

# Club, Course and Hole Routing

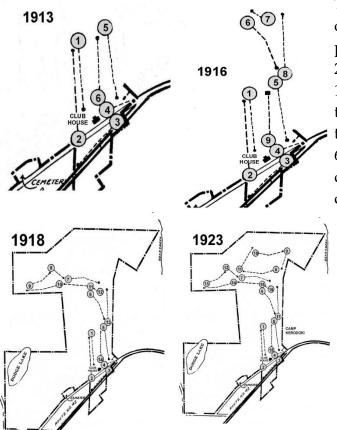


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#### **Eagles Mere Country Club**

Welcome to Eagles Mere Country Club (EMCC) and our historic course, designed and enhanced by William Flynn. This year, EMCC celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of our Golf Course.

Eagles Mere dramatically grew as a resort destination in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The railroad brought guests from Baltimore, Philadelphia, and locations beyond to fill the majestic hotels. This growth led to the creation of EMCC, which was initially formed in 1911 and opened for play in 1913 with six holes. In 1915, Flynn, at the age of 25, was hired to expand the Course with an additional twelve holes and make adjustments to the original six. This effort was done in three-phases and the full 18-hole course was completed in 1923.



The initial holes were open in 1913 and play as our current 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 18. By 1916, Flynn added three more holes. that we play today as 6, 7 and 16. to complete a 9-hole course. Flynn then completed four more holes by 1918 that we play today as 12, 13, 14 and 15. The final four holes were completed by 1923 with addition of what we play today as 8, 9, 10, and 11.

During the late 1920s, interest in golf in Eagles Mere grew dramatically. Flynn was hired again to design a second 18-hole layout, of which 9 holes were constructed. However, the Stock Market crash of 1929 ended any additional work, and the second course was never completed.



#### Flynn's Marvelous Design

At EMCC, the genius of Flynn was his ability to route unique holes with variety in length and elevation on a severe contour and rocky terrain. As Nate Oxman writes, the Course "showcases Flynn's artistry, especially his ability to use the natural terrain to create golf holes that stand the test of time." Having no topographical maps, bulldozers, GPS and modern-day equipment, Flynn used horses to remove stumps from the thick forest to carve out holes so well suited for the setting. The resulting fairways offer few level lies. Using the slope of the land, "Flynn allowed the rollicking terrain to create challenges for golfers, often asking them to move the ball in the opposite direction than the one the lie dictates. Exposed rock, dips and swales left from thousands of trees and boulders extracted during construction, blind shots, and of course, extreme elevation changes all add intrigue as well."



Flynn's best architectural feature at EMCC is the green complexes - small in size, subtle in contouring and challenging in slope. They leverage the surrounding contours and subtle flows of the land.

Over the past century, the EMCC Course has honored Flynn's original design, and matured into a challenging and pleasurable golf experience. Like many great Flynn designs, EMCC is a course that you to want to play again and again.

Our professional staff is here to ensure that you have a wonderful "EMCC Experience" that exceeds your expectations. Enjoy your day at EMCC.

#### Before we get started:

- All the yardage markers and sprinkler heads are measured to the center of the green.
- The hole handicaps marked on each page are for the back three tees and the forward tee respectively.
- The flag sticks are range finder-friendly with reflector prisms.
- In a patriotic fashion, our flags are red, white, and blue for front, middle, and back pin placements.
- Bells are located to the right of fairways 1, 8 and 11; please ring the bell to indicate your fairway is clear.
- Pace of play is important and a round should be completed in four hours or less.
- Please replace divots, ball marks and rake bunkers.
- Green posts mark when golf carts must exit the fairway to cart paths;
  please be mindful of any identified wet areas.
- Cell phone usage is permitted on the Course for text messaging and GPS purposes only; no telephone calls please.
- Smoking is permitted except within the Clubhouse and Golf Shop area.
- The Halfway House located after the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> holes does accept credit cards for the purchase of food and beverages.
- Guests are welcome to enjoy lunch in the Clubhouse and Outdoor Terrace before or after the round, as well as savor a post-round beverage on the Golf Shop patio; credit cards are accepted.

#### Meet you on the Course!

The approach shot to the 6<sup>th</sup> hole





Par 4 Handicap 3/7 Black

Blue Green

White

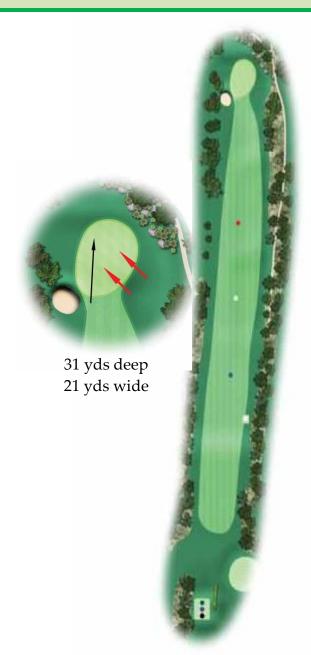
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**372** 

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375





The opening hole is a demanding par 4, a blind, uphill tee shot down the left side is ideal, as it opens up the best approach to the green. approach shot from right the must account for the hill play short to allow for a bounce off the slope. The ball will pick up speed and roll to the back left of the green.

This green slopes right to left and front to back. An uphill putt is typically slower than you think.

Par 5

Handicap 7/5

Black

Blue Green

White

517

491

**423** 





30 yds deep 21 yds wide



The first of three par 5s on the Course is reachable for the big hitters. Stay down the left side off the tee, as the fairway slopes left to right towards the wall and out-of-bounds.

Favor the right side with your second shot to set up your approach to the green. Be aware of the out-of-bounds markers on the left lining the edge of the parking lot and landscaped area.

You can be aggressive in trying to attack this flagstick. The grain on the green has severe influence from front to back and from left to right.

Par 4 Handicap 11/11 Black Blue

Green

White

331

318

299

296





This short par 4 "Road Hole" requires a precise tee shot. The fairway slopes left to right, and out-of-bounds is in play on both sides of the fairway.

The approach shot is slightly uphill to the green. Any shot right of the green will likely find Route 42; any shot left of the green might bounce far down the road. An approach shot over the green will require a delicate recovery shot to save par. flagpole for the Check direction, which may affect your club selection. Short and right of any hole location may set up a birdie putt. Respect the influence of the grain as the green has a strong left to right contour.

Par 3

Handicap 17/17

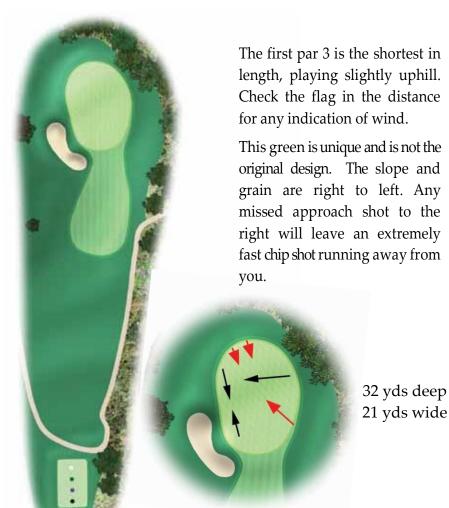
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Blue 126

Green 122

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Par 4 Handicap 1/1 Black

Blue Green

White

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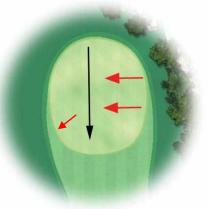
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340

275







24 yds deep 29 yds wide

One of William Flynn's architectural features is the varying lengths of holes. The 5<sup>th</sup> is a stern test, as it plays much longer than its yardage. Uphill all the way, the player faces a long, blind approach shot to a challenging green sloping right to left.

Below the hole and on the left side of the hole location is ideal for a preferred uphill putt. Long of the green leaves a delicate pitch shot and above the hole leaves a fast putt.

Hole #5 is the number 1 handicap on the Course for appropriate reasons.

Par 4

Handicap 13/9

Black

Blue

Green

White

373

355

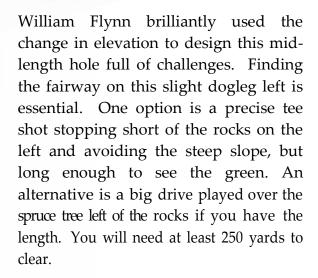
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321





26 yds deep 18 yds wide



The approach shot is downhill to a narrow, well-bunkered green that pitches from front to back. Take one club off your approach when hitting into the green. Landing just short of the green may bounce on to set up a birdie putt.

Par 4 Handicap 9/13 Black

Blue Green

White

414

**371** 

317

310



The tee on hole 7 offers an excellent view, as you play this slight dogleg left hole. A draw is ideal to catch the fairway contour – driver or fairway metal will work.

The approach shot is downhill to a turtle-backed green that runs away. Consider playing short and bouncing the ball onto the putting surface. Any errant shot left or long will present a challenging recovery shot. Hit to the middle of the green – always a safe play!

A putt from the front to the back of the green tends to be faster than the other way around.



Par 4

Handicap 5/3

Black

Blue

Green

White

459

434

358

303





27 yds deep 23 yds wide

Flynn's 8<sup>th</sup> is for many players a three-short par-4, as it is a very challenging hole.

Favor the right side of the fairway off the tee for the best angle for your second shot. A tee shot too far left will bring the woods into play and will completely block you out with your approach shot.

Aim for the right side with your approach, since this green slopes severely right to left. Any shot other than a well-struck short iron will roll left when the ball hits the green. Count on a downhill, down-grain putt to be extremely fast.

Par 3

Handicap 15/15

Black

Blue

Green

White

245

219

187

183





27 yds deep 23 yds wide





What a view! On a clear day, you can see for miles!

Club selection is critical, depending on the wind direction and strength. Your severe downhill approach shot must avoid the backside of the berm fronting the green, or will your ball accelerate through the Long is not green. good.

Any pitch landing on the front half of the green will roll out.

This is a memorable hole to close out the front nine.



Please keep carts on path

#### EMCC - Vibrant and Growing

Celebrating our 110<sup>th</sup> year, EMCC is vibrant with over 350 members. Recently, the membership approved a \$2 million Clubhouse renovation initiative to expand outdoor dining and renovate indoor spaces. The project should be completed by next Memorial Day.

EMCC hosts over 10,000 rounds per year during a season from April to October. In addition, the Club is proud to support several outings that help regional organizations promote their missions.

Please visit <u>www.eaglesmerecc.com</u> for more detailed information about EMCC, the many activities to enjoy beyond golf and information concerning membership.

#### **Eagles Mere Today**

Eagles Mere today is the "town that time forgot" – a small, historic community in the Endless Mountains region of northeastern Pennsylvania. Eagles Mere was laid out in 1877 and incorporated in 1899. As a scenic and relaxing summer resort, Eagles Mere in the early 1900s had inviting



The Foot Bridge

hotels (Lakeside, Forest Inn, Raymond, Edgemere, Allegheny) that offered accommodations, dining, social activities, and entertainment. Guests arrived initially by train and later by automobile, as Eagles Mere experienced a popularity surge. The laid back, peaceful setting of Eagles Mere eventually had to compete with air travel, the growth of the east coast beaches and expansive resorts like Disney World. By the late 1950s and early 1960s, all the hotels were gone, but the community grew with new and renovated homes and cottages.

Today, there are 120 full time residents, but during the summer that number swells to over 3,000. Eagles Mere is a summer resort boasting the pristine 130-acre private lake and many activities surrounding it. As Nate Oxman wrote, "there is an otherworldly aura to this sparsely-populated section of the Allegheny Plateau."

In the winter, the toboggan slide is the main attraction if conditions allow. Bundled up riders on old-world wooden taboggans can reach 50 mph as they slide down the icy slope on Lake Ave.





The center of town is home to eateries, specialty shops, the museum with its rich old-time history and weekend events including the Arts & Crafts Show, the Antique Show and Cars, Planes and Trains

Visitors and residents alike enjoy year-round events, while relaxing in the beautiful surroundings. Visit <a href="www.eaglesmere.org">www.eaglesmere.org</a> for further details.



Edgemere Dock, Eagles Mere Lake

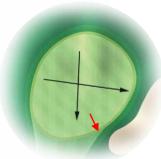
Par 4 Handicap 14/10 Black 346

Blue 326

Green 318







28 yds deep 22 yds wide

Flynn opens the back-nine with a dogleg right, slightly uphill hole that naturally follows the contour of the land. Patience off the tee is a virtue, as you want to hit the right club to give you a 130–160-yard approach shot. The best line for the tee shot is at the tall trees with a fade.

Take slightly more club than the distance for your approach to this green. Note how Flynn used the natural slope off the front right side of the green to bring the bunker more into play and impose an added challenge to a short par 4. Any shot landing on the front third of the green will likely roll all the way to the right front. A chip from the left side will be difficult to control. Stay below the hole as downhill putts will test your nerves.

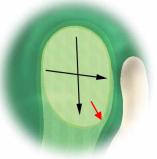
Par 4 Handicap 12/14 Black 334

Blue 31\*

Green 236







28 yds deep 18 yds wide

The 11<sup>th</sup> hole is a short par 4 with a blind tee shot and an approach to a green surface not visible from the fairway. Flynn leveraged the elevation to position this green at the top of the rise and include the subtle but challenging slope off to the right.

The preferred tee shot is up the right side for a better angle into the green. However, the safer play is to the left side to avoid the out-of-bounds on the right.

Consider using an extra club for the uphill approach shot. Favor the left side, as the right greenside bunker is not visible from the fairway. Note that the green slopes severely from the left to the front right side. An accurate approach shot is needed. Keep the ball below the hole – any downhill putt will be very fast.

Par 3

Handicap 18/18

Black

Blue

Green

White

187

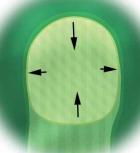
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This downhill par 3 has a similar feel to hole 9, but the narrow, turtleback green presents a completely different challenge. The safe play is to the center of the green. If your approach shot misses the green, you must hit a lofted chip to stop it from rolling off the edges.

23 yds deep 19 yds wide



Landing short of the green is much better than long, as the ball will release and roll towards the hole due to the slope and contour.





Par 4

Handicap 10/12

Black

Blue

Green

White

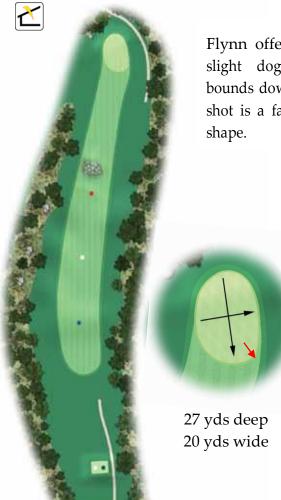
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Flynn offers with the 13<sup>th</sup> hole a slight dogleg right with out-of-bounds down that side. The ideal tee shot is a fade following the fairway shape.

The approach shot will be a little uphill to a that slopes green severely off the front right side. Flynn again blends the surrounding contours of the green challenges that the player to hit the proper shot. Missing the green left leaves a delicate chip. Aim at the center of the green for the best chance at making a good score.

The flat rock in the fairway is known as the "Fairies Ballroom."

Par 5

Handicap 2/6

Black

Blue

Green

White

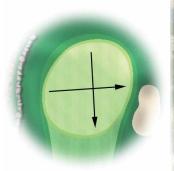
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25 yds deep 20 yds wide



The 14th hole, originally a long par 4, was changed to a par 5 in 2001. This hole now offers the player many based on options, one's risk/reward appetite. The twisting fairway shape requires the longer hitter to draw the tee shot. Out-ofbounds looms on the right fairway side and the narrows at 150 yards. preferred tee shot is on the left to open up a "go-zone" approach shot to the green.

If one plays short of the green, be precise with your position, as too far back results in an approach shot to a blind putting surface; too far up the hill and the ball will roll back down the hill. The green is relatively flat and offers a chance to make a needed putt.

Par 4 Handicap 8/2 Black

Blue

Green

White

306

303

300

298



27 yds deep 22 yds wide





On paper, hole 15 is a short, straight-away par 4. Keep your concentration, as the approach shot is to a blind putting surface.

The green is receptive to approach shots if they end below the hole. Any errant shot left or right will find one of the protective bunkers or fall off the edge of the green. The 15th is a birdie hole if played correctly.

Par 3

Handicap 16/16

Black

Blue

Green

White

136

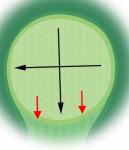
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**124** 



How get back up the mountain? The 400' elevation change from the 14th tee to the 16th green gets the heart pumping. Flynn's creative routing is evident with "Billy Goat", a short but severely uphill par 3. With only 130 yards from the blue tees, the hole plays one to two clubs more due to the elevation change. Whatever your club selection, be certain your approach shot ends up below the hole.

Carefully check the flag color – long is wrong! Any ball above the hole leaves a downhill putt that could yield a three-putt or more.



22 yds deep 24 yds wide



Please keep carts on path

Par 4

Handicap 4/8

Black

Blue

Green

White

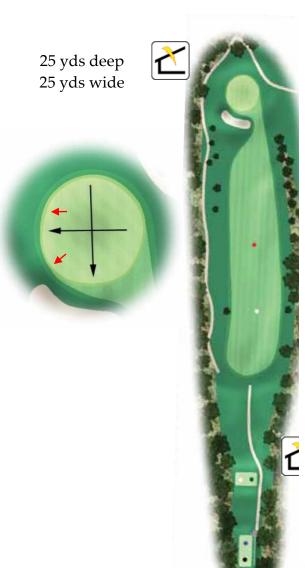
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The sever slope on the green of this short 17th hole is its primary As a result. defense. your tee shot needs to find the fairway. The left side is ideal for the best approach to the but green, it also the greenside brings bunker more into play.

Take an extra club on your approach shot, which is uphill and often into the wind. The greenside bunker is one to avoid. Stay below the hole, as any chip shot from over the green will be difficult to control. Aim to the right-center of the green for your best result.

Par 5

Handicap 6/4

Black

Blue

Green

White

**490** 

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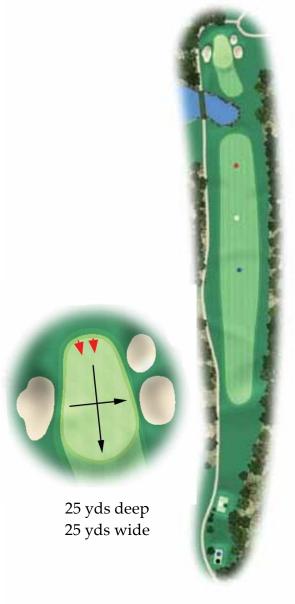
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Enjoy the beautiful scene from the tee capturing the EMCC Clubhouse and North Mountain in the distance.

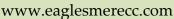
The finishing hole is a reachable par 5 for big hitters. The fairway is the widest on the Course. check Be to sure sprinkler heads for both the distance to the hole and the needed yards to carry the water. Any approach shot must be accurate, as the Practice Putting Green on the right is out-of-bounds and trees line the left.

The 18th hole is a well-designed, risk/reward opportunity, as you finish your round at EMCC. You will enjoy coming back to play again.



#### **Eagles Mere Country Club**

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- Membership
- Outings
- Social Events (Wedding, Banquet)

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The view from the 18th fairway back to the Clubhouse