

FAQ 11:

What are my options if I hit my ball off the 8th tee into the protected area in front of that tee?

Answer:

The protected area is classed as ground under repair. You therefore get relief without penalty.

If the ball is found then locate the nearest point of relief from there. If you cannot find ball then locate the nearest point of relief from where it entered the area. Then follow the procedure detailed in FAQ 3. Don't forget, the nearest point of relief may not necessarily be between the tee and the protected area.

If the ball cannot be found then you have to know or be virtually certain that it is in the protected area in order to get relief.

Another option is to use "stroke and distance" at the cost of one penalty stroke. In this case you go back to the teeing ground, and "play 3 off the tee". In this case you have the option of teeing up the ball if you wish.