



## Hole 18

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**F**rom the beginning, the property at West Fork was a special piece of land. A combination of natural features that included trees, wetlands, streams, high hills and the West Fork of the San Jacinto River made this a place where a great golf course could be designed. To add to the natural features, our clients, Suzan Taylor and Mack Brown, gave us great latitude in the routing of the course to best take advantage of the property while creating value for the real estate.

As with most courses today, our task was to find the best balance of working with the site, enhancing the real estate and creating challenging golf. Knowing that this is to be a public course that will be played by a wide range of golfers, we wanted to be certain that the shots from the tees and approaches to the greens were well described. We feel that players should be presented a range of strategies for play of each hole. The fun of the game is making that choice and then properly executing the shot required. The game is also greatly enhanced if it can be played in a setting that is aesthetically pleasing.

We believe that West Fork has accomplished what we, as architects, set out to do. Even better, we think it fulfills the needs of our clients and the golfing public will receive the course with enthusiasm.

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## Yardage Information

- ⊗ Denotes sprinkler head.
- Denotes landmark – tree, edge of bunker or body of water, etc.
- Denotes 100, 150, 200 & 250-yard markers.
- All distances are measured in yards to center of greens.
- Charts show distances in yards from permanent plates in center of tee boxes, designated by color-coded squares, to landmarks.

### USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY

Except Where Local Rules Apply

#### Local Rules

- All wetlands will be played as hazards.
- Lateral hazards will be marked with red lines or red stakes.
- Water hazards will be marked with yellow lines or yellow stakes.
- Out of bounds will be marked with white lines or white stakes.
- Each operator of a golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- Golf carts will be assigned in the Pro Shop.
- Unless posted otherwise, the 90° rule will always be in effect.
- Please do not drive carts into or otherwise enter any native or environmentally sensitive areas.
- Please fix ball marks on greens and divots in fairways.
- Personal coolers and outside beverages are prohibited.

#### Etiquette

- Dress Code – collared shirts, soft spikes are required. Blue jeans are not permitted.
- You should not exceed 4 hours 15 minutes playing your round.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Please keep up with the group in front of you
- The course ranger will control the speed of play so everyone can enjoy their round.



The Links at West Fork is a proud member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, created and administered by Audubon International. Under the program, we are striving toward best management practices in environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation, water quality management, and outreach and education. Our goal is to have our efforts in environmental stewardship recognized by becoming certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

Denotes environmental information.

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# 2

PAR 4



Green Depth:  
37 yards

213
173
126
86

294
253
206
166

This par 4 is a dogleg left and again your tee shot will be hit over wetlands. There is more room on the left side than it seems, so aim your tee shot to the left of the right fairway bunker.

YARDAGE	
432	
393	
344	
305	
HCP: 3	

The palmetto flats adjacent to the hole are frequented by deer, rabbits and coyotes.



Green Depth:  
32 yards

250
215
155
101

236
199
141
86

The San Jacinto River is lined with bamboo and river birch, sycamore, oak and elm trees, all favorite nesting sites for waterfowl and wildlife.

# 3

PAR 5



On this par 5, a great tee shot to the straightaway fairway will position you to go for the green in two. Beware of the river on the right lurking in the trees. The safe play is to lay up in front of the left side bunker, leaving yourself a short approach shot.

YARDAGE	
533	
497	
445	
388	
HCP: 5	

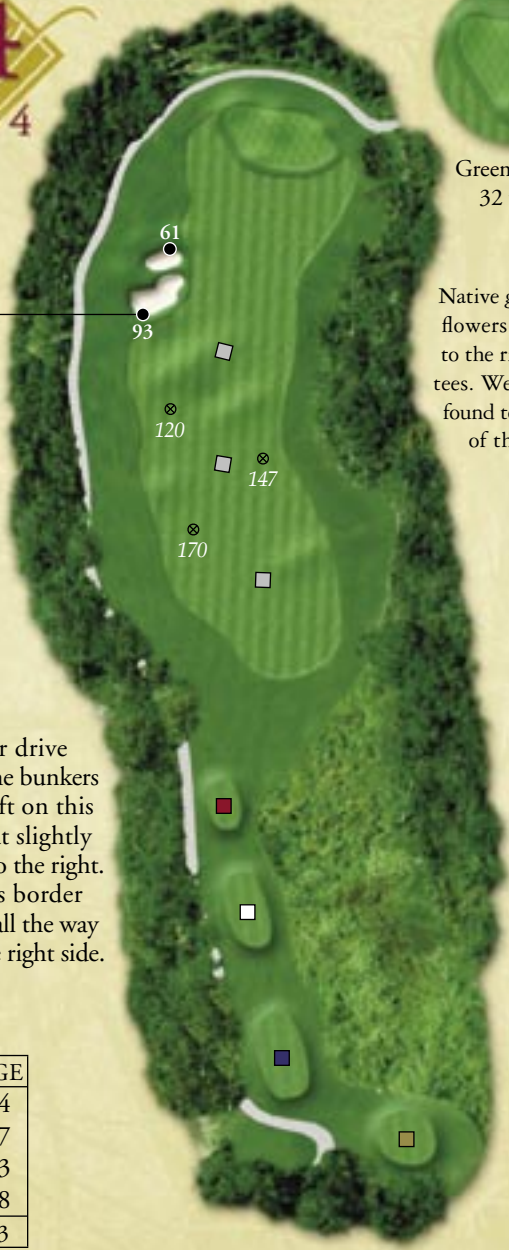
# 4

PAR 4

■	298
■	269
□	225
■	171

Play your drive toward the bunkers on the left on this par 4 that slightly doglegs to the right. Wetlands border the hole all the way down the right side.

YARDAGE	
■	394
■	367
□	323
■	268
HCP: 13	



Green Depth:  
32 yards



Green Depth:  
38 yards

Native grasses and flowers are found to the right of the tees. Wetlands are found to the right of the fairway.

# 5

PAR 3

■	215
■	197
□	162
■	93

Yardage will be hard to gauge on this par 3 since you must carry the wetlands. Ladies will get a break!

■	177
■	159
□	124
■	61

Fallen trees support wildlife by supplying insect food and nesting sources.

YARDAGE	
■	200
■	181
□	147
■	77
HCP: 11	



# 6

PAR 4



Green Depth:  
34 yards



Green Depth:  
36 yards

# 7

PAR 4

327
292
261
221

204
169
138
96

307
272
241
198

294
242
214
179

268
216
186
152

242
193
167
134

188
140
114
85

Here's another dogleg left par 4 that requires you to carry wetlands from the tee. The best tee shots will be positioned to the left of the bunker. Beware of the hazard behind the green.

YARDAGE	
422	
396	
355	
325	

HCP: 7

Wood ducks frequently roost in the wetland slough by the bridge.

Two bunkers sit in the middle of the fairway on this straightaway par 4. Shorter hitters should play down the left side, avoiding those bunkers. Longer hitters can carry the bunkers and should favor the right side, but need to beware of the lake.

The lake is popular with waterfowl, wading and shore birds. Be sure to look for alligators.

YARDAGE	
408	
361	
333	
298	

HCP: 9

# 8

PAR 3

191
177
153
121
162
147
122
91

This par 3 plays into the prevailing wind most of the time. Avoid the enormous bunker to the right of the green.

YARDAGE	
177	
168	
142	
117	
HCP: 17	



Green Depth: 36 yards

196
183
159
128
175
162
137
107

The wetland plant species include buttonbush, baccharis and beautyberry, excellent food sources for birds.



Green Depth: 36 yards

289
232
202
168
123

The meadows surrounding this hole are ideal hunting grounds for hawks, falcons and kestrels.

# 9

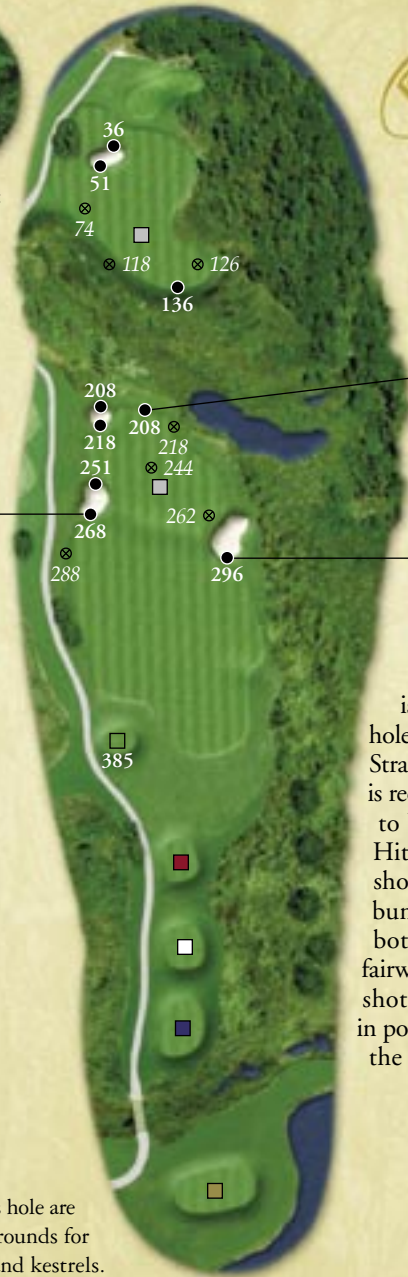
PAR 5

344
285
255
221
168

This par 5 is the toughest hole at West Fork! Strategic planning is required for you to be successful. Hit a straight tee shot to avoid the bunkers that line both sides of the fairway. A great tee shot may put you in position to reach the green in two.

259
202
172
138
93

YARDAGE	
555	
497	
467	
433	
HCP: 1	





Tee	Yardage
Gold	6908
Blue	6353
White	5650
Red	4962

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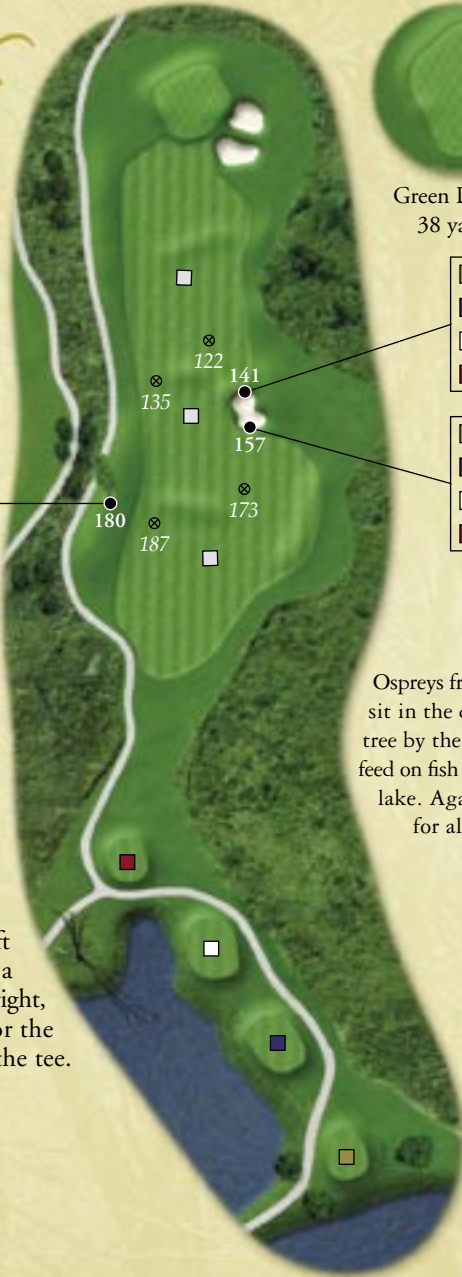
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This par 4 is the prettiest hole at West Fork. Favor the right side of the fairway to avoid the hidden creek on the left. This tricky green has a lot of slope.

# 11

PAR 4



Green Depth:  
38 yards

Ospreys frequently sit in the dead oak tree by the tees and feed on fish from the lake. Again, look for alligators.

■	243
■	209
□	173
■	141

■	277
■	242
□	209
■	178

■	262
■	227
□	193
■	166

YARDAGE	
■	429
■	389
□	341
■	319

HCP: 4

The prevailing wind on this par 4 is from left to right. With a bunker on the right, it's best to favor the left side from the tee.



Green Depth:  
27 yards

■	169
■	143
□	116
■	84

■	196
■	170
□	145
■	115

YARDAGE	
■	180
■	151
□	130
■	98

HCP: 18

The lake provides a corridor connecting the river and the interior wetlands.

On this par 3, a shot that is slightly short is okay since the prevailing wind will be blowing your ball toward the lake most of the time. With a bunker back left and the lake on the right, a shot to the middle of the green is the smart play.

# 12

PAR 3

# 13

PAR 4

■	312
■	278
□	233
■	197

■	239
■	205
□	160
■	126

■	239
■	205
□	160
■	122

■	197
■	163
□	118
■	81

For a short par 4, this hole is one of the hardest at West Fork. There are two options; lay up short of the big tree or drive past it. You then hit to a small green with a severe slope on the left and the river on the right. Good luck!

YARDAGE	
■	342
■	308
□	263
■	230

HCP: 12

Green Depth:  
34 yards

The river borders the right side of the hole and wetlands are found to the left of the tee.

# 14

PAR 5

■	294
■	268
□	225
■	185

■	284
■	264
□	224
■	189

■	294
■	268
□	225
■	185

■	284
■	264
□	224
■	189

Green Depth:  
32 yards

Great Blue Herons nest in the trees along the river.

Two good shots on this par 5 will get long hitters on the green if they keep their tee shots out of the wetlands. The river guards the right side of the green.

YARDAGE	
■	504
■	476
□	434
■	392

HCP: 6

# 15

PAR 4

■	286
■	253
□	204
■	175

■	296
■	263
□	214
■	185

■	236
■	206
□	163
■	135

■	217
■	186
□	142
■	115

Green Depth:  
33 yards

The creek, river and lake support many types of wildlife.

This pretty par 4 doglegs slightly to the right. The elevated green has a false front so think about hitting more club than you normally would on the approach.

YARDAGE	
■	416
■	383
□	342
■	312
HCP: 8	

# 16

PAR 4

■	297
■	269
□	232
■	195

■	240
■	212
□	177
■	141

■	200
■	172
□	137
■	101

Green Depth:  
39 yards

Note the native area to the left of the tees and the seasonal creek that separates the fairway from the green.

■	324
■	296
□	259
■	220

■	284
■	256
□	219
■	180

This par 4 should be a breather if you drive the fairway. Be aware that a creek runs just in front of the green.

YARDAGE	
■	364
■	336
□	300
■	259
HCP: 14	

# 17

PAR 3

- 215
- 195
- 168
- 138

Proper club selection is critical when hitting to the elevated green on this par 3. Back left pin placements are difficult to get close to; you're better off playing for the center of the green.

YARDAGE	
■	197
■	178
□	151
■	127
HCP: 16	



Green Depth:  
35 yards


- 180
- 160
- 134
- 106




Green Depth:  
26 yards

- 236
- 214
- 186
- 146

- 219
- 197
- 169
- 129

 Native grasses and flowers are found along the entire left side of this hole.

 Native grasses are found to the left of the tees.

# 18

PAR 5



This par 5 is a three-shot hole for most players. With a bunker left and out-of-bounds right, a straight tee shot is needed. If you hit a great second shot, you can carry the hazard short of the green, but the smart play is to lay up in front of it.

YARDAGE	
■	565
■	546
□	514
■	474
HCP: 2	

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