

Hole-by-hole guide

1: Par 3, Stroke Index 9: A difficult opening shot usually into the breeze with out of bounds and deep bunkers on the left.

2: Par 4, SI 1: The hardest hole on the course with out of bounds all the way down the left and carefully placed bunkers. A pond has also to be carried with the second shot to a two-tier green.

3: Par 3, SI 17: Straight forward short hole to a large green.

4: Par 3, SI 7: Long iron needed here to a very narrow green - difficult par three.

5: Par 4, SI 11: Decision time for most normal club golfers as this 223 yard par four hole with a two tier green can be a card wrecker. Is it best to play short of the ditch which is situated 160 yards from the tee or to go for the partially hidden green close to trees and out of bounds?

6: Par 3, SI 15: Elevated tee with beautiful views towards Marlborough Downs. Short Iron but beware of pot bunker on the right and the sloping green.

7: Par 3, SI 13: Another par three but accuracy is a premium here to a narrow green with three levels.

8: Par 4, SI 5: A very deceptive hole where care must be shown as there is a thick hedgerow and out of bounds down left hand side. Hole dog legs slightly to the left to a sloping green near water.

9: Par 4, SI 3: Uphill tee shot aiming for the marker post as hole doglegs to the right. Be careful that the second shot is not blocked out by the trees on the right. Once you have negotiated that be prepared for a viciously sloping two-tiered green.

The Cricklade Golf Course

