

The Grove

Watford, England

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The Grove at Watford		
Hole	Par	Length (Yards)
1	4	475
2	4	465
3	4	398
4	4	365
5	4	450
6	3	153
7	5	528
8	3	205
9	5	570
Out	36	3489
10	5	565
11	4	340
12	3	165
13	4	440
14	4	470
15	4	425
16	5	570
17	3	230
18	4	427
In	36	3572
Total	72	7061

Hole #1 - 415 Yards - Par Four
An ideal opening hole. Adjacent to the club and putting green. A gentle dogleg left, slightly downhill to a spacious landing area. The green is nestled near a beautiful single oak.

Hole #17 - 280 Yards - Par Three
The longest of the par three plays over an open hillside. The green lies slightly below the trees in a low, hillside setting. The seventeenth is integral to this very strong finish!

Hole #18 - 427 Yards - Par Four
A demanding and strikingly beautiful finishing hole. The tee shot is uphill to a split fairway, crossing the line of play in a diagonal fashion. The second shot is slightly downhill to an undulating green setting. The hole and hillside are a perfect backdrop for this final hole.

Practice Facilities
Amble within, a variety of targets and perfectly framed. The practice area is conveniently located near the club and starting holes in a quiet wooded grove. A short game practice area and teaching tee are also featured in this state of the art facility.

Hole #2 - 465 Yards - Par Four
Tee off between two large oaks, slightly uphill to an open, flat plateau. The long second shot must be directed toward the green just beyond a grouping of trees.

Hole #3 - 398 yards - Par Four
The dogleg hole. 398 plays slightly downhill, naturally to the left. A small green demands an accurate, downhill approach. The target is backed by a mature stand of beech and oak.

Hole #4 - 375 Yards - Par Four
A wonderful short par four. Turning up and into the hill, the fairway is divided along a subtle shelf. Only a short pitch remains for those who carry their tee shot to the upper fairway. Chestnut, yew and oak are again a backdrop behind the gently contoured green.

Hole #5 - 450 Yards - Par Four
This long dogleg right begins with a tee shot to the edge of the ridge, playing alongside majestic specimen trees to the right, open to the left. The approach is a dramatic downhill shot, framed by a grove of trees behind. After a short walk, cross under Grove Mill Lane to the first par three.

Hole #6 - 163 Yards - Par Three
The shortest hole on the course may be the most dramatic! The tee are arranged neatly on the hillside in the company of a beautiful cedar tree. A short downhill shot to a well guarded target. The setting is ideal. Now... on to Charlotte's Vale!

Hole #7 - 528 Yards - Par Five
Cross the River Stole. Did you see all the fish? This spacious par five begins next to the locks and plays entirely along the Grand Union Canal. You may even spot a barge or two... or even a fisherman! The landing area is very wide, but the hole narrows as it closes to the green. Charlotte's Vale will not disappoint!

Hole #8 - 205 Yards - Par Three
Cross the river to the next par three. The hole is long, but very spacious. A natural green setting at the base of the hill. The wind may be a key element on this hole!

Hole #9 - 570 Yards - Par Five
This short par five plays longer than it looks. An uphill tee shot earns a view of the green and the Manor House in the distance. The fairway on this dogleg right meanders back and forth, terminating at the smallest green, near the tenth tee.

Hole #10 - 565 Yards - Par Five
The second of two par five in a row, distinctly different from the eighth or to the south. The tee are near the club, but not too close. The fairway on this dogleg right meanders back and forth, terminating at the smallest green, near the tenth tee.

Hole #11 - 340 Yards - Par Four
Another beautiful short par four. Don't miss the Old Grove Mill to the right! The entire hole is well situated in the valley, banked to the left by the hillside. A well-positioned tee shot leaves only a short pitch to the green, just over the newly restored ornamental lake. Pine trees serve as a backdrop.

Hole #12 - 165 Yards - Par Three
A picturesque par three playing along the ornamental lake. This mid-length hole is well guarded by the hillside to the left and water to the right. Number twelve is fully exposed to the wind!

Hole #13 - 440 Yards - Par Four
Several quaint old cottages stand between the tee and the landing area. The tee shot is gently uphill along Reach Wood, an ancient woodland, and a grassy, open hillside. Several oaks frame the green, well positioned on a flat shelf.

Hole #14 - 470 Yards - Par Four
A mid-length par four in a lowland setting. After the tee shot, the hole turns gently to the left, unrolling the canal, a wonderful old ledge and a perfect target. The green is situated on a point on a turn in the canal and is surrounded by mature specimen trees.

Hole #15 - 425 Yards - Par Four
Tee off amidst several larger trees into an open landing area. Use the tree line in the distance as your guide. Then follow it along to the green. The putting surface is gently positioned against a low knoll.

Hole #16 - 570 Yards - Par Five
The longest hole on the course! From an elevated tee, this par five plays into an open meadowland. The second shot narrows a bit, as the lake rests in the distance. The shot to the green is narrow or yet! The green hugs the ornamental lake. Views abound throughout the valley floor.

