

The Addington Golf Club

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Be a part of golfing history, play The Addington. Located only 13 miles, or 30 minutes from the centre of London, The Addington Golf Club designed in 1912 by John Frederick Abercromby, (fondly known as Aber) who has been accredited as being 'one of the outstanding architects in all of golf', is one of the best inland courses in the UK. If you have never visited The Addington you wouldn't believe you were so close to the centre of London. The fairways wander through mature pine and birch trees which create a real feeling of intimacy, yet the course still affords expansive views of the metropolis from hilltop tees like that at the 14th. Crystal Palace's towering mast looms in the foreground, while the Nat West Tower, Canary Wharf and the incongruous Swiss Re building (otherwise known as 'The Gherkin') provide a marvelous contrast to the rich woodland.

The course has remained virtually unchanged since its design which is testament to the skilled design ability of Abercromby who looked upon The Addington as his finest creation.

The founder as well as the designer Abercromby ran the club and course as a benevolent dictator for more than twenty years after it opened. Continually tinkering with it, there is no doubt that the lion's share of design credit belongs to Abercromby.

When a visitor once had the audacity to ask where he could find the suggestion box, Aber famously replied "I am the suggestion box".

It's a shame that he did not design more courses, but fortunately The Addington has been preserved essentially unchanged since Aber's death in 1935.

Woodcote Golf Club was build in 1912.