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#2 PICK: Camp Creek No. 17



1 **HOMBRE GOLF CLUB** Panama City Beach Hole No. 2 Par 4, 457 yards

This club features 27 holes on three 9-hole courses: “The Good,” “The Bad,” and “The Ugly.” No. 2 on “The Bad” is Knox’s top choice. A demanding hole that often creates nightmares for the golf professional attempting to gain a PGA playing card. The hole is a subtle dogleg right but can be played as a dogleg off the tee for only the longest hitters in the game. For most golfers, the tee shot must be played straight, as a forest of tall pine trees and a lone bunker line the left side of the fairway and another forest of pine trees and a lake guard the right side. The lake sits just a few feet from the green, and a greenside bunker will catch an errant shot off to the right.

WARNING FROM KNOX:
Unless your drive is ideal, play this as a Par 5.

2 **CAMP CREEK** Panama City Beach Hole No. 17 Par 5, 555 yards

Long and straight is a must off the tee. (Only the longest hitters can get to the green in two shots.) Weave your tee shot through the pines, but watch the second shot. You’re going to have to deal with the expansive bunker on the right to get to the “garden spot.” With the green set up right to left — and heavily guarded on the left — you’ll want to favor the right side. This hole also plays continuously uphill, giving it a unique feel for this area.

WARNING FROM KNOX:
Undulating greens on this course add an extra challenge.

3 **EMERALD BAY** Destin Hole No. 8 Par 3, 200 yards

A very penalizing hole unless the shot is struck solidly to maintain its direction. The wind plays a big factor. The green is guarded by two sand bunkers on either side and one large grass bunker. A large water hazard on the right runs the entire length of the hole.

WARNING FROM KNOX:
Big numbers are easy to come by on this hole.

4 **THE GOLF CLUB AT SUMMERBROOKE** Tallahassee Hole No. 17 Par 3, 174 yards

A beautiful hole that plays over water (including a waterfall) to a large, diagonally shaped green with scenic landscape features. A chain of lakes in the area flows into a pond behind 17, and the water spills over into a channel that almost encircles the green. Short is not an option here. The back, the left and the front are protected by water.

WARNING FROM KNOX:
To avoid water, you need enough club. But you need to be accurate off the tee so you don’t go through the green. >>