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12th Hole Canaan Valley Resort Golf Course
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What Club Would You Hit?



Today's golf hole is the 12th Hole at Canaan Valley Resort Golf Course in Davis, West Virginia. Located on the northern edge of the Monongahela National Forest, more than three thousand feet above sea level. With the breathtaking views of the Canaan Mountains as the background, it's hard to concentrate on this long par three.

Designed by respected Canadian architect Geoff Cornish, Canaan Valley Resort Golf Course layout has open, forgiving fairways and long runway-type teeing grounds, a trademark he adopted from his mentors, Stanley Thompson and Robert Trent Jones. Known for traditional golf course designs, Geoffrey Cornish would simply lay the course out using the natural rolling terrain of the mountain landscape instead of moving millions of yards of land. Featuring 65 sand bunkers and eight water hazards, Canaan Valley Resort Golf Course provides the perfect amount of challenge for experienced and novice golfers alike.

As my photographic illustration shows, the 12th hole is a par three with Canaan Mountain rising up as the backdrop. Measuring all of 256 yards from the tips, it's a straightforward, slightly downhill par 3 with a large sand bunker guarding the front right and a grass bunker on the left side of the green. The green is wider than deep.

I played from the white tees at a distance of almost 200 yards from the green. My tee shot was a little short, landing just in front of the green. I was expecting my golf ball to bounce up onto the green. However, the small rise in front of the green stopped my golf ball cold. I stubbed my

chip, leaving me with a medium-length putt for a par. I left my putt a couple of inches short – a tap-in gave me a bogey four.

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