



Hole By Hole

Hole # 1

Par 4

Tournament	318
Back	295
Middle	273
Forward	195
Handicap	17

SunRidge Canyon starts out with a “gentleman’s hole,” in the form of a shorter par 4 that calls for anything from driver to a 4 iron from the tee. Iron should be played to the right, to the heart of the fairway, and driver should be played on more direct line to the green to avoid hitting it through the fairway. The fairway drops off dramatically into a thickly vegetated desert wash on the left.

Hole # 2

Par 4

Tournament	419
Back	402
Middle	388
Forward	305
Handicap	11

The tee shot calls for a left-to-right ball flight that works off of a series of fairway bunkers to the left side of the fairway. The left side of the fairway affords a better line into green. The second shot plays downhill with a bunker short-right and steep fall-away behind the green.

Hole # 3

Par 5

Tournament	540
Back	510
Middle	497
Forward	456
Handicap	7

The dogleg right calls for a left-to-right ball flight to a fairway that is partially obstructed from view by the side of a mountain. Depending on length, golfers can reach this green in two, but the layup is fairly straight forward. The green is protected by two bunkers to the right and a bunker short left.

Hole # 4**Par 4**

Tournament	427
Back	376
Middle	363
Forward	285
Handicap	9

The tee shot must carry some rugged Sonoran Desert on this straight-away par 4. Players must avoid the deep desert wash left of the fairway and a series of three bunkers adjacent to the landing area to the right. The second shot plays uphill to a large green protected by a bunker on the left.

Hole # 5**Par 4**

Tournament	463
Back	436
Middle	382
Forward	362
Handicap	1

This long par 4 certainly earns the No. 2 handicap ranking. The tee shot plays downhill to a fairway with room on the left side that leaves a long-iron second shot. Alternatively, a bomb down the right side, in the direction of a lone tree, will bound off of a favorable slope leaving a short iron into the green. One of the most interesting greens on the course falls of steeply into the desert to the left.

Hole # 6**Par 3**

Tournament	202
Back	179
Middle	156
Forward	122
Handicap	13

The main trouble on this hole comes in the form of a deep desert arroyo and bunker to the left. Thick rough and a series of dramatically-undulating grass mounds make it challenging to get up-and-down after missing the green to the right.

Hole # 7**Par 4**

Tournament	373
Back	341

Middle	338
Forward	247
Handicap	15

The 7th is an interesting hole that calls for both a tee shot and a second over desert. A large bunker is situated to the left side of the fairway. Longer players have the option of carrying it over the right edge of the bunker but the prudent play is to the heart of the fairway. From there, it's a short iron to a shallow green that is protected by a bunkers short-left and long-right.

Hole # 8

Par 3

Tournament	243
Back	235
Middle	168
Forward	156
Handicap	5

Depending on which tees are being played, this par 3 is the longest on the course. Good news is it plays slightly downhill and the green is large. The two greenside bunkers on this hole are located short right and left.

Hole # 9

Par 5

Tournament	551
Back	516
Middle	497
Forward	477
Handicap	3

The tee shot on the 9th requires a carry over a narrow strip of desert that crosses the fairway. Those who hit a long tee ball have the option of going for the green in two, or at least, the landing area short of the green. But, they'll need to carry another strip of desert to get there. Those who lay up will be left with a short iron downhill to the green.

Hole # 10

Par 4

Tournament	308
Back	301
Middle	285
Forward	264
Handicap	16

A wonderful short 4. The deep bunker in the middle of the fairway dictates play and must be avoided. The decision is whether to try to carry it or to play left or right of it. The second shot is to a shallow green guarded by a deep bunker short and two bunkers long.

Hole # 11

Par 4

Tournament	420
Back	408
Middle	392
Forward	297
Handicap	8

The 11th hole begins the climb back up the gradual slope to the clubhouse. A desert transition area crosses the fairway in a diagonal fashion, closer to the tee on the right and farther from the tee to the left. The ideal play is a right-to-left ball flight that runs up into a landing area sandwiched by desert left and the transition right. The second shot plays uphill to an ample green guarded by two bunkers to the right.

Hole # 12

Par 3

Tournament	256
Back	169
Middle	144
Forward	131
Handicap	18

The 12th plays to a green built diagonally to the line of play and is guarded by two bunkers short and one right. A deep desert arroyo that runs along the right side of the green must be avoided. Conservative play will rewarded here.

Hole # 13

Par 5

Tournament	578
Back	544
Middle	517
Forward	441
Handicap	2

The 13th hole kicks off the Wicked 6, a devilish half-dozen holes that didn't earn this moniker by accident. The tee shot landing area slopes from the right to a low-lying desert wash that runs along the left side of the wide fairway. The second shot is straight away with a lake located to the right. The elevated green isn't normally reachable in two and the approach to the green is decidedly uphill.

Hole # 14**Par 3**

Tournament	181
Back	160
Middle	157
Forward	144
Handicap	14

The 14th is one of those holes that accepts nothing less than a good shot. The tee shot plays significantly downhill from the side of the canyon wall to a green that is flanked along its entire right side by a lake. It's a white-knuckle tee shot for sure.

Hole # 15**Par 4**

Tournament	457
Back	439
Middle	392
Forward	367
Handicap	6

No. 15 is an uphill brute of a par 4. A series of bunkers along the left side of the fairway must be avoided. The approach offers plenty of room to the right of the green for those who choose to shy away from the trouble to the left, but the up-and-down from there can be difficult.

Hole # 16**Par 5**

Tournament	533
Back	515
Middle	490
Forward	462
Handicap	12

Another distinctive par 5. The wide tee shot landing area slopes gently from right to left. The second shot plays over a wash cutting across the fairway to a landing area that slopes appreciably upwards to an elevated, punch bowl green. An extra club is needed to ensure enough carry to find the putting surface with the 3rd shot.

Hole # 17**Par 3**

Tournament	209/152
Back	190/131

Middle	180/120
Forward	67/86
Handicap	10

An interesting par 3, to say the least, the 17th was designed to play from two separate teeing grounds which are alternated from day to day. The “long” set of tees to the left requires a shot over desert to a midsized putting surface on the left side of the dual green. From this angle, the bunker is to the right. The tee shot from the “short” set of elevated tees calls for an iron to a smallish area of the green to the right. From this angle the bunker is on the left.

Hole # 18

Par 4

Tournament	432
Back	400
Middle	385
Forward	344
Handicap	4

The dogleg-left finishing hole plays uphill to a landing area guarded by deep bunkers to the left which must be avoided. This sets up a clear shot to the dramatically elevated green complex. An extra club or two is suggested to get to the putting surface.

