

HOLE 1, named Hokowhitu, is a par 4 that is 371 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

The mid to high handicap golfer should aim a tee shot slightly right of centre fairway. A tee shot to the left of centre fairway can block out the approach to the green as there are numerous trees that protrude on the left hand side of the fairway.

The low handicap golfer should aim for the centre of the fairway, a successful tee shot will open up the green for a straight forward approach. The large bunker to the right of the fairway can catch long tee shots. This bunker is shared with the 13th hole.

There is a swale in front of the green which can stop pitch shots from running and a bunker left front of the green.

The safest approach is right centre of the green.

The green slopes from back to front and depending on the pin position there can be significant borrow.

The key to this hole is a correctly positioned tee shot.

HOLE 2, named Pines, is a par 4 that is 371 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

This hole has a very pronounced left to right dogleg.

The mid to high handicap golfer should aim a tee shot slightly left of centre fairway. This will open up the green for an approach whereas a tee shot to the right centre of the fairway, if not long enough, will become blocked from the green by the dogleg. There are bunkers on the left of the fairway but only very well struck tee shots could reach these.

Low handicap golfers, can, with a good tee shot clear the dogleg on the right. A good tee shot to the left hand side could reach the bunkers on the left or kick into the trees passed the bunkers.

The back to front sloping green is well protected by bunkers.

The key to this hole is placing the ball on the green so that you face an uphill putt.

HOLE 3, named Te Wai, is a par 4 that is 332 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

From the tee this hole looks relatively harmless. Looks can be misleading.

The mid to high handicap golfer should aim a tee shot to the centre of the fairway. Slightly left of centre fairway is fine, too far right of centre fairway makes the approach difficult to hold on the green.

Low handicap golfers should play their tee shot. As far down the fairway as possible, there are no real dangers. Although a tee shot positioned too far right makes the approach difficult to hold on the green.

There is a swale on the left and back of the green and bunkers on the right.

All running shots to the green will move right to left on the green.

The key to this hole is a carefully planned approach shot to the green.

HOLE 4, named Devil's Own, is a par 3 that is 133 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

A delightful short hole that prompts all golfers to play for the centre of the green, irrespective of pin placement. There are extreme breaking slopes on the green either side of centre.

The green is heavily bunkered all round.

Careful consideration should be given to the wind direction to ensure correct club selection.

To miss the green brings an above par score into play.

HOLE 5, named Strangs, is a par 5 that is 487 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

The longest hole on the course, this straight away hole can prove to be a difficult prospect for some.

Mid to high handicap golfers should tee up on the right hand side of the tee so that any left to right movement works the ball away from the trees crowding the left hand side of the fairway.

The low handicap golfer can reach the bunker on the left but normally avoid same by playing a tee shot down the right hand side of the fairway.

The fairway past the bunker is relatively wide open and it is essential golfers of all abilities plot the position from which they will approach the green.

The green is protected by bunkers and these should be avoided at all costs. There is a tricky run off area at the rear of the green that picks up long approaches.

It is not too daunting a hole if the ball is kept in the fairway.

The key to this hole is a precisely executed tee shot which sets this straight away hole up to be attacked by players of all abilities.

HOLE 6, named Cliffview, is a par 4 that is 409 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

The mid to high handicap golfer should play this very difficult hole as a par 5. The hole is rated the toughest hole to par, on the course.

The tee shot is straight forward but the chute of trees down which it is played is extremely narrow. Consideration of the playing conditions is essential.

The low handicap golfer is faced with ensuring a good straight tee shot otherwise a par on this hole very quickly becomes a problem.

While hitting a tee shot into the trees is never ideal the stand of trees on the right hand side of the fairway are particularly penal and should be avoided.

A long narrow green is protected by bunkers 20 or so metres from the front and also deep greenside bunkers.

It is important, once the green is properly in view, to assess the pin position and ensure any shot is placed in a position so that the pin can be attacked.

The key to this hole is negotiating the chute of trees with the tee shot.

HOLE 7, named Riverside, is a par 5 that is 485 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

The mid to high handicap golfer will stand on the tee and look at this hole as being relatively wide open and easy. However a tee shot too far left of centre brings the left tree line into play.

A tee shot right of centre is ideal, too far right and the stopbank and out of bounds come into play.

The low handicap golfer doesn't face too many challenges on this hole unless the tee shot strays badly left or right.

The hole doglegs slightly left around 300 metres from the tee so negotiating the hole down the left hand side of the fairway can be problematic.

The stopbank and out of bounds right continue the full length of the hole.

Maintaining a line centre of the fairway for the complete length of the hole is ideal.

The green is relatively flat on the left hand side. If the pin is right of centre there is quite severe left to right movement across the green if the approach shot is low.

There is a bunker front right of the green.

The key to this hole is to maintain a centre or slightly right line.

HOLE 8, named Monro's, is a par 3 that is 186 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

The longest par 3 on the course poses challenges to the mid to high handicap golfer.

Bunkers on either side of the green protect most pin placements. Being short of the green is a safe option allowing the golfer to pitch a shot up the back to front sloping green.

There is a significant ridge across the green approx two thirds of the way up the green.

Wind direction will have an impact on club selection.

The low handicap golfer is not too challenged by this hole unless faced with a strong headwind.

The key to this hole is to avoid the bunkers at all costs.

HOLE 9, named Totaras, is a par 4 that is 320 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

One of the shortest par 4 holes on the course. The mid to high handicap golfer should endeavour to place a tee shot right of centre fairway on this challenging and picturesque hole.

A tee shot too far left can bring trees, rough and a greenside bunker into play.

Distance control to the green is critical and it is essential not to go through the back of the green.

The low handicap golfer should play for the centre of the fairway as a good tee shot will open up the green for an attacking approach shot.

The green slopes considerably from back to front so it is preferable to try for an uphill putt. A long downhill putt can bring a 3 putt into play.

The key to this hole is a well judged approach shot.

HOLE 10, is called Glendinnings and is a par 4 which is 372 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

A very difficult hole.

Mid to high handicap golfers should endeavour to place their tee shots right of centre fairway. This then allows for a second shot towards the green. Avoid at all costs pulling or pushing shots into the trees either side of the approach fairway. These can be extremely penal.

The elevated green is all carry and because of the dramatic slope back to front it is prudent to putt from below the hole. It is strategic to play this hole as a par 5.

Low handicap golfers should place their tee shots to the right of the fairway to open up the approach. The elevated green is challenging and shots through the green face a difficult recovery.

There are two keys to this hole.

- 1 playing a shot that negotiates the right to leg dogleg successfully.
 - 2 playing into the green favour short rather than long.
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HOLE 11, named Tawhiti, is a par 3 that is 140 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

This hole gives the impression of being a relatively simple par 3.

The split level green presents many different pin position possibilities. Those on the upper level can be very difficult in certain wind conditions as can those tucked into the left immediately below the upper level.

The green is protected by a bunker on the left hand side and another bunker front right.

For all golfers the key is the tee shot. Middle of the green is a good play no matter where the pin is. Club selection is critical, in the prevailing conditions, to ensure the correct distance is achieved.

HOLE 12, named Crossing, is a par 4 that is 352 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

This hole doglegs sharply left so mid to high handicap golfers should endeavour to skirt the right hand side of the fairway with their tee shots. This will open up the green for an approach shot.

To place a tee shot left of centre and not reach the corner of the dogleg effectively brings a 5 into play.

Low handicap golfers can play their tee shots over the tree on the corner of the dogleg.

The green is protected by a large bunker front left and a greenside bunker on the right.

The green itself has a number of severe swales right of centre. Serious consideration of where to land an approach shot, relevant to the pin position, is essential.

There are 2 keys to this hole.

- 1 putting your ball in a position where you have a straightforward shot at the green.
 - 2 ensuring you know where the pin is located in relation to the swales on the green
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HOLE 13, named Birches, is a par 4 that is 361 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

Probably the most underrated par 4 on the course mid to high handicap golfers should place their tee shots left of centre fairway opening up the green to an approach shot.

A slight righthand dogleg penalises shots that end up too far right as the green is then hidden from view.

There is also a rough grass bunker right of centre that can be very penal.

The green is protected by a huge bunker on the left hand side of the green.

Low handicap golfers should place their tee shots down the left centre of the fairway, slightly left of centre is fine. Too far left could bring the lefthand treeline into play. Left is far better than right. Right trees is an instant 5.

There is a swale in front of the green which must be carried if the green is to be accessed.

The key to this hole is a correctly placed tee shot.

HOLE 14, named Westward Ho, is a par 5 that is 450 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

A very severe dogleg left requires low to mid handicap golfers to place their tee shots as far right of centre as possible. A successful tee shot on that line will ensure that the golfer has a reasonable second shot to open up the green.

Errant tee shots left or right of the fairway could be penalised severely by the trees that crowd either side of the fairway.

Shots to open up the green fully should be played to the right of centre fairway.

There is a large bunker on the lefthand side of the fairway approximately 140 metres from the centre of the green.

Low handicap golfers should place their tee shots down the centre of the fairway or over the trees on the left hand corner.

The green is protected by a bunker front left and severe slopes on the right..

There are 2 keys to this hole.

1 the correct placement of the tee shot is essential for all golfers.

2 it is a real postive to place the approach to the green below the pin.

HOLE 15, named Avenue, is a par 5 that is 439 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

Low to mid handicap golfers should play their tee shots from the right hand side of this elevated tee and aim left of centre fairway.

Any excursion into the righthand treeline with a tee shot is likely to end in a dropped shot or two.

Once in the centre of the fairway it is prudent to play a second shot short of the very well positioned bunkers which are short of the green.

The green runs left to right and contains some very challenging slopes.

Positioning the approach shot, in relation to the pin position, is essential in providing a positive putting line.

There is a severe swale in front of the green and most shots landing in the swale don't reach the green.

The low handicap golfer can reach the green in 2 but has to be aware of the bunkers and swale in front of the green.

All golfers should be aware of the bunker tunked in beside the left hand trees at good drive distance.

It is also essential to avoid running through the green where an upslope provides a treacherous return shot.

The key to the hole is a correctly placed tee shot.

HOLE 16, named Stopbank, is a par 3 that is 155 metres from the black tees to the green.

This is a very challenging par 3 hole and depending on the pin position of the day changes it's character dramatically for all golfers.

If the pin is on the left hand side of the green this is a very straightforward hole.

Choosing the right club for the distance to the pin is essential.

If the pin is behind the bunker this hole becomes particularly difficult for the mid to high handicap golfer.

The key to this hole is choosing the correct club.

HOLE 17, named Te Rua, is a par 4 that is 372 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

This hole has a fairway which runs left to right around an area of rough and severely contoured ground,

The mid to high handicap golfer should tee up on the right side of the tee to open up the lefthand side of the fairway. Bear in mind too far left can result in a stand of high trees blocking the approach shot to the green.

Traversing the right hand side of this hole can easily bring an over par score into play.

The low handicap golfer can usually play a tee shot direct at the green and in most instances, except in a severe headwind, clear the area of rough to the right of the fairway.

The green slopes from back to front and is extremely well protected by a swale in the front and bunkers either side. Through the back of the green to be avoided.

The key to this hole is a correctly placed tee shot.

HOLE 18, named Abraham's, is a par 4 that is 320 metres from the black tees to the centre of the green.

Mid to high handicap golfers should play their tee shots centre of the fairway. This will set up an approach to a green guarded by four bunkers, two either side.

A tee shot deviating to the right hand side of the fairway can bring trees and three fairway bunkers into play.

A tee shot too far left can result in the green being blocked out by trees. There is a bunker left of centre which can catch a well struck tee shot.

Low handicap golfers can clear most trouble by aiming their tee shots centre fairway.

The generous dished green is very receptive. Avoid at all costs being through the green as the back runs off dramatically.

The key to this hole is a correctly placed tee shot.

A stunning finishing hole.

HOLE 19, the Hokowhitu Café and Bar provides the very important social aspect of golf. The bar stocks most of your favourite beverages and our chef will always ensure a good selection of delicious food is available before or after your game.



Open to the general public, this is the perfect place to bring family or friends for a relaxing get together.

We hope you have enjoyed your time at the Manawatu Golf Club.