

SEQUOYAH NATIONAL GOLF CLUB – Cherokee, NC

Breathtaking views, challenging golf

By Sam Smith

Most golf courses built on historical sites are marked by a few plaques, but at Sequoyah National Golf Club in the Great Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina, Mother Nature has provided a panoramic landscape to commemorate history on the reservation land of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

Opened in August of 2009, this Robert Trent Jones II designed course can truly be called “breathtaking” with scenic vistas, beautiful landscape and challenging golf. Measuring 6,600 yards from the tips, this par 72 championship course features large immaculately groomed bent grass greens with Kentucky bluegrass fairways.



Warming up to play Sequoyah National is not a problem with an expansive practice area including a driving range, putting greens, chipping area and Callaway Golf Club fitting by certified PGA Golf Professionals right outside the clubhouse door. The golf shop offers a full range of men’s and women’s golf apparel.

The course is managed by Sequoia Golf, now owned by ClubCorp which has more than 3,400 holes of golf on private, semi-private and public golf courses across the United States.

General Manager Kenny Cashwell and head PGA professional Carr Crowe are ready to welcome you to a very special golf experience in the Smoky Mountains.

“We have worked hard to make sure the golfers that choose Sequoyah National are not disappointed with any aspect of our course,” said Cashwell. “From over-seeding, and in some cases re-sodding our fairways, reconditioning our bunkers to double rolling our bent grass greens, Superintendent Brannon Burnes has touched all bases to upgrade the condition of our course.”

Designer R.T. Jones, II did a wonderful job of routing the course through the oak and fir trees and flowering valleys that will give golfers a good look from a majority of elevated tee boxes. On many tees one will have a 360° view, including the highest tee box at the par-4 15th hole with the long-range landscape vista of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park that contains the highest mountain in the Smokies, Tennessee’s Clingmans Dome (6,643 ft.).

Picture this. You hit your tee shot off the 15th tee box, at nearly 2,500 feet. It’s soaring into the wispy clouds above the Smoky Mountains backdrop, just hanging over a valley several hundred feet below. You breathe a sigh of relief as your ball comes to earth just ahead of the 150-marker in the center of the fairway, setting up an uphill carry into one of the many multi-tiered greens for a possible par. Wow! You want to hit that shot again just to continue this memorable moment at Sequoyah.

Like most mountain golf courses, Sequoyah National offers several forced carry holes to challenge your ball-striking abilities. However, with 5 sets of tees you can bite off as much of a challenge as your game will allow. To help with club selection to meet these challenges and other playing situations, Sequoyah National offers a cart-monitoring system called “Visage GPS”, with a vocal hole description of each tee box, while furnishing shot distances into the greens for ensuing shots.

Another fun feature at Sequoyah, are the information signs at each tee that have very interesting and entertaining facts about the land, the course and the Cherokee Indian’s folklore. With Cherokee blood coursing through my veins, gathering knowledge of the band of Indians that eluded the “Trail of Tears” march to Oklahoma in 1838-39, was an added attraction to the enjoyable golf.

Sequoyah National Golf Club provides ultimate playing conditions year-round including green flowing Bluegrass fairways and rough, and sizeable bent grass greens that are very receptive to high or low flying approach shots. The tee-box video and “Visage GPS” on your cart will be a big aid in getting proper distance to set up a reasonable putt.

Enjoy a relaxed lunch or afternoon beverage on the outdoor deck with 180° views of the Great Smoky Mountains.



The surrounding community also provides golfers a welcoming environment that is rich with Native American culture and exciting year-round attractions.

Just minutes from Sequoyah National is the luxurious 21-story Harrah's Cherokee Hotel, set amid the beautiful mountain setting of western North Carolina and provides luxury lodging that creates an upscale experience with 1,108 spacious rooms that include breathtaking views. The hotel has seven restaurants with a wide variety of food from causal snacks to the Chefs Stage Buffet offering tastes from around the world with Italian, Asian, comfort food, barbeque and much more.

Enjoy many amenities like the fitness room that is open 24/7, the indoor pool and the new outdoor pool featuring a zero entry pool, cabanas and bar area.

To book a tee time, a stay-and-play package or get more information on Sequoyah National Golf Club for your "breathtaking experience" call 828-497-3000 or logon at www.sequoyahnational.com



Test your golf game.



Test your luck.

Located 45 minutes west of Asheville, North Carolina and nestled among the oak, fir and flowered valleys in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains resides Sequoyah National Golf Club. Owned by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, this Robert Trent Jones II design offers golfers an idyllic 18 hole journey, filled with scenic vistas, beautiful landscapes and challenging golf.



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