

June Rules Reminder
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While golfing with a fellow Niner on hole 24 on the Catalina course, I was asked if the landscaped area to the left of the red tee box and to the right of the golf cart path was a Free Relief.

The rock in the landscaped area, locally, is identified as decorative rock, an Immovable Obstruction under USGA Rule 24. As of March 12, 2007, the local rule, in part, reads, "The decorative rock is FREE RELIEF from stance and swing only."

So

No free relief is granted if ball lies in or on vegetation or any other object within the decorative rock. Your options are to hit the ball as it lies, or opt for USGA Rule 28, Ball Unplayable, under penalty of 1 stroke.