

Carey Park Municipal Golf Course,

Hutchinson, KS

Version: 3.0

Type: Real Length: 6,443 Yards Elevation: 1520 ft average

As a teen growing up in Hutchinson, I played for the Hutchinson High School Golf Team and the Hutchinson Junior College Golf Team.

While we were afforded the opportunity to play the more prestigious Prairie Dunes about once a season, (Steve Avery has done a fabulous job on Prairie Dunes), I’ve always wanted to recreate Carey Park), Carey Park with the APCD as it was our home course for teams.

Summers, I practically lived at the course from 1960-1967 before enlisting in the Marine Corps. A seasonal membership was something like $65. Greens fees were $.75 on weekdays and $1.25 on weekends.

This course was created using a Google Maps template so all the forestation is accurate for placement and I believe most of the tree types. Using Google Earth, I believe I got most of the elevations correct, but the breaks on the greens are based on tilt and my best recollection of undulations… a recollection which is non-existent for some holes as that was in the mid-60’s. When I return to Hutch in September for my 50th high school reunion, I will take hundreds of pictures and correct any errors that exist on the course.

When I played Carey Park, there was no watering system and no sand traps. It was pretty lush with the Spring rains, but was complete hard pan by mid-July and winter rules applied year around. They now have both a watering system and several bunkers.

Unlike many of the beautiful courses created by APCD’ers, Carey Park is neither a terribly hard, long (@ 6,4443 yards from the back tees), nor interesting course. But it’s my course and I was happy to build it and proud to share it.

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