



Hole No. 1, 429 yards, par 4 – The round begins with panoramic views of Grand Traverse Bay from an elevated tee that presents the golfer with a number of options and risk-reward choices. The safe play from the tee is to the left portion of the fairway, leaving a long approach. The bold route challenges the bunkers on the right, leaving a short iron to the small green that is protected front and right by three bunkers.

Hole No. 2, 532 yards, par 5 – A precise, uphill tee shot is required to reach this mid-length par 5 in two. The aggressive play on the second shot is to the right, allowing the ground to propel the ball to the putting surface. A conservative approach will present the player with a variety of options, depending on the lie, hole location and the wind. With the green sloping from right to left, a large hollow must be challenged in order to have an easier uphill putt.

Hole No. 3, 246 yards, par 3 – Wind direction and hole location dictate how to play LochenHeath's first par three. A slight fade aimed at the right side of the bunker short and left will follow the contours onto the putting surface. The green is receptive to an aerial shot, but will require a much longer club. The large contoured green makes putting fun and interesting.

Hole No. 4, 465 yards, par 4 – The tee shot calls for a high fade challenging the bunker on the right. The safer shot left of the bunker sets up a long approach over a deep, imposing bunker. For the shorter hitter the safer option is to lay up to the right of the green where an easy up and down can be made.

Hole No. 5, 463 yards, par 4 – Two mounds and a hollow guard the inside of this slight dogleg left. If the player challenges the mounds, he or she will be rewarded with a level lie and direct angle into the hole. A drive to the right side of the fairway leaves a long approach with a severe "hanging" lie leaving a variety of interesting options. If the player can carry the bunker some 25 yards short and right of the green, the ground will help the ball to the putting surface. Longer grass surrounds the green and calls for creative chipping. Being on the correct side of the hole is a must.

Hole No. 6, 310 yards, par 4 – With Grand Traverse Bay on the right and a hardwood grove behind the green, this drivable par 4 calls for an aggressive tee shot challenging the three deep bunkers on the left allowing the ground to feed the ball toward the green. If the drive strays to the right, a hollow comes into play with a gentle mound protecting the green. From here the safe shot is to the left of the green leaving a lengthy downhill putt. The safest game plan is to lay up with a long iron short of the bunkers, leaving a short iron or wedge to this very small green.

Hole No. 7, 579 yards, par 5 – A challenging and dramatic par 5. From high on a hill, an aggressive positive swing is called for toward the right side of the fairway. A properly executed drive will be aided by a down hill slope propelling the ball forward to the optimum position to attack the green in two. The best position for the third shot is along the left side leaving a simple pitch. The green is protected by a series of contours, providing the player with a number of options.

Hole No. 8, 184 yards, par 3 – With dramatic views of the bay, this mid-length one-shotter is made very difficult by the prevailing left to right winds. Three deep bunkers on the left and a soft mound on the right protect the narrow, elevated green. For those who do not execute a well-struck right to left shot and find the green, "exciting bunker" and pitch shots must be faced.

Hole No. 9, 378 yards, par 4 – Requiring a precise downhill tee shot into the prevailing wind, the fairway is guarded on the left by three sweeping bunkers and on the right by a deep hollow. Playing from the hollow presents an awkward lie and a semi-blind second shot that must negotiate a series of deep bunkers protecting the right front of the green. From the left an easier, more direct shot can be played. The contours on the green are designed to receive the second shot and guide the ball to the pin.

Hole No. 10, 549 yards, par 5 – In order to reach the green in two, the bunkers must be avoided off the tee. A well-struck tee shot provides the player with several choices – going for it in two or a conservative play to lay well back providing a level third shot with a short iron. A bolder approach is to play the ball into the hollow just short of the green which leaves an awkward pitch. A false front protects the green and encourages the player to play to the long side of the pin. Bailouts missing left and long will be played from the chipping area that will test the player's creativity.

Hole No. 11, 252 yards, par 3 - A large lake extends from the teeing area to 50 yards short of the green calling for a bold play over the water to this challenging par 3. The 12,000-square-foot green features two deep hollows in front and right and a ridge that runs through it. The putting surface is protected by three bunkers – short, right and back left. The two hollows create several “spaces” as good aiming points.

Hole No. 12, 313 yards, par 4 - Playing down wind, this drivable par four presents the player with a double fairway off the tee. Two bunkers to the left divide the two landing areas, one of which must be carried to reach the upper fairway. The bold play is to hit the upper fairway on the right that will allow a well hit drive to funnel to the green; a drive left of the bunkers to the lower fairway protected by a ravine to the left leaves an uphill pitch to a wide but shallow target. The safe route is a lay-up short of the bunkers, leaving a down hill semi-blind shot to the green which has a large swale in the middle. While the hole has no green-side bunkers, there is a sharp drop off to the left of the green and a hillside to the right.

Hole No. 13, 466 yards, par 4 – The perfect tee shot on this long dogleg right should be positioned down the right, allowing the player to attack the target from the optimum angle and lie. A tee shot to the left will leave an awkward lie, angle and much longer approach. The cross bunkers some 30 yards short of the green need to be avoided on the uphill second shot requiring more club than one thinks. The small, undulating green will test the best of putters.

Hole No. 14, 449 yards, par 4 – Guarded by a stream on the right and a hillside on the left, this downhill, dogleg right requires a hard fade off the tee riding the prevailing left to right wind and using the ground to run the ball to the level portion of the fairway. Once in the fairway, the safest route to the green – which rests high on a hill – is a medium iron. If the drive comes to rest in the left portion of the fairway, the wide play is a bump and run landing the ball just over the bunkers short and right of the green. Misses left will run down a slope, leaving a difficult chip. The safe play is short of the green, leaving easier up and down chips.

Hole No. 15, 171 yards, par 3 – An accurate tee shot is a must on LochenHeath's final short hole. Deep bunkers guard the front of the green, with a hillside to the right, deep rough to the left, and a steep bank behind the green. Up and downs are very difficult, while the golfer hitting the green is rewarded with relatively simple putting.

Hole No. 16, 434 yards, par 4 – A very demanding hole. An uphill tee shot allows the player to choose his line of play and bite off as much of the hillside as he dares. If successful, a straight forward mid-to-short iron second shot is the play. Tee shots left or right of center will produce a difficult side-hill lie. The green's false front and deep hollow will catch second shots that do not allow for the uphill approach. The hole is the ultimate example of designer Steve Smyers' design philosophy of "study the lie, read the ground, feel the wind, and imagine."

Hole No. 17, 488 yards, par 4 – A hard fade down the left is the shot of choice, using the ground to move the ball to the center of the fairway. A missed drive to the right side of the fairway will leave the player with a blind long iron shot from a side-hill lie. The well-guarded green can give up birdies if the approach shot finds the same side of the green where the pin is located.

Hole No. 18, 531 yards, par 5 – Playing back into the Michigan forest, this long hole requires a high level of accuracy. A well placed tee ball will provide the player with an opportunity to reach the green in two, but a safer play is short of the bunkers, leaving a long pitch to an elevated green. A gentle sloping green allows for some "made" putts.

Total Yardage: 7,239 Yards - Rating 76.6 - Slope 147

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