

Hutchinson Kansas



Prairie Dunes

Prairie grass is unforgiving but at least you don't have to take a drop. The undulations on the greens are the toughest we have seen.

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Major events held:

U.S. Women's Amateur 1964/1980/1991
U.S. Men's Senior Amateur 1995
U.S. Women's Open 2002
U.S. Senior Open 2006

Notable Champions:

Par: 35+35=70

Outdoor Course Record: not available

TCB Indoor Difficulty Ratings and Rankings

	Rating out of 20	Ranking (1 st is hardest)
Front 9		
Back 9		
18 Holes		

Website: www.prairiedunes.com

Built: 1935
Designed: Perry Maxwell
Re-designed:
Type: Prairie
Green Fees:
Signature Hole:

Notes: This secluded course features prairie grass rough lining its fairways. Each tee shot is unique, and the greens are undulating. Prairie Dunes is an American original and one of the most scenic courses anywhere. You could never mistake pictures of it for any other American course, although it is easily confused with some of the best of the British Isles. Hutchinson, Kansas. The mid United States, is the last place anyone would expect to find a links style course with rolling hills reminiscent of the seaside courses in Scotland. Nestled five miles northeast of Hutchinson, Prairie Dunes is the hidden treasure of Kansas.

Hole by Hole Descriptions

No 1 Par 4 Carey Lane: Sam Sneed after his first look at Prairie Dunes narrow fairways turned to the gallery and said “Ok folks we’ll have to walk single file today. A par here is a great start.



No 2 Par 3 Willow: The shortest of the par 3s. Golf Digest ranks this hole in the top 100 holes in the USA. A tough two-tiered green. If you are short, you may have a 4 metre deep sand shot. If you are long you are in real trouble.



No 3 Par 4 Wild Plum. The championship tee is the highest spot on the course and from it the fairway looks a mile away. A carry of about 190 metres over deep thickets is required to reach a narrow landing zone that is angling away from the player.



No 4 Par 3 Hill Top. Similar to No 2 because of the deep bunker short and big trouble long. Generally plays one club longer than Hole 2. Be careful of the prevailing south wind and plum thickets on the right.



No 5 Quail Ridge. If the wind is from the south, take a deep breath and hit a long drive. The fairway slopes right. The thickets and a cavernous bunker guarding the green eats second shots regularly



No 6 Cedar. A magnificent view from the elevated tees. At about 210 metres from the tee, the landing zone sweeps suddenly up in a great hump. The green is narrow and tricky.



No 7 Southwind. Many players think birdie here if the hole plays with a south wind. However many players who tried to power a second shot to the green wished they had walked away with a par.



No 8 Par 4 The Dunes. The most publicised hole at Prairie Dunes. Sports Illustrated picked this hole for their Best 18 Holes in America. Golf Digest lists it in their Best 100 holes in America. Good Luck it's tough.



No 9 Meadowlark. This is a very under-rated hole. The second shot is a real challenge because you seldom have a level lie to hit from and tricky cross wind makes club selection critical.



No 10 Par 3 Yucca. What a par three. Club selection is very important. Perry Maxwell described this hole as the best par three in America. Golf Digest lists it in their best 100 holes in America.



No 11 Honey Locust. This hole is an extremely tough par and into a north wind simply must be survived. The approach shot must negotiate a knob in front of the green that prevents the rollup or shoots your ball into the two front bunkers.



No 12 Briar Patch The relatively short distance is deceiving. The great leafy cottonwoods 60 metres short of the green will snare any ball whistling close to them. The green is small and severely sloped.



No 13 Sumac. Maybe the toughest driving hole on the course. Sand and deep rough left. Three bunkers and deep rough right. Avoid over hitting your drive straight ahead.



No 14 Cottonwood. The view from the tee can be as intimidating as the high perch on Hole 3. your drive must carry deep rough, thickets and a 135 metre waste bunker. The green is well bunkered with a 1.5 metre hump in the middle.



No 15 The Chute. The tee shot is through a narrow notch between towering cottonwoods. It is uphill with trouble snug at the back. The winds can play great tricks with your ball on this hole.



No 16 Bluestem. Into a prevailing south wind this is a tough par. A bunker left and wiry high grass snuggle up to the green on the left.



No 17 Pheasant Hollow. PJ Boatwright of the USGA picked this hole as his favourite short par 5 in America. The hole really starts on the second shot. This green may be the most dangerous on the course.



No 18 Par 4 Evening Shadows. A great finishing hole. Deep rough guarding the left and right force you to hit it straight. The fairway moves in great rolls and tilts sharply to the left. The green is guarded by moguls, bunkers and deep rough everywhere.



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