

Top 10 Toughest Par 5s on the PGA Tour

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Typically, when PGA Tour players arrive at the tee of a par 5 they're thinking about making birdie. But these 10 holes require a different mental approach – and they were the toughest par 5s on the PGA Tour in 2008.

No. 10



10th hole, Poppy Hills, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Yardage: 531

Stroke average: 4.97

Key stat: Believe it or not, there are actually two par 5s at Poppy Hills that played *tougher* than this one. Keep reading...

No. 9



11th hole, Annandale GC, Viking Classic

Yardage: 579

Stroke average: 4.97

Key stat: Fall Series events are usually birdie parties, but a fairway-splitting creek and bunker off the tee make this a thinking man's par 5.

No. 8



9th hole, Poppy Hills, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Yardage: 555

Stroke average: 4.99

Key stat: The eighth-most-difficult par 5 on Tour was only the second-most-difficult at Poppy Hills. With a 4.99 stroke average it's also the last hole in our countdown to play under-par.

No. 7



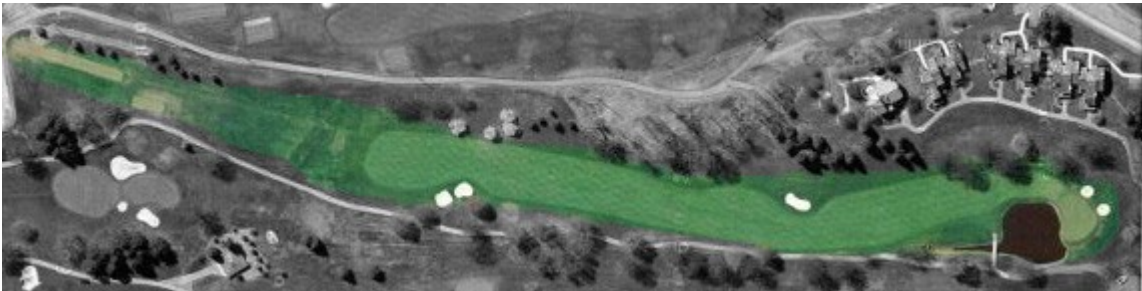
5th hole, Innisbrook Resort - Copperhead, PODS Championship

Yardage: 605

Stroke average: 5.01

Key stat: Uphill off the tee, this is one of only a few three-shot par 5s on Tour.

No. 6



16th hole, Firestone CC (South Course), WGC-Bridgestone Invitational

Yardage: 667

Stroke average: 5.04

Key stat: During the 1960 PGA Championship this hole played 625 yards, and after Arnold Palmer made triple-bogey here he dubbed it "The Monster." Imagine playing this hole with your dad's old set of persimmon woods...

No. 5



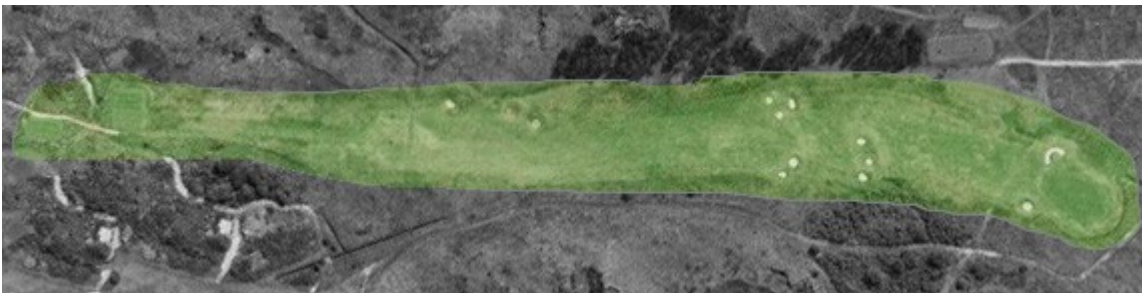
11th hole, Muirfield Village GC, the Memorial Tournament

Yardage: 567

Stroke average: 5.04

Key stat: A true risk-reward par 5, it had more birdies than any other hole in our countdown, but also had the second-most bogeys.

No. 4



15th hole, Royal Birkdale GC (Lancashire), British Open Championship

Yardage: 544

Stroke average: 5.09

Key stat: The second-shortest par 5 in our countdown, it played much tougher than its yardage because of the devilish wind. Pádraig Harrington birdied it three out of four rounds en route to his second Open Championship.

No. 3



18th hole, PGA National Championship Course, The Honda Classic

Yardage: 604

Stroke average: 5.1

Key stat: Played as one of the most intimidating finishing holes on Tour last year. Standing on the tee with a one-shot lead on Sunday, Y.E. Yang calmly made par here and took home his first PGA Tour victory.

No. 2



4th hole, Poppy Hills, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Yardage: 603

Stroke average: 5.23

Key stat: At 3-to-1, this hole had the highest bogey-to-birdie ratio of any par 5 on the 2008 PGA Tour.

No. 1



14th hole, Pebble Beach Golf Links, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Yardage: 573

Stroke average: 5.3

Key stat: Fairways bunkers require a precise tee shot, and this three-shotter has one of the most severe greens you'll ever see. When Tour pros aren't making birdies with their wedges, you know it's a tough hole.