

**Brean Golf Club**  
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**Hole 1, 278 yards, par 4**

A gentle opening hole due to its length but the small two tiered green must be approached from the right angle. The hole is usually downwind so long hitters can drive the green but this hole has many different ways of playing it. A good chance to open your round with a birdie.

**Hole 2, 161yds, par 3**

Back into the prevailing wind this hole plays a bit longer than the yardage more often than not. All the trouble, including a deep bunker, is at the back of the green which slopes from back to front

**Hole 3, 410 yards, par 4**

Choose your club carefully for your tee shot, factoring in the wind direction and the ditch that cuts through the fairway at around 200yds from the tee. A difficult approach to a long, narrow green needs to be struck precisely to avoid the pond guarding the left side of the putting surface. A small pond also awaits on the left hand side about 100yds short of the green. A chip shot from short of the green is again the easiest.

**Hole 4, 156 yards, par 3**

Back towards the sea, this tricky par three can play anything from a long iron to a pitching wedge depending on the strength of the wind. Make sure you chose enough club to avoid the watery grave in front of the up turned saucer shaped green that serves up some testing putts. Long is better than short!

**Hole 5, 392 yards, par 4**

Aim the drive at the bush to the left of the green to favour the left-hand side of the fairway to open the green up. However, be careful of the bunkers around the green and the out of bounds at the back when hitting the approach shot to a wide but shallow green.

**Hole 6, 421 yards, par 4**

The sixth requires an accurate drive between the out of bounds on the left and the trees on the right. When approaching the large green, beware the stream that cuts through the fairway just before the putting surface.

**Hole 7, 138 yards, par 3**

This short par three requires an accurate shot from the tee to find the small green and to avoid out of bounds to the left and back as well as a stream and two bunkers that protect the front of the green.

**Hole 8, 317 yards, par 4**

A straight drive is required to setup the best approach to this tricky 3 tiered green. A definite birdie chance if you get your second shot on the right level. If you are going to miss this green then short is the best option to allow you to get up and down.

**Hole 9, 290 yards, par 4**

The easiest hole on the course supposedly, this par four gives the option of attempting to drive the green over the lake (240+ yard carry) or lay up avoiding the well placed fairway bunkers and attack the pin with a wedge to setup a birdie chance. The trees on the left are further down the hole than you think whilst the right fairway bunker is about 200yds from tee.

**Hole 10, 312 yards, par 4**

This right-to-left dog-leg is a risk and reward hole. Either drive over the corner of the out of bounds to try and reach the green in one or play safe to the right, before approaching the two tier green face on with a short iron.

**Hole 11, 322 yards, par 4**

A straightforward looking hole but it can often prove troublesome. Aim for the centre of the fairway on this tee shot which is generally straight into the wind. Beware the two bunkers that are positioned on the left and right-hand sides of the two tier green and the large lake waiting to swallow up the mis-hit second shot that is short and right.

**Hole 12, 583 yards, par 5**

The toughest hole on the course! This hole requires much thought to prevent a big number being racked up. A straight drive required to avoid the trees to the right and the ditch to the left of the fairway. The rhyne crossing the fairway at around 300yds keeps you thinking if your drive is out of position as does the out of bounds on the left hand side on the approach to the green. If that's not enough the large lake on the right hand side, starting 100yds short of the green and running the length of it, swallows golf balls for fun and creates an intimidating approach for all levels of golfer. The green is much larger than it looks from the fairway and an extra club is always advisable. A 6 or 7 is no bad score here!

**Hole 13, 277 yards, par 4**

Another risk/reward hole. Aim your tee shot to the right-hand side of the fairway to set up a straightforward approach to the green if you are playing safe or you can take on the narrow green across the lake to setup an eagle opportunity. The more aggressive you are from the tee the easier the second shot will be.

**Hole 14, 155 yards, par 3**

The most straightforward par three on the course, this hole requires an accurate tee shot into the large green avoiding the lake on the right-hand side and behind the putting surface. Short is not a bad miss here.

**Hole 15, 374 yards, par 4**

A straight par four that often plays directly back into the prevailing wind. The tee shot should avoid the lake on the right and probably the first two fairway bunkers. The second shot requires a decision as to whether you will take on the central front bunker, which so often gets in between you and the flag, or play safe to this wide but shallow green.

**Hole 16, 425 yards, par 4**

Choices again face the player on this tough par 4. The lake on the left can be carried for the longer hitter setting up an easier approach. The shorter hitter can hit it as a par 5 and play up the right and then between the two lakes before attacking the green with their third. Another hole you should be happy to make par on.

**Hole 17, 176 yards, par 3**

The final par 3 hole is probably the most testing of all the short holes. Only one bunker guards the pear shaped undulating green but it needs to be carried to reach the tough back right flag position. A ditch runs down the left to catch anything heading left of the target. The best miss for the easiest chip is often from the front of the green and a par 3 is a welcome score.

**Hole 18, 465 yards, par 5**

This short par five offers a birdie chance if the drive carries the rhyne. Otherwise the second shot needs to be positioned to the right half of the fairway over the marker post to give the best approach to this small sloped green. Water awaits long and right of this hole as well as out of bounds on the left hand side.