

A guaranteed scenic delight for the eyes at Chapel-en-le-Frith Golf Club, a Derbyshire location growing in stature, and an ideal spot for a get away from it all golfing treat.

With the stunning Peak District as its surroundings you could be mistaken for anticipating quite a stiff walking test here, yet that's not quite the case. The peaks act merely as a beautiful backdrop; the course itself sits on the valley floor between the two small towns and provides a gently rolling parkland examination. The opening nine was remodelled as recently as 2002, its modest length won't leave you reaching for the driver too often, instead you'll need plenty of thought, correct club selections and a bit of nerve to get off to a good start. After a fairly generous beginning, all three will be required at the 4th and 5th, two teasing Par 4's that show Chapel at its best. The short dog leg 4th is driveable but the target is blind, risky and probably more realistically found in two by way of a precise tee shot and a good pitch over the trees and streams that front the elevated green. The tee shot at the longer 5th dares you to draw the ball over and around the trees that block the fairway route for the chance to reach this green in two. A delicious yet potentially deadly duo that typifies the challenge on offer, the stream remains a regular companion, so too the trees that come into play more during a tighter back nine, out of bounds is also a regular threat.

Stroke Index One arrives during a testing start to the longer closing half. After perhaps the course's tightest tee shot at the 10th, the following hole is a superbly demanding Par 4. Fairway centre is the only place to be on the tree lined 11th for the best chance of clearing the stream and deep front bunker to reach a sloping two tiered putting surface that sits right below the clubhouse balcony. Evenly paced and receptive throughout, the greens here are a credit to the club and should inspire confidence. The big hitters will relish three good long driving holes to finish, still tree lined though and there's one last water hazard to cross in front of the final green.

# Chapel-en-le-Frith

► **8th hole**  
477 yards Par 5

**PlayGolf Pick** A definite birdie chance at one of the newer holes that runs attractively along the side of the neighbouring Combs Reservoir. Accuracy is required to avoid fairway pot bunkers and the out of bounds threat, plus the green tucked away in the corner is long and undulating and quite a challenge.



**Location/Directions:** One mile outside the town, situated at the side of the B5470 Chapel-en-le-Frith/Whaley Bridge road.

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**Facilities:** Chapel-en-le-Frith won the prestigious Golf Mark club of the year award in 2009, its commitment to junior and beginner golf is reflected in a healthy membership. The modern clubhouse offers a wide range of catering options; Chapel is a very reasonably priced venue for visitors and societies and post round there are no better sights in The Midlands than the view from the balcony.