

LOCAL RULING: RESERVOIR

The short wooden posts lying beyond the back right of the 5th green and to the left of the pathway leading to the short-game practice area are there to act as a safety measure to prevent either trolleys or buggies from entering the reservoir. They are outside of the hazard and are deemed to be immovable obstructions.

Relief (free drop) may be taken under Rule 16.1a.

Note that this relief only applies if the obstruction interferes with either stance or intended swing. The ball just being close alone does not automatically give rise to relief nor would a poor lie due to ground conditions. You may not take a drop within the hazard.

At other points on the perimeter of the reservoir there are further posts, some bearing safety warnings, others with lifebelts attached. Where these lie outside the red line which defines the hazard, they too are deemed to be immovable obstructions. However, any posts or structures within the red line are an integral part of the hazard and relief is not available.

A ball coming to rest within a hazard may, if physically possible, be played as it lies without penalty. However, no player should attempt to enter the water to do so, nor may the position or lie of the ball be altered in any way.

Players are reminded that a free drop means dropping the ball from knee height at the nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole.

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