



**New Brighton Parks, Recreation, and Environmental Commission
Agenda
Upper Level | Conference Room
New Brighton City Hall 803 Old Hwy 8 NW, New Brighton , MN
6:30 PM August 6, 2025**

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Chair Julia O'Rourke
Vice-Chair Abe McEathron
Commissioner Pauline Alfors
Commissioner Gary Bank

Commissioner Sebastian Fallas
Commissioner Kristin Hicks
Commissioner Becky Slabiak
Commissioner Laura Sokol-Kraft

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Past Minutes

- A. Date of Minutes
 - 1. June 4, 2025

V. Business Items

- A. Hansen Park Disc Golf

VI. Informational Items

- A. Construction Updates

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment



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Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission
June 4, 2025 City Hall
6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Commissioners Pauline Alfors, Gary Bank, Sebastian Fallas, Kristin Hicks, Abe McEathron, Julia O'Rourke (Chair), Becky Slabiak, and Laura Sokol-Kraft.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Director Jennifer Fink and City Councilmember Graeme Allen.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bank, seconded by McEathron to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

O'Rourke requested the minutes reflect the meeting was not held in the Council Chambers. Fink noted she would make this change to the minutes.

Motion by Sokol-Kraft, seconded by Fallas to approve the May 7, 2025 minutes as amended. Motion carried 7-0-1 (Commissioner McEathron abstained).

V. Business Items

A. Discussion on Public Art in New Brighton

Director Fink stated across the country, cities are investing in public art to enhance community identity, beautify public spaces, and foster civic engagement. In New Brighton, we've seen growing interest in creative placemaking and opportunities to bring art into parks, trails, and civic spaces. This discussion item is intended as a starting point. It offers a working definition of public art, outlines potential steps for consideration, and shares examples from other communities. The goal is to invite the Commission's input on how New Brighton might begin exploring a more intentional and structured approach to public art in public spaces.

Discussion included:

- The Commission appreciated how Music in the Park and the Brave the Brr snow sculpture brought art into the community.
- Staff discussed the significance of the large mural on the Community Center.
- The Commission discussed the positive aspects of having public art in the community and how it can create a sense of safety while also combating anxiety and social isolation.
- The great work that has been done in the rock garden was discussed.
- Staff discussed the art installation that would be placed in Hansen Park West, which included community tile making and a community nature play garden.
- Commissioner Bank asked that art not overpower nature within the City's parks.
- The Commission believed there was a good opportunity to install art at Veterans Park.
- Commissioner Sokol-Kraft noted she has a connection at the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA) to assist with future art projects.
- The Commission discussed how art sparked conversations and the City would have to reflect on what type of art should be considered in the community.
- The Commission supported spotlighting local artists.
- The Commission recommended the size and scale of future art be considered along with how the culture within the community could be highlighted.
- Staff noted the City could build off the gnomes in the community.
- The Commission suggested an artist be spotlighted to complete a poster each year for Stockyard Days.
- Staff summarized the comments received and noted she was interested in creating a Public Art Policy.

VI. Informational Items

Director Fink commented on the potential renovations and improvements that were needed at City Hall and the Community Center.

O'Rourke encouraged the Commission to attend an upcoming concert or park discovery day.

Councilmember Allen provided the Commission with an update from the City Council. He explained the Council received an update on the Commission's work plans at a recent worksession meeting. In addition, the Council was working on plans and grant opportunities to improve the Jones Lake area. He indicated the City Council was considering a public private partnership for the redevelopment of the Brightwood Hills Clubhouse. He noted the City Council received an update from Ramsey County.

VII. Announcements

Director Fink shared photos with the Commission of the new splash pad in Lions Park. She indicated the splash pad was operational but was not open yet. She indicated there was some turf work and water run off issues that had to be addressed by the City. She hoped to have the splash pad open mid-June. She reported the Hansen Park West playground would be coming down next week and would be donated to Kids Around the World. She commented the National Disc Golf Association Masters Tournament would be coming to New Brighton and the surrounding area from June 30 through July 5. She happily reported the golf course has been extremely busy this spring.

Director Fink explained the Commission would not be meeting in July due to the 4th of July holiday.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by O'Rourke, seconded by Bank to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Fink". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Fink
Director of Parks and Recreation



Agenda Section:	Business Items
Report Date:	08/01/2025
Meeting Date:	August 6, 2025

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Hansen Park Disc Golf

Action Requested:	
Public Hearing	Motion
Discussion	Informational: X
Form of Action:	
Resolution	Ordinance
Contract/Agreement	N/A or Other: X
Votes Needed:	
3 Votes	4 Votes
5 Votes	N/A: X

Summary Statement:	<p>The Commission asked for a presentation on the history of the Hansen Park Disc Golf Course and current programming. Dan Ginter is an avid user and part of the Hansen Park Disc Golf group. He will be on site to present and answer questions.</p> <p>Commissioners can see a video recently created by Nine North about a tournament that was held at the course - Hansen Park Disc Golf Tournament - World Masters</p>
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Recommendations:	
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Applicable Deadlines:	N/A
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Community Impact:	The disc golf group is one of the largest volunteer contributors to the New Brighton Park System.
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Legislative History:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established in 1979, Hansen Park is one of the oldest disc golf courses in both Minnesota and the nation. • Originally designed as a 12-hole layout by local course designers including Jack Angerhoffer and Chuck Kennedy, it was later expanded to 18 holes in recent years • Located within Hansen Park, the disc golf course is integrated into the park’s natural rolling greens, wooded trails, and a small marsh and brook system—a scenic backdrop for play • Public access and free to play year-round. Facilities include restrooms (portable and seasonal), drinking water, pet-friendly areas, and accessible paths • Known for its nostalgic charm, Hansen Park often draws disc golfers eager to play on old-school cone baskets—one review on Facebook enthused: <i>“Not many of these left... such a historic course with a lot of history!”</i>
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Strategic Priority:	Financial Sustainability	Staff Capabilities
	Economic Development	Community Engagement & Belonging
	City Assets	N/A: X

Fiscal Impact:	Financial Impact: Is there a financial consideration?		No: X	Yes \$
	Financing Sources:	Budgeted	Budget Modification	

	New Revenue	Use of Reserves	Other
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Attachments:	018982-000-Disk Golf Signs 2024_0424
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Hansen Park

Disc Golf Course



Map Key

-  Tee- box & Path
-  Basket
-  Winter Tee
-  Trail
-  Bridge
-  Gold Path

Hole	Distance A	Par
1	342	3
2	404	3
3	190	3
4	360	3
5	450	3
6	292	3
7	160	3
8	191	3
9	261	3
10	289	3
11	310	3
12	276	3
13	303	3
14	469	3
Total	4,297	42
Gold Path 1	1,701	10
Gold Path 2	1,758	10



Hansen Park

Disc Golf Course

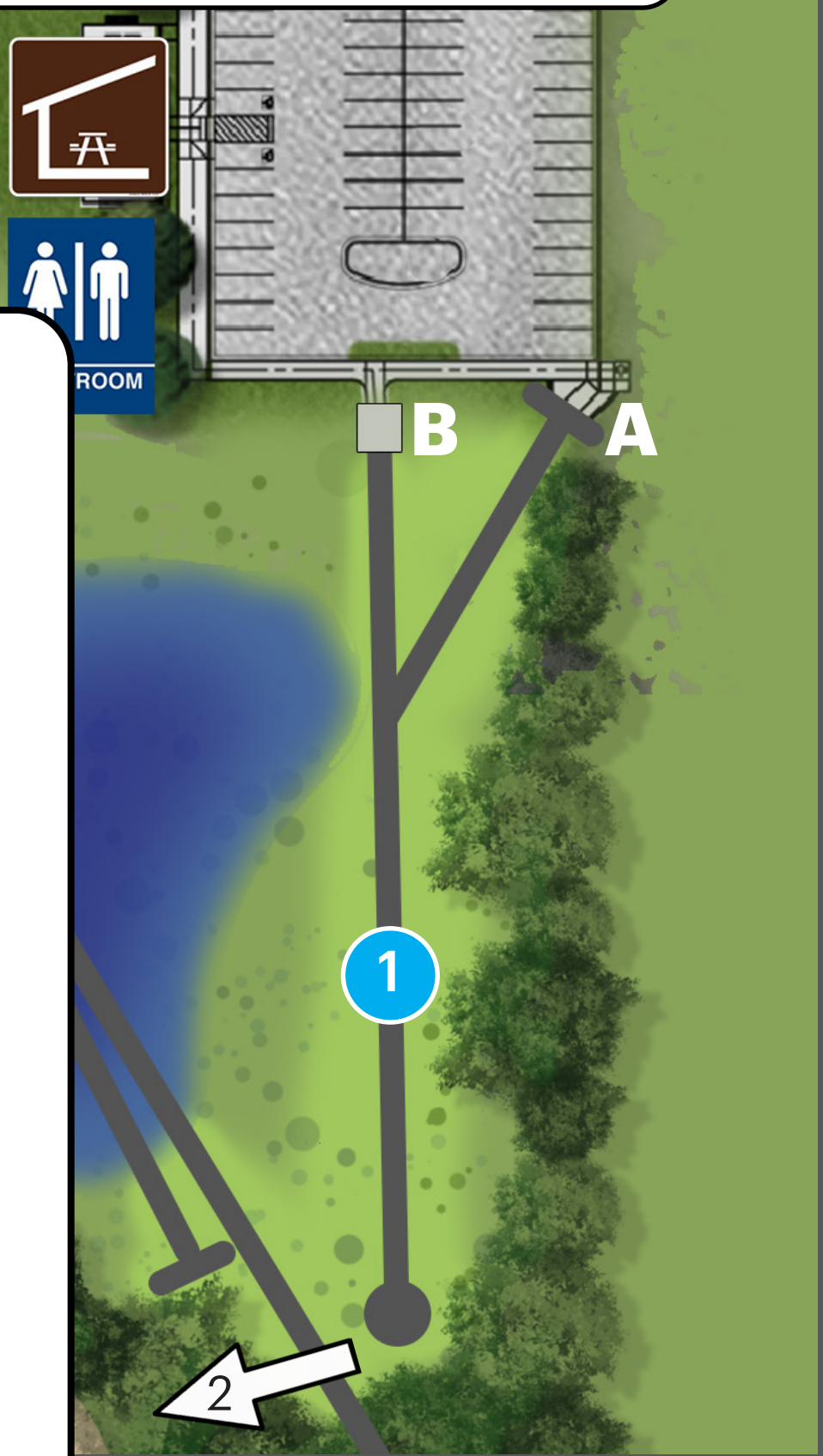
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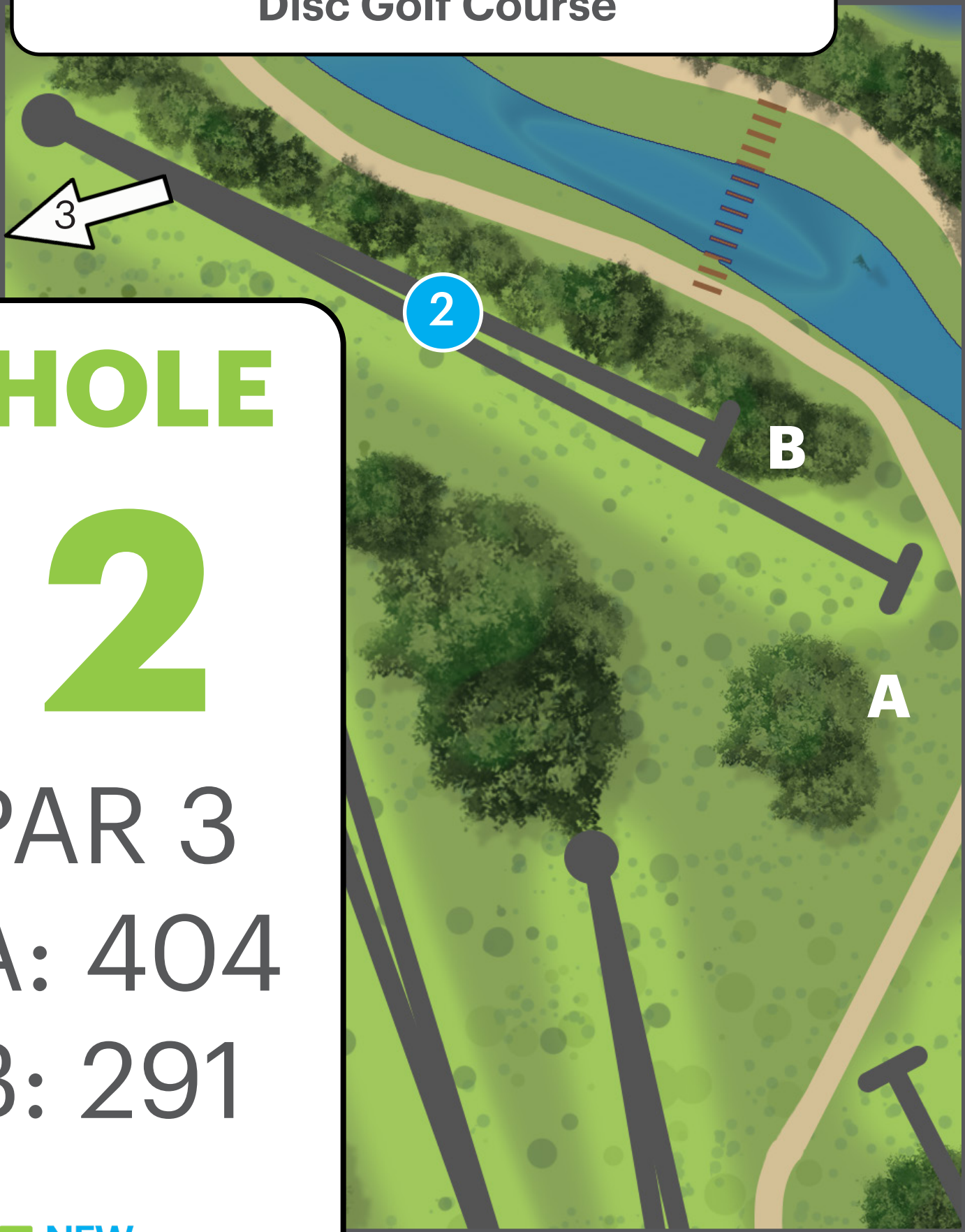
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Hansen Park

Disc Golf Course



HOLE

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PAR 3

A: 404

B: 291



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Disc Golf Course

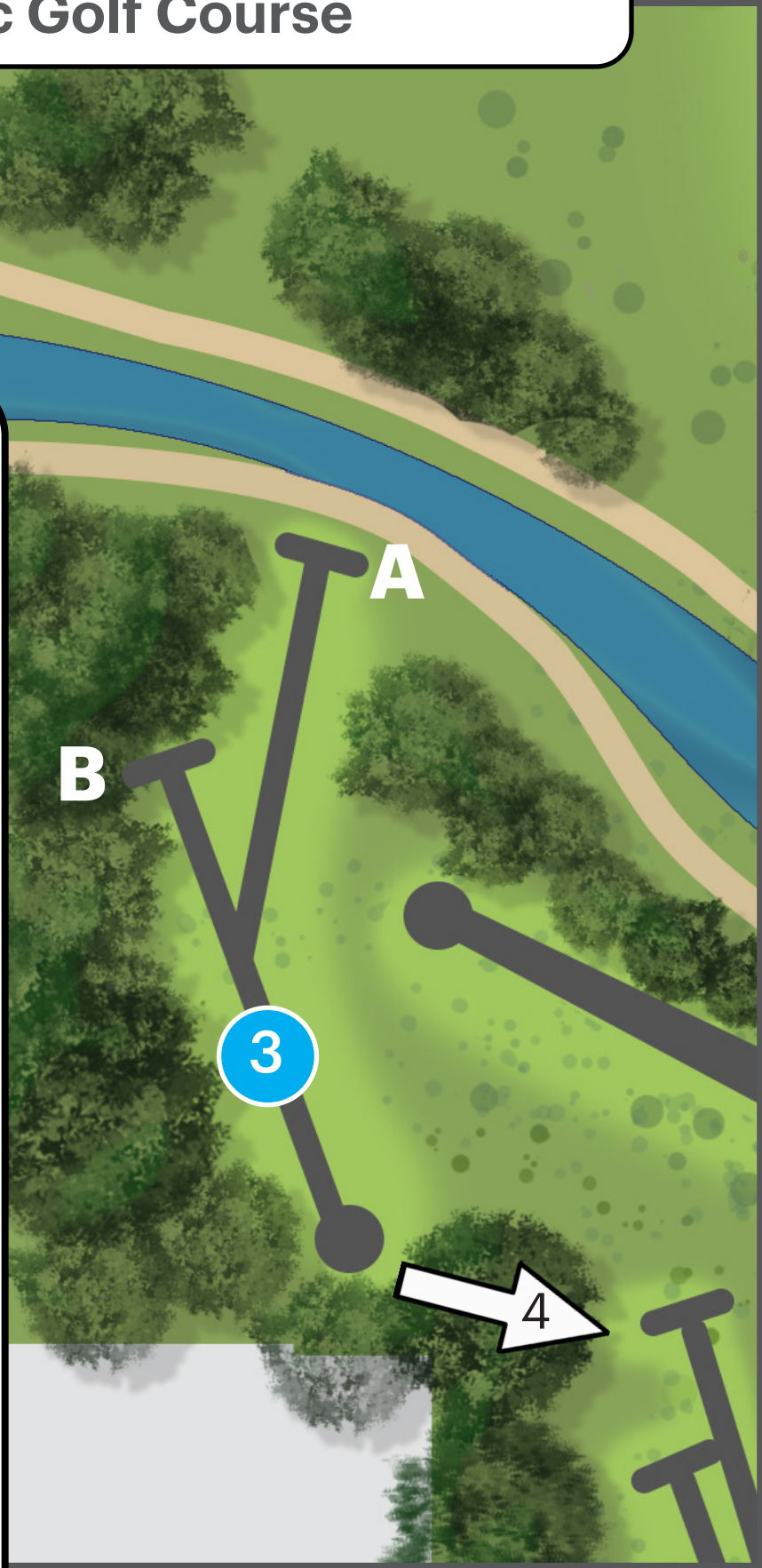
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B: 163



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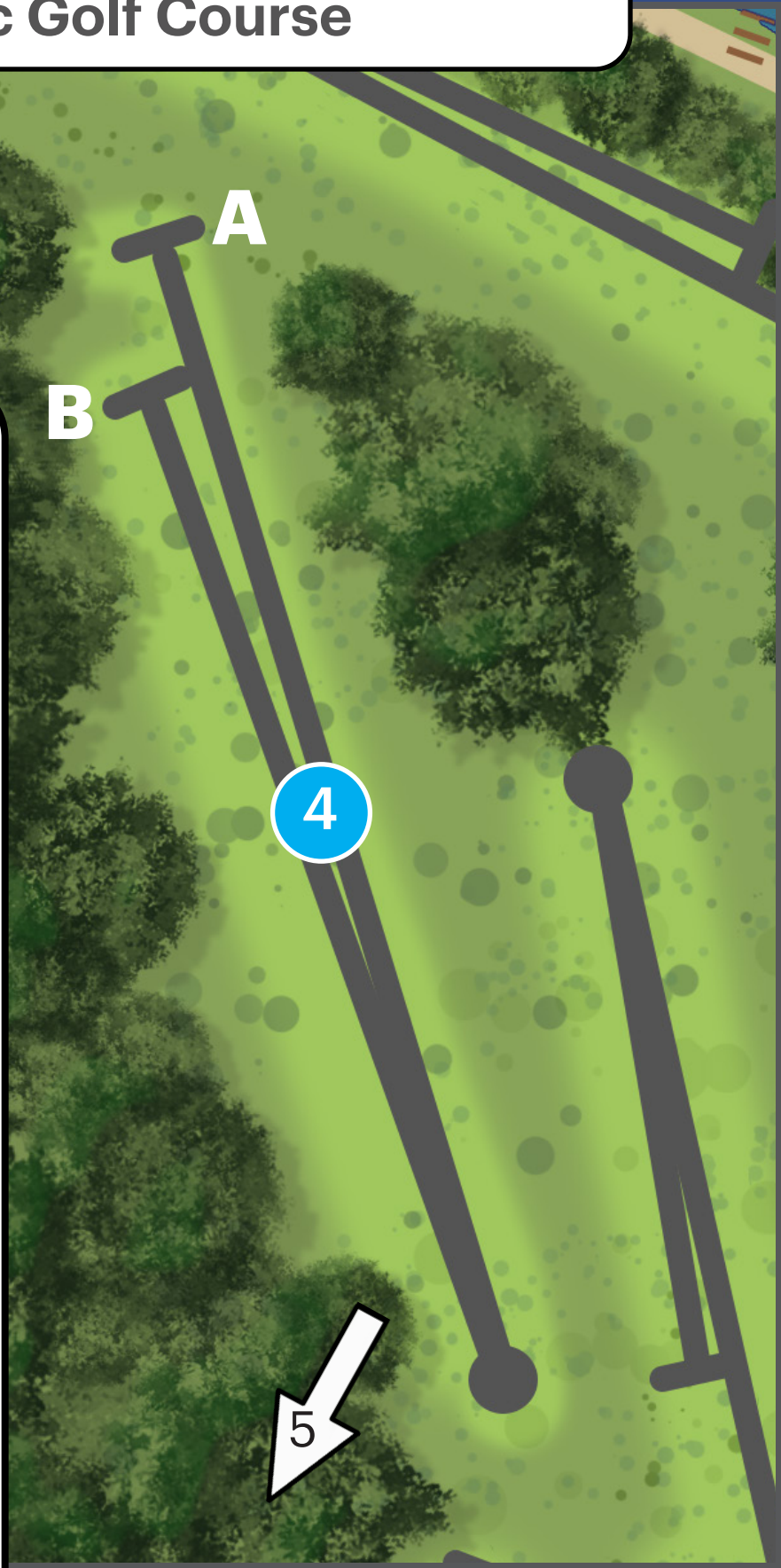
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B: 298



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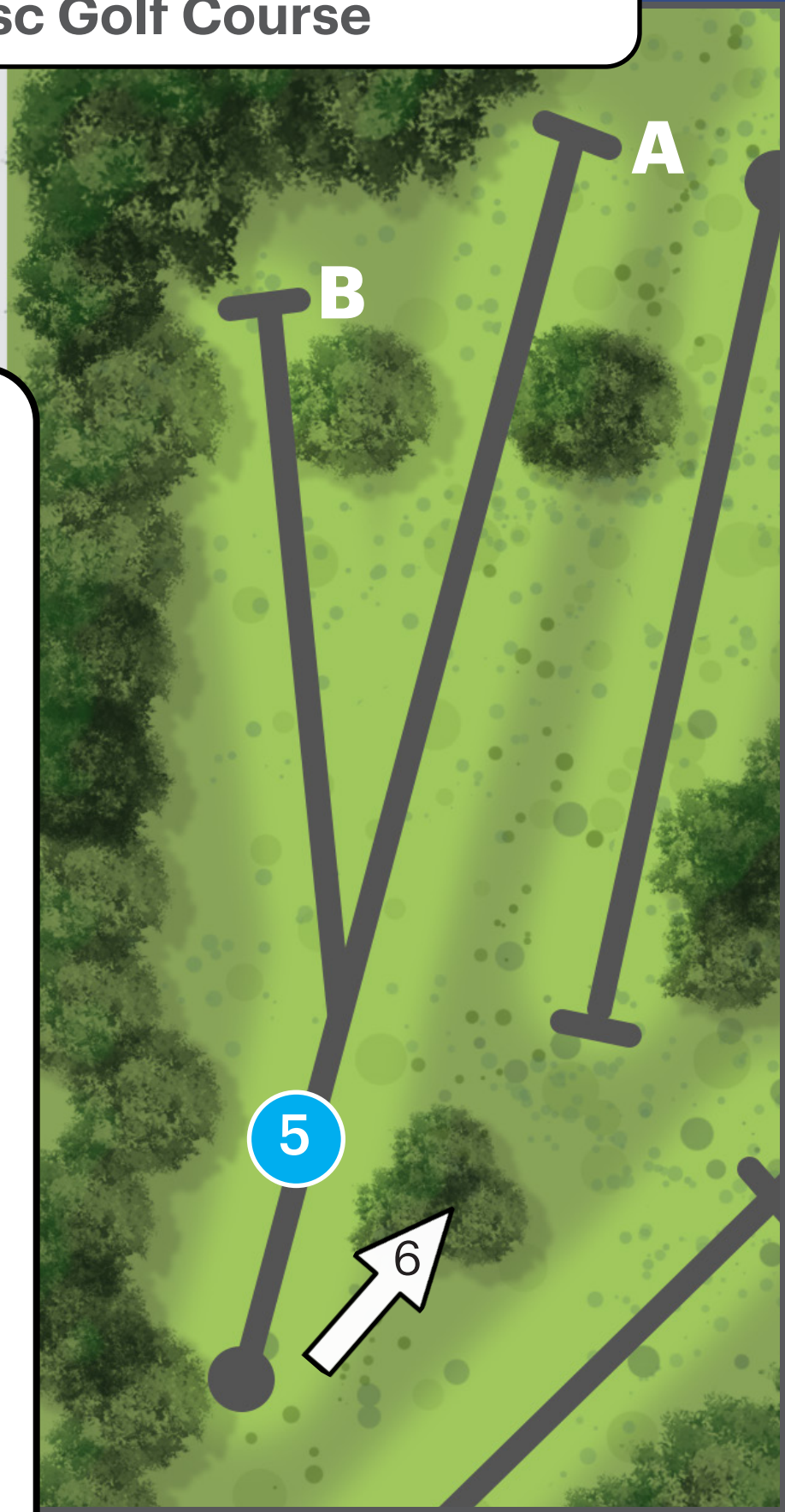
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B: 370



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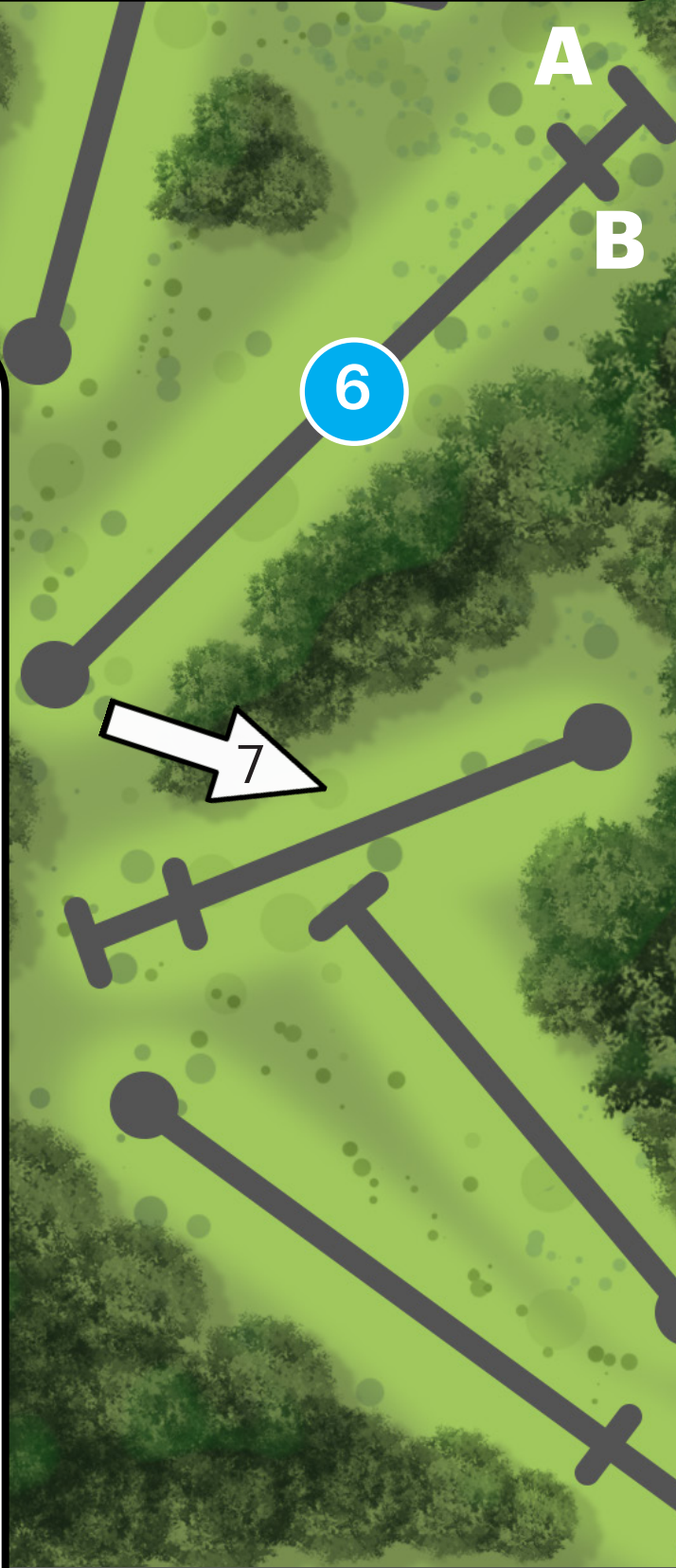
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PAR 3

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B: 245



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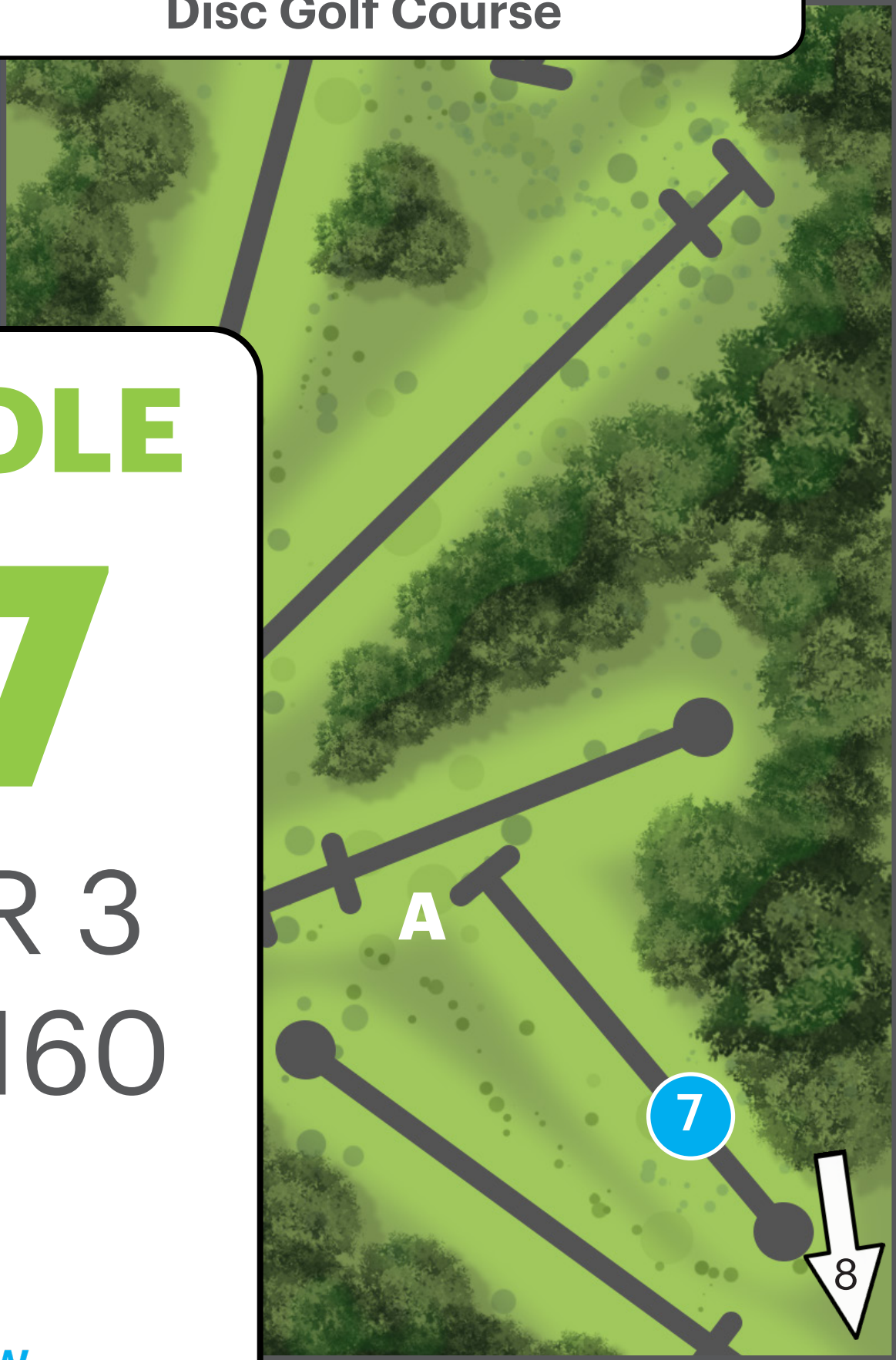
Disc Golf Course

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PAR 3

A: 160



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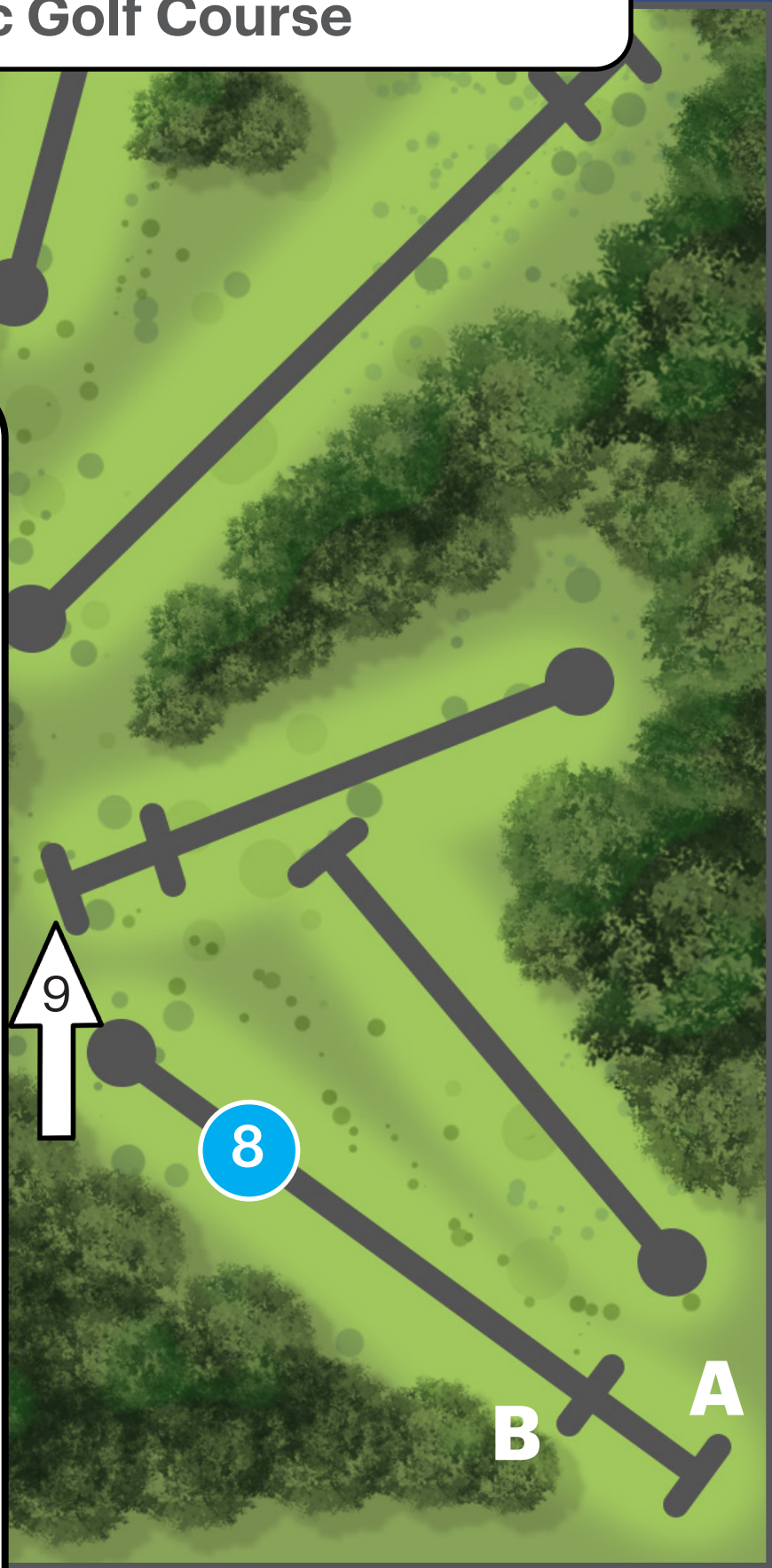
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PAR 3

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B: 154



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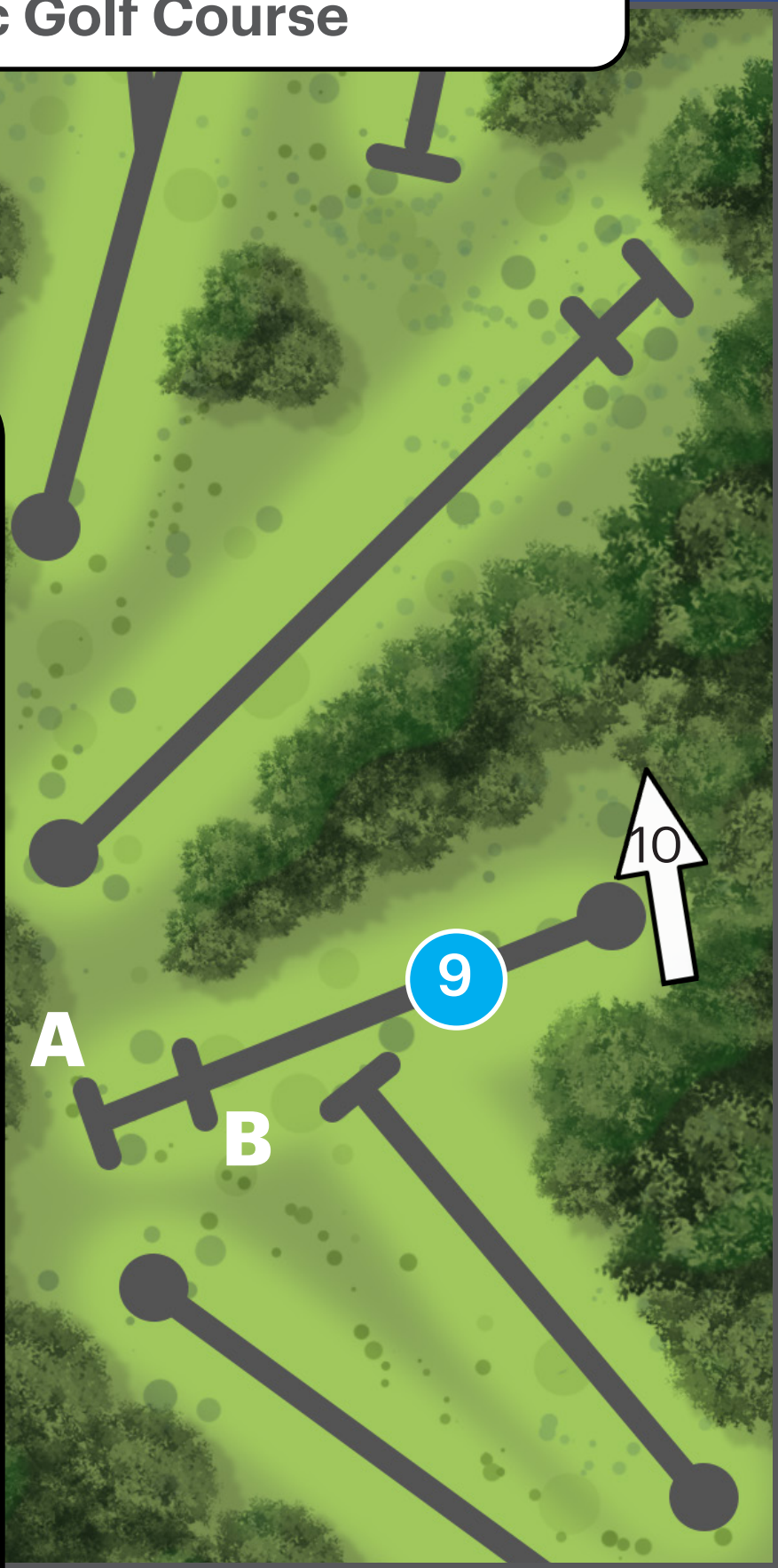
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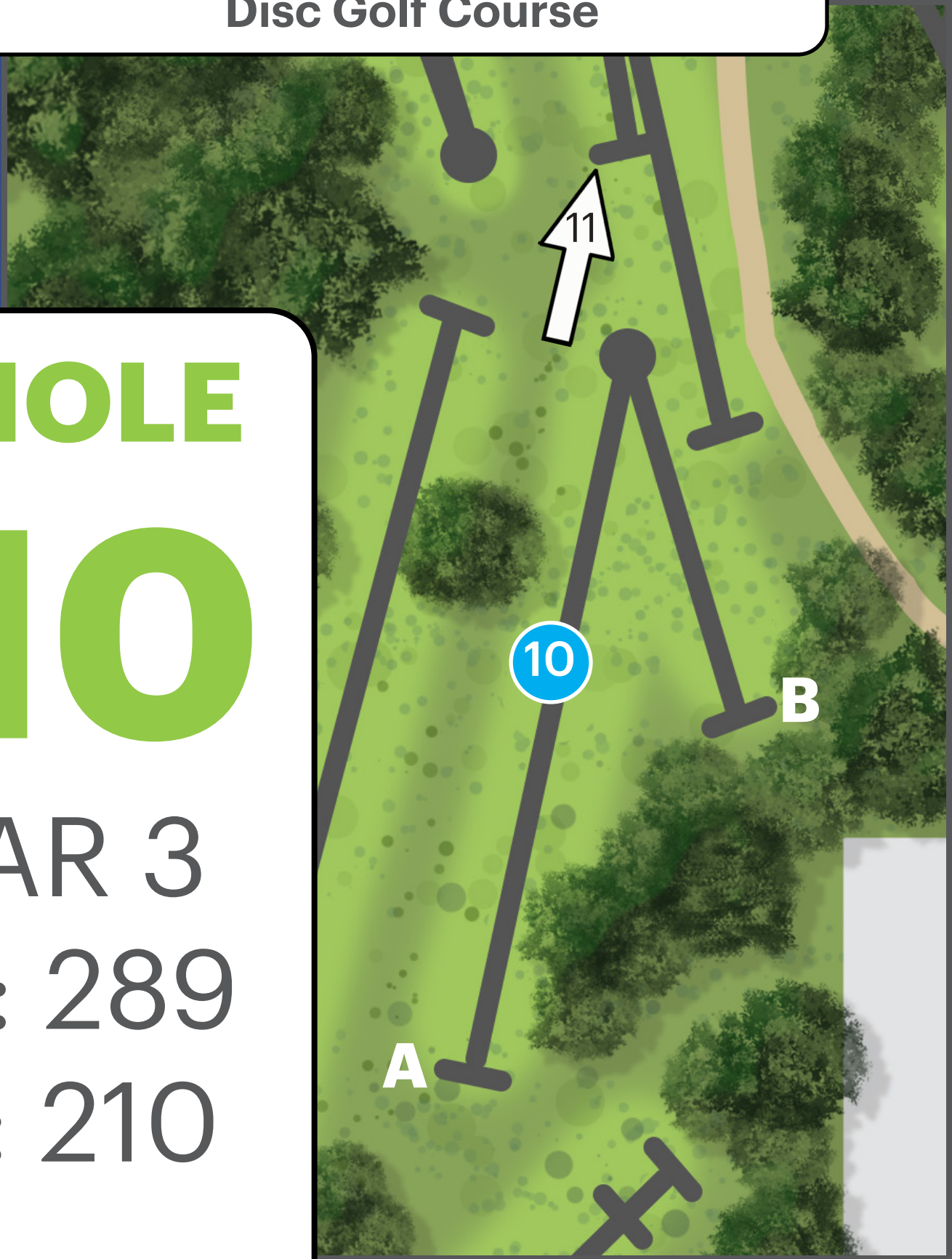


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B: 210



Hansen Park

Disc Golf Course

HOLE

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PAR 3

A: 310

B: 187



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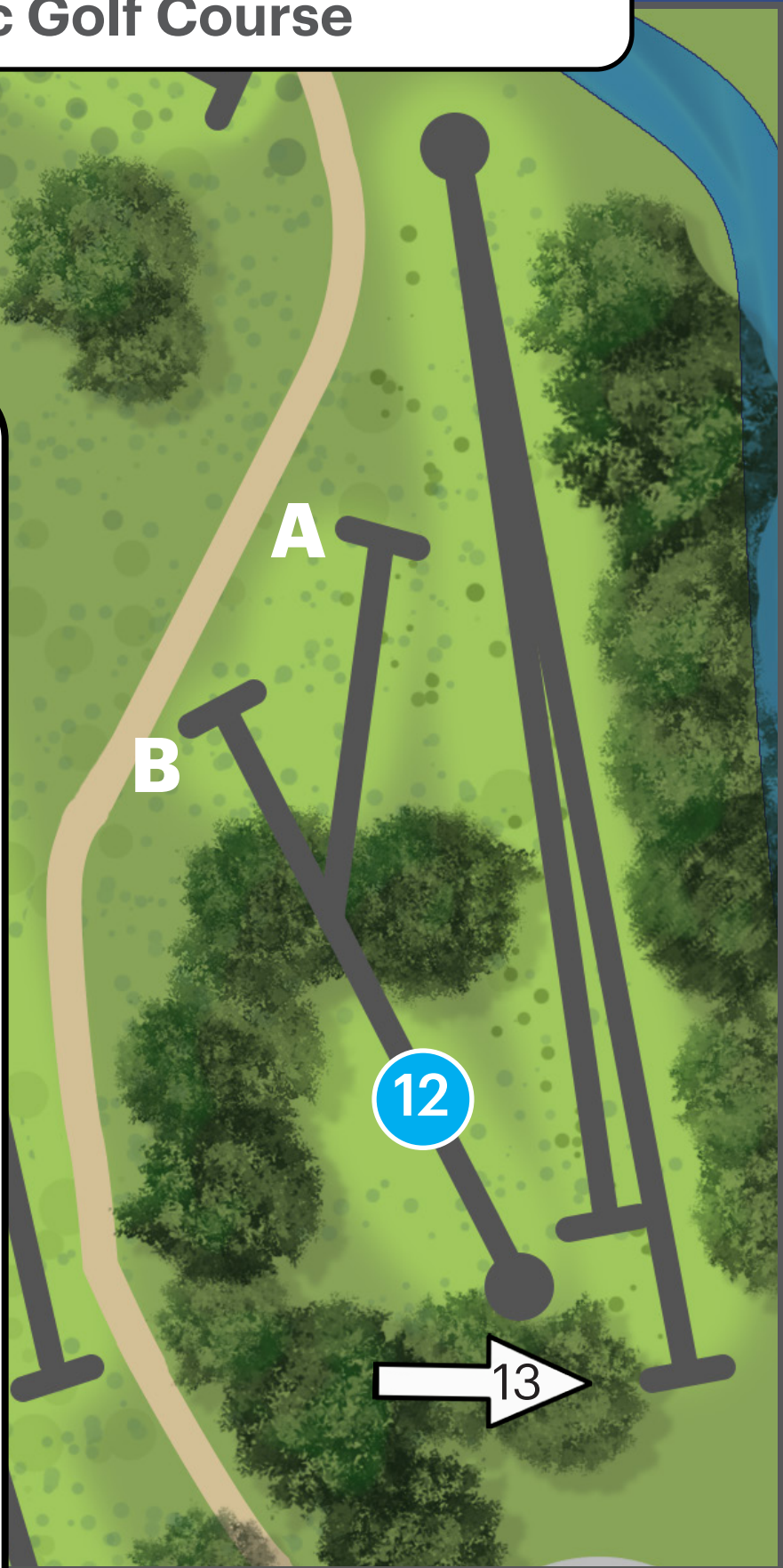
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PAR 3

A: 276

B: 230



Hansen Park

Disc Golf Course

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PAR 3
A: 303
B: 249



Hansen Park

Disc Golf Course

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HOLE

14

PAR 3

A: 469

B: 410

