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The South Park course is situated eight miles from the downtown district of Pittsburgh or about a 20-minute ride with a yardage of 6,590 and a par of 72. The original golf course began on what is now #17.

No. 1, 507 Yards, Par 5

Reverse dog leg, right, left, right, running 200, 200 and 107 yards to green; easy grade; five fairway traps at vantage points, with two large sand traps guarding green; the longest hole on the course; will challenge the skill of the best golfers; a birdie here will be well earned.

No. 2, 368 Yards, Par 4

Fairway dips to a point 200 yards in direction of two magnificent oaks, one at either side at this distance; the fairway flanked somewhat by shrubbery with a rather acute rise from the 200-yard line. A not too easy four. Round, undulating green surrounded by three traps, with four fairway traps at strategic points.

No. 3, 388 Yards, Par 4

The tee runs due south, bordering the practice fairway, overlooking a beautiful valley. Fairway runs to a slight dip at a point 165 yards from tee, rising slightly from that point to an oblong, undulating green; both fairway and green well trapped and bunkered.

No. 4, 378 Yards, Par 4

Trap on left 165 yards; on right 185 yards, fairway running straightaway to double oblong green; approach to green on left well bunkered and trapped in rear and on sides.

No. 5, 474 Yards, Par 5

Fairway banked on right with dip 200 yards from tee; slight dog leg, right, left, with three fairway traps, two to left and one to right at this point;

fairway rising to a beautiful saucer green surrounded by six traps, the green, unlike most of the others, recessed, inviting accurate iron shot.

No. 6, 409 Yards, Par 4

This fairway banked on right similar to No. 3, leading downgrade to point 200 yards, trapped on both sides; fairway from this point leads upgrade straight to green, which rests just below crest of hill, shelved out of solid rock; green and approaches surrounded by sand and grass traps.

No. 7, 470 Yards, Par 5

Slight dog leg to right; traps 200, 300 and 350 yards leading to oblong, saucer green well trapped on sides and rear. This green cut out of solid rock formation.

No. 8, 245 Yards, Par 3 (You can still see the remnants of this tee above and to the left of what is now 5 green.)

Straightaway, on a slight rise; two fairway traps; undulating green surrounded by grass and sand traps. This green skirts the fairway of the practice ground.

No. 9, 428 Yards, Par 4

From an elevated tee the fairway drops down unto valley, with slight dog leg to left at 250-yard mark. Three large sand traps to right of fairway at 200 yards. A rolling fairway from dog leg to green which has traps on both right and left with bunkers on right. Green is large and elevated slightly at back to hold full shot played to carry to green.

No. 10, 148 Yards, Par 3

A short hole, which is one of the most beautiful water holes in the Western Pennsylvania district. Slightly to the right stands "patriarch," a massive 400-year-old oak; fairway dips keenly to a waterfall where a shallow lake separates tee from green, rising rather abruptly up hill to green.

No. 11, 441 Yards, Par 4 (This one played to what is now the putting green.)

This fairway extends along shelf to a rather acute dip 200 yards from tee, forming somewhat of a natural hazard, with three fairway traps well placed, one short of dip and two beyond; from this point fairway rises rather keenly towards club house 240 yards straightaway.

No. 12, 451 Yards, Par 5

A right hand dog leg from tee down a rather acute grade to dip, 165 yards from tee; from this point fairway extends along plateau to green, skirted on left by a magnificent oak; shot must be placed well to right in order to reach this green on second or approach shot; fairway skirted by five traps, including approach to green on right of fairway. Green surrounded by four sand and two grass traps.

No. 13, 429 Yards, Par 4

Fairway bears to right into rising ground; slight dog leg, left, right; three fairway traps on right at strategic intervals; in order to drain traps on fairway, excavation of nine feet was made; one of the best constructed holes on the course, with double, undulating green, which rests in front of three beautifully placed oaks, the center tree on direct line to hole.

No. 14, 345 Yards, Par 4

Acute right, left dog leg; tee built on an elevation. A fine hole but good golf necessary to make par. Fairway skirted by four sand traps, the green, a beautiful double saucer effect, with mound at mouth, separated into two sections, surrounded by five well-placed traps in rear and sides.

No. 15, 239 Yards, Par 3

Overlooking a beautiful valley in the north-western corner of the course; abounds in natural hazards; the green rests between a clump of trees, one of the many intriguing characteristics of the South Park course. A hard three with three sand traps surrounding the green. A sporty hole.

No. 16, 398 Yards, Par 4

Slight left, right dog leg; starting with gentle rise to a more acute elevation from a point 200 yards from tee; natural hazards bordering rough; fairway skirted by three sand traps, one at 200 and two at 300 yards from tee;

undulating, elevated round green, surrounded by three sand traps, commanding beautiful view.

No. 17, 151 Yards, Par 3

Tee and green on equal elevation, with beautiful dip between. An oblong, undulating green; being trapped on sides and rear. A sporty three, all carry.

No. 18, 321 Yards, Par 4

Affording sporty approach shot to an elevated, undulating, oval green, overlooking 100 acres of wooded valley. Three fairway traps, well placed, with two large sand traps guarding green; straightaway; a fine hole.

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