

The Bear Trap (Holes 15-17 at PGA National) According to ShotLink

Holes 15 through 17 Combined

Since 2007, the Bear Trap (Holes 15, 16 & 17) has been among the toughest 3-hole stretches on TOUR. These 3 holes at PGA National (Champion) rank as the 5th toughest stretch on TOUR of courses that have been played in each of the last 9 years.

Toughest 3 Hole Stretches on TOUR From 2007-2015

Course	Average Strokes Over Par	Holes
Quail Hollow Club	+0.900	16-17-18
Augusta National GC	+0.804	10-11-12
Augusta National GC	+0.729	9-10-11
Pebble Beach GL	+0.692	8-9-10
PGA National (Champion)	+0.659	15-16-17

Since 2007, there have been 3,901 rounds played at PGA National during the Honda Classic. Here's a breakdown of how players do on holes 1 through 14 and 18 versus the bear trap (15 through 17).

The Bear Trap vs. The Rest of the Course (PGA National Since 2007)

Score	Holes 1-14,18	Holes 15-17
Birdies or Better	9,587	1,280
Bogeys	9,908	2,127
Doubles	1,411	681
Triples or Worse	166	109
Total Balls in Water	1,655	974
Total Score to Par	+3,535	+2,571

The Bear Trap accounts for 18% of all bogeys, 33% of all doubles, and 40% of all triples or worse at PGA National Champion Course.

The field is a combined +2,571 over par on holes 15 thru 17 since 2007 (+3,535 on all other holes).

Most Rounds Played on Bear Trap Without a Ball in the Water (2007-2015)

Player	Water	Rds
Thompson, Michael	0	14
Bradley, Michael	0	12
Lonard, Peter	0	10
Huh, John	0	10
Oberholser, Arron	0	8
Knox, Russell	0	8
Watney, Nick	0	8
Ernst, Derek	0	8
Lowery, Steve	0	7
Kuehne, Hank	0	6
Merritt, Troy	0	6
Furyk, Jim	0	6
Fdez-Castano, Gonzalo	0	6
Laird, Martin	0	6
Mickelson, Phil	0	6

Since 2007, there have been 974 balls in the water on the 3-hole stretch of the Bear Trap. 430 different players have played at least 1 competitive round on the Bear Trap in the Honda Classic.

Since 2007, 325 of 430 (76%) players have hit at least 1 ball in the water on the Bear Trap.

There are currently 106 players that have played the Bear Trap at least once in competition without hitting a ball in the water. However, just 15 of those players have played 6 or more rounds at PGA National (listed to the left).

2013 Honda Classic champion Michael Thompson currently has the most rounds played (14) without recording a ball in the water on the Bear Trap.

From 2007-2015, 39 players (42 times) have managed to play holes 15-17 bogey-free in the same week. Graeme McDowell (twice) and Keegan Bradley (3 times) are the only 2 players to accomplish this feat on multiple occasions.

Playing the Bear Trap Bogey-Free in all 4 Rds (Since 2007)

Year-Player	Birdies	Pars	Year-Player	Birdies	Pars
2015-Watney, Nick	0	12	2012-Herron, Tim	5	7
2015-Summerhays, Daniel	2	10	2012-Harman, Brian	3	9
2015-Luiten, Joost	3	9	2012-Crane, Ben	1	11
2015-Hadwin, Adam	2	10	2012-Bradley, Keegan	2	10
2015-Blair, Zac	0	12	2012-Appleby, Stuart	1	11
2015-Berger, Daniel	5	7	2011-McDowell, Graeme	1	11
2015-Barber, Blayne	1	11	2011-Kuchar, Matt	2	10
2014-Merritt, Troy	1	11	2010-Ogilvie, Joe	1	11
2014-Koepka, Brooks	2	10	2010-Lowery, Steve	2	10
2014-Knox, Russell	3	9	2010-Jones, Matt	1	11
2014-Johnson, Zach	3	9	2009-Jimenez, Miguel A.	0	12
2014-Garcia, Sergio	1	11	2009-Jacobson, Freddie	2	10
2014-Bradley, Keegan	0	12	2008-Parnevik, Jesper	2	10
2013-Wilson, Mark	2	10	2008-Donald, Luke	5	7
2013-Stroud, Chris	0	12	2007-Villegas, Camilo	4	8
2013-Steele, Brendan	0	12	2007-Lickliter II, Frank	2	10
2013-Rose, Justin	3	9	2007-Barcelo, Rich	2	10
2013-McDowell, Graeme	1	11			
2013-Marino, Steve	3	9			
2013-Estes, Bob	2	10			
2013-Compton, Erik	0	12			
2013-Bradley, Keegan	1	11			
2012-Taylor, Vaughn	2	10			
2012-Overton, Jeff	2	10			
2012-McIlroy, Rory	3	9			

Most Rounds Played without a Birdie on The Bear Trap (2007-2015)

Player	Pars	Bogeys	Doubles+	Rounds
Steele, Brendan	45	12	3	20
Simpson, Webb	17	4	3	8
Gamez, Robert	17	4	3	8
Axley, Eric	15	7	2	8
Mickelson, Phil	14	3	1	6
Nitties, James	14	2	2	6
Purdy, Ted	13	3	2	6
Faxon, Brad	11	5	2	6
Scott, Adam	10	3	5	6
Warren, Charles	9	6	3	6

Brendan Steele has played 20 total rounds at PGA National. In his career on the Bear Trap, he's made 45 pars, 12 bogeys, and 3 double bogeys+. He holds the record for most rounds played without recording a birdie on this 3-hole stretch.

**Scoring Leaders - The Bear Trap
(2007-2015 min of 4 rounds)**

Player	RTP	Rounds
Berger, Daniel	-5	4
Bjornstad, Henrik	-4	6
Knox, Russell	-4	8
Chopra, Daniel	-4	4
Harrington, Padraig	-3	18
Pinckney, Scott	-3	4
Luiten, Joost	-3	4
Henley, Russell	-3	12
Heintz, Bob	-2	4
Brown, Scott	-2	5
Green, Richard	-2	4
Merritt, Troy	-2	6
Van Aswegen, Tyrone	-2	4
Christian, Gary	-2	4
Hadwin, Adam	-2	4
Oberholser, Arron	-2	8

No one (of players with at least 4 competitive rounds) has a better history on holes 15 thru 17 than Daniel Berger (-5) since 2007.

Since 2007, 430 different players have at least 1 competitive round on PGA National during the Honda Classic. Just 26 of these players are under par for their careers on these 3 holes (6% of all players).

**Highest Career Scoring - The Bear Trap
(2007-2015)**

Player	RTP	Rounds
Palmer, Ryan	+31	24
Baird, Briny	+29	20
Senden, John	+24	24
Austin, Woody	+24	18
DiMarco, Chris	+24	13
Duval, David	+23	14
Kim, Anthony	+22	18
Cink, Stewart	+21	20
Curtis, Ben	+21	18
Couch, Chris	+20	14
Weekley, Boo	+20	28
Pettersson, Carl	+19	30
de Jonge, Brendon	+19	28
Gronberg, Mathias	+18	11
Wagner, Johnson	+18	22
Parnevik, Jesper	+18	16
Duke, Ken	+18	18
Scott, Adam	+18	6
Morin, Alan	+18	14
Steele, Brendan	+18	20
Garrigus, Robert	+18	8
Andrade, Billy	+18	26
Wi, Charlie	+18	22

Ryan Palmer has played the Bear Trap at a combined 31 over par in his 24 rounds at PGA National Champion Course.

Since 2007, 370 of 430 players (86%) are over par on the Bear Trap in their respective careers.

26% of all players have career scores of 10 over par or worse on these 3 holes combined (112 total players).

**Scoring Leaders
15th hole (2007-2015)**

Player	RTP	Rds
Harrington, Padraig	-5	18
Summerhays, Daniel	-4	16
Huh, John	-3	10
Gallacher, Stephen	-3	6
Todd, Brendon	-3	8
Sabbatini, Rory	-3	18
Hurley III, Billy	-2	8
Lonard, Peter	-2	10
Luiten, Joost	-2	4
Bae, Sangmoon	-2	8
Mahan, Hunter	-2	2
Herron, Tim	-2	24
Oberholser, Arron	-2	8
Brown, Scott	-2	5
Pinckney, Scott	-2	4
Campbell, Chad	-2	18
Chopra, Daniel	-2	4
Van Aswegen, Tyrone	-2	4
Stanley, Kyle	-2	12
Heintz, Bob	-2	4
Berger, Daniel	-2	4
Knox, Russell	-2	8
Donald, Luke	-2	20

**Players with Multiple balls in the water in
Same Rd on 15th Hole (2007-2015)**

Year –Player-Rd	# of Times
2007-Coles, Gavin-3	4
2007-Garrigus, Robert-4	3
2008-Stroud, Chris-2	3
2013-Bowditch, Steven-1	2
2010-McIlroy, Rory-3	2
2010-Couch, Chris-2	2
2007-Wagner, Johnson-4	2
2011-Scott, Adam-1	2
2008-Baird, Briny-4	2
2007-Kresge, Cliff-3	2
2008-DiMarco, Chris-1	2
2010-Curtis, Ben-1	2
2008-Ogilvie, Joe-1	2
2015-Schwartzel, Charl-1	2
2008-Ogilvie, Joe-2	2
2012-Knost, Colt-3	2
2013-Mallinger, John-1	2
2013-Kelly, Jerry-2	2
2013-Mathis, David-1	2
2009-Petrovic, Tim-1	2
2008-Toms, David-2	2
2010-Overton, Jeff-1	2

At 5-under in 14 rounds, Padraig Harrington is the scoring leader on the 15th hole at PGA National.

**Balls in the Water
15th Hole Since 2007**

Year	Water
2007	37
2008	66
2009	49
2010	77
2011	60
2012	38
2013	48
2014	45
2015	48
Total	468

There were only 37 balls in the water on the 15th hole in 2007 marking the fewest at this event since 2007.

**Most Balls in Water
15th Hole Since 2007**

Player	Water
Baird, Briny	7
Wagner, Johnson	6
Dufner, Jason	6
Austin, Woody	6
Mallinger, John	6
Els, Ernie	6
Stroud, Chris	5
Garrigus, Robert	5
Stuard, Brian	5
Maggert, Jeff	5
Couch, Chris	5
Kelly, Jerry	5

Year	Player	Rd	DTP
2015	Collins, Chad	2	2"
2012	Wilson, Mark	1	3"
2014	Hahn, James	2	4"
2007	Couch, Chris	2	7"
2015	Horschel, Billy	2	9"
2013	Kelly, Jerry	2	9"
2009	Duke, Ken	1	9"
2009	Berganio, Jr., David	4	9"
2014	Wi, Charlie	1	10"
2012	Karlsson, Robert	1	11"
2010	Casey, Paul	2	11"
2015	English, Harris	2	12"

Bogey-Free on 15th Hole: Since 2007, just 13 of 258 players have played the 15th hole at least 6 times and have yet to record a bogey or worse.

**Most Rounds without a Bogey on 15th Hole
(6 or more rounds since 2007)**

Player	Birdies	Pars	Bogeys+	Rds
Johnson, Zach	0	10	0	10
Clarke, Darren	1	7	0	8
Watney, Nick	1	7	0	8
Hurley III, Billy	2	6	0	8
Knox, Russell	2	6	0	8
Oberholser, Arron	2	6	0	8
Nitties, James	0	6	0	6
Price, Aron	0	6	0	6
Todd, Brendon	3	5	0	8
Lynn, David	1	5	0	6
Merritt, Troy	1	5	0	6
Ogilvy, Geoff	1	5	0	6
Gallacher, Stephen	3	3	0	6

Most 3-Putts or Worse on 16th Hole: Since 2007, there have been 161 three-putts or worse on the 16th hole at PGA National (most on any hole at this course). The 16th is also the only hole on PGA National with more than 3 four-putts (5 since 2007).

Holes with the Most 3-Putts (PGA National Since 2007)

Hole	3-Putts	4-Putts	3-Putts or worse
16	156	5	161
5	133	0	133
14	123	0	123
8	118	1	119

Scoring Leaders - 16th Hole Since 2007

Player	RTP	Rds
Driscoll, James	-5	14
Els, Ernie	-5	26
Taylor, Vaughn	-4	22
Haas, Bill	-3	10
Christian, Gary	-3	4
Chopra, Daniel	-3	4
Marino, Steve	-3	19
Villegas, Camilo	-3	28
Brown, Scott	-3	5
Kohles, Ben	-3	4

Most Over Par - 16th Hole Since 2007

Player	RTP	Rds
Palmer, Ryan	+13	24
Parnevik, Jesper	+13	16
Andrade, Billy	+10	8
Points, D.A.	+10	24
Weekley, Boo	+8	28
Curtis, Ben	+8	18
O'Hair, Sean	+8	22
DiMarco, Chris	+8	13
Kirk, Chris	+8	18
McNeill, George	+8	28

Total Balls in Water - 17th Hole Since 2007

Year	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Final Rd	Total
2007	15	5	3	2	25
2008	5	12	6	12	35
2009	26	19	7	1	53
2010	8	9	11	10	38
2011	32	23	9	1	65
2012	7	7	5	1	20
2013	2	3	3	2	10
2014	5	7	2	8	22
2015	8	17	3	4	32
Total	108	102	49	41	300

In 2011, there were 437 total attempts on the 17th hole and 65 total balls in the water (15%). No other par 3 on the 2011 PGA TOUR had more total balls in the water. Last year there were 32 total balls hit in the water the most since 2011.

Scoring Leaders - 17th Hole Since 2007

Player	RTP	Rds
Lingmerth, David	-3	10
Poulter, Ian	-3	12
Franco, Carlos	-2	4
Henley, Russell	-2	12
Jacobson, Freddie	-2	26
Bryant, Bart	-2	8
Knox, Russell	-2	8
Barcelo, Rich	-2	8
Lamely, Derek	-2	8
Coles, Gavin	-2	4
Berger, Daniel	-2	4
Bjornstad, Henrik	-2	6

Most Over Par - 17th Hole Since 2007

Player	RTP	Rds
de Jonge, Brendon	+14	28
Kim, Anthony	+14	18
Herron, Tim	+12	24
Johnson, Richard S.	+12	20
Davis, Brian	+12	25
Henry, J.J.	+11	21
Streelman, Kevin	+11	20
Cink, Stewart	+11	20
Duval, David	+11	14
Sutherland, Kevin	+10	8
Westwood, Lee	+10	24
Weekley, Boo	+9	28

Highest Scores on the Bear Trap Since 2007

Year	Player	Hole	Rd	Par	Score	RTP
2007	Coles, Gavin	15	3	3	11	+8
2008	Stroud, Chris	15	2	3	9	+6
2007	Garrigus, Robert	15	4	3	9	+6
2011	Scott, Adam	15	1	3	8	+5
2015	Bae, Sangmoon	16	2	4	8	+4
2015	Homan, Wes	16	2	4	8	+4
2011	DiMarco, Chris	16	1	4	8	+4
2008	Yang, Y.E.	16	3	4	8	+4
2013	Mallinger, John	15	1	3	7	+4
2010	Couch, Chris	15	2	3	7	+4
2010	Overton, Jeff	15	1	3	7	+4
2012	Knost, Colt	15	3	3	7	+4
2013	Mathis, David	15	1	3	7	+4
2012	Carballo, Miguel Angel	17	1	3	7	+4
2009	Petrovic, Tim	15	1	3	7	+4
2011	Ridings, Tag	17	2	3	7	+4
2011	Scott, Adam	17	2	3	7	+4
2010	Byrd, Jonathan	17	2	3	7	+4
2010	McDowell, Graeme	17	4	3	7	+4
2009	Byrd, Jonathan	17	1	3	7	+4
2008	DiMarco, Chris	15	1	3	7	+4
2007	Wagner, Johnson	15	4	3	7	+4
2007	Kresge, Cliff	15	3	3	7	+4
2007	Sindelar, Joey	17	1	3	7	+4
2008	Overton, Jeff	15	1	3	7	+4
2007	Kim, Anthony	17	4	3	7	+4