

# Minecraft Briefly Got Raytracing On Xbox Consoles - But It Was A Mistake IGN

Microsoft seemed to have begun testing Raytracing in Minecraft earlier this week, but it was actually a mistake. The feature was removed.

The feature was included in a preview version of Xbox consoles, but it was removed shortly after word spread about its inclusion. The update contained the raytracing preview on both Xbox Series X and Series S consoles, but according to Microsoft, it should never have appeared in the first place.

The company confirmed that the previous Minecraft Preview build made available to Xbox Insiders inadvertently contained prototype code for raytracing support on Xbox consoles. "This early prototype code was removed from Preview and doesn't indicate any future plans to bring raytracing support to consoles."

Inadvertently the previous Minecraft Preview build made available to Xbox Insiders included prototype code for Raytracing on Xbox consoles. This preview code, which was not intended to suggest any future plans for support for raytracing on consoles, was removed.

That's right even though they're currently testing it doesn't mean Minecraft will be getting Raytracing support on Xbox consoles any time soon - even though Microsoft had teased support for raytracing two years ago.

Microsoft has dropped the update, stating that it won't be available on your Xbox consoles for a while. However, this does indicate that Microsoft is still working on the feature. Essentially, it could be a possibility to Xbox consoles... eventually.

Raytracing is only available in Minecraft on Windows. It is enhanced by Nvidia's DLSS upscaling feature to increase frame rates. A comparison of Minecraft with raytracing turned on and off shows just how impressive this feature could be:

Elsewhere, a long-lost Minecraft update was recently discovered by Minecraft historians. The Secret Saturday update (Alpha 1.1.1) was only available for 3 hours in the year 2010.

The ambiguous nature of the recent Raytracing Update begs the question of whether Xbox users will ever be capable of saving the defunct Minecraft version. Or has auto-update rendered it obsolete?

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