth hole is a long par 4 that will typically be into a prevailing North wind. If a good tee shot is hit you will be left with a mid to long iron into this green. There are three bunkers that protect this slightly elevated green, one on the left side and two on the right. This is a good hole to take your par and move on.

Hole 9

Blue: 162 White: 145 Green: 135 Gold/Red: 124 Par: 3 Handicap: 17

Pro's Tip: The ninth hole is a short par three with several hazards. Taylor Creek can be an intimidating and beautiful view, it rarely comes into play on a well struck golf shot. The pond short and left of the green is a much more dangerous hazard. The three bunkers that border the green are no picnic either. Be sure to hit the correct club and err towards the center of the green to avoid the hazards. The wind can really create problems, be sure to check it before you swing.

Hole 10

Blue: 257 White: 250 Green: 248 Gold/Red: 210 Par: 4 Handicap: 16

Pro's Tip: The tenth hole is a short, reachable par 4. Taylor Creek borders the hole to the right and makes any attempt to drive the green a challenging one. There are two bunkers that protect the green. These bunkers add to the challenge of trying to drive the green. If your short game is a strength, there is no reason not to attempt to drive the green, or at least just in front of the green. Otherwise, lay up with a 150 - 175 yard club off the tee and then fire for the pin.

Hole 11

Blue: 404 White: 397 Green: 350 Gold/Red: 341 Par: 4 Handicap: 4

Pro's Tip: The eleventh hole is a good length par 4. The hole requires you to cross water hazards on both your tee shot and your second shot. Should you avoid the water from Taylor Creek, you still have to avoid the greenside bunkers. Be sure to take the proper club to this elevated green.

Hole 12

Blue: 416 White: 406 Green: 375 Gold/Red: 369 Par: 4 Handicap: 2

Pro's Tip: The twelfth hole is a very difficult par 4. Measuring 412 yards from the back tee, there is a water hazard that crosses the fairway 240 yards from the tee. This hazard forces even the longest hitters to lay up short of the hazard. This will leave you a 175 - 200 yard shot into the green. The lay up shot is more difficult because of the tree that protects the left side of the fairway. The tee shot must avoid these branches for this hole to be played well.

Hole 13

Blue: 170 White: 161 Green: 150 Gold/Red: 117 Par: 3 Handicap: 18

Pro's Tip: The thirteenth hole is a medium length par 3 with water short of the green. The hole has three bunkers that protect the green. This smallish green is very challenging to hit. Should you succeed, a makable, birdie putt awaits you.

Hole 14

Blue: 407 White: 400 Green: 350 Gold/Red: 346 Par: 4 Handicap: 6

Pro's Tip: A mid length par 4 with a very narrow landing area. An accurate tee shot here is a must, unless you have the ability to hit it long and high. In that case you have much more room to the right. This par 4's green also has two bunkers, one right and one left with room to run a shot up the middle.

Hole 15

Blue: 347 White: 339 Green: 275 Gold/Red: 269 Par: 4 Handicap: 10

Pro's Tip: A short par 4 with many options off of the tee. Dogleg left hole requiring a right to left tee shot in order to be inside the 100 yd marker. Or once again if you can hit a long tee shot you can aim down the left side and cut the corner leaving your self with a flip wedge to a green protected by three bunkers. Another hole that can be birdied if played with some discipline.

Hole 16

Blue: 430 White: 400 Green: 358 Gold/Red: 353 Par: 4 Handicap: 8

Pro's Tip: A dogleg right par 4 that requires a left to right tee shot. Or you can play a tee shot cutting the corner leaving the long hitter with a short iron in. This green also has bunkers protecting it. There is one left, one right, and another long. A good sized green, so you want to make sure and focus on the pin position and have the correct length on your approach.

Hole 17

Blue: 185 White: 176 Green: 160 Gold/Red: 146 Par: 3 Handicap: 14

Pro's Tip: A par three that has many hazards. You are forced to hit a shot of water that is located left and right. Not really in play but could be. There are also three bunkers on this hole. One left, one short right, and one that protects the long right portion of the green.

Hole 18

Blue: 511 White: 506 Green: 420 Gold/Red: 410 Par: 5 Handicap: 12

Pro's Tip: And lastly a slight dogleg right par 5 with bunkers on the left and right side of the fairway. These can come into play with the shorter hitters. This is definitely a hole reachable in two for the longer hitters. But even the average player should be left with a third shot of 125 yards or less. There are two bunkers left and right that come into play on the second shot that are about 75 yards from the green. Once you have avoided these be careful not to lay up into the papaya bushes that also are located short of the green left and right in the rough. And finally there are two bunkers around the green, one right and one left. This is one of the larger greens on the course requiring a good 3rd shot to leave yourself with a chance to end your round on a good note.