

GAMER GUIDE

PALIA
EDITION



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WHAT IS IT?



Palia is a free-to-play cosy community sim game, developed and published by Singularity 6 in 2023. The game is presently accessible through Open Beta on PC, with an upcoming version for the Nintendo Switch set to be released later in the year.

Palia™

Taking inspiration from beloved titles like Animal Crossing and Stardew Valley, Palia unfolds within a fresh high fantasy realm. Infused with elements from open-world adventure games, Palia invites players into an exploration adventure, offering a warm and inviting atmosphere for enthusiasts of both simulation and MMO (massively multiplayer online) games.

BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

In Palia, humans are a once legendary race that vanished at the peak of their magical prowess. They've suddenly begun to mysteriously reappear after thousands of years. As one of these recently spawned humans, players embark on the task of creating a new home in this amiable world.

Mechanics



Housing Plot

In Palia, a Housing Plot is your personal space to build a home. Decorate it, add structures and crafting facilities, tend to a garden, cook delicious dishes, and even host gatherings with friends. As you progress, you can expand your Plot, purchase additional slots, and design various layouts. Enhance its value by placing items and buying Add-ons in the City Hall.

Housing Add-ons provide extra housing space or serve cosmetic purposes. The Housing Menu allows you to manage your Plots and building elements. Most Add-ons take up 1 unit of the Building Limit, capped at a maximum of 30.



Relationships

As you start your journey in Palia, you'll meet various inhabitants who guide you through quests and help you settle into your new home. Villagers often run their own stores, each specialising in different items. For example, Tish's Furniture Store focuses on fabric-related goods, and Zeki's General Store offers a variety of items from seeds to flowers. Developing closer bonds with certain Villagers allows you to increase your Friendship level and, in some cases, explore romantic relationships.

To raise Friendship levels engage in conversations, gift items, and complete quests for the Villagers. Reaching Friendship Level 3 often unlocks special quests with rewards. At this level, Villagers may grant you access to their room, which you can enter at any time.

Certain Villagers can be Romanced once your Friendship Level is 3. Gifting them a Box of Chocolates or a Heartdrop Lily initiates their Romance questline. Advancing the Romance level results in the Villager gifting you their Villager Pin. To boost your Romance level, engage in daily conversations or gift them a Box of Chocolates or a Heartdrop Lily once per real-life week.

Each Villager can receive one gift per real-life day. Villagers have individual preferences based on their tastes. Every week, players can discover up to 4 items that each Villager would particularly appreciate. These Weekly Wants can be discovered by asking the Villagers directly or asking their friends. To keep track of requested items, players can check the Relationships tab for each Villager's Weekly Wants.



Focus & Renown

Focus is a mechanic introduced to modify XP (experience points) gain. Focus increases as you eat, contributing to the total XP received. The amount of Focus spent is determined by your current Focus Bonus. For example, gaining 10 XP with a 50% Focus Bonus results in an extra 5 XP and a loss of 5 Focus.

Food items with a purple "up" arrow can be consumed to fill your Focus meter. Dishes offer the most Focus, but some crops and Gatherables also grant some.

Renown can be used to modify your Focus. The Dragon Shrine boosts Max Focus, while the Phoenix Shrine enhances Focus Bonus. To earn Renown players can talk to and gift Villagers, complete Accomplishments, level up Skills, and complete quests.



Skills

In Palia, there are 8 main Skills to level:

- **Foraging:** Foraging enables players to harvest Gatherables throughout the world (such as Sundrop Lilies) and chop down trees. Picking up Gatherables requires no equipment while cutting down trees requires an Axe.
- **Mining:** Mining involves breaking nodes to collect ore and resources. A Pick is essential for Mining activities.
- **Bug Catching:** Bugs are plentiful in Palia. Find them bustling about in fields, hiding in trees, under rocks, or inside Gatherables. Capturing bugs requires a Belt and Smoke Bombs.
- **Gardening:** Gardening lets players grow crops for crafting or selling. Till the Soil with a Hoe, plant seeds, water them using the Watering Can, and wait for harvest.
- **Hunting:** Hunting creatures throughout the world will provide you with crafting resources. Use a Bow and a variety of Arrows to take down the creatures.
- **Furniture Making:** Craft decorative Furniture at the Workbench which can be placed on the Housing Plot. There are a number of Furniture sets available, with recipes for sale at Tish's store.
- **Cooking:** Cooking enables players to create a variety of dishes that can be consumed for increased Focus and additional buffs.
- **Fishing:** Fishing involves catching different fish with a Fishing Rod. Available fish differ between biomes as well as the bait equipped.

Tools

Tools are required for collecting resources and performing actions throughout the game:

- Axes: Associated with the Foraging Skill. Used for cutting down trees and bushes.
- Picks: Associated with the Mining Skill. Used for Mining rocks, minerals, and clay.
- Hoes: Associated with the Gardening Skill. Used for tilling Soil.
- Watering Cans: Associated with the Gardening Skill. Used for watering planted crop seeds.
- Fishing Rods: Associated with the Fishing Skill. Used for obtaining fish and items from the water.
- Bows: Associated with the Hunting Skill. Used for Hunting creatures.
- Belts: Associated with the Bug Catching Skill. Used for catching bugs.

There are 4 Tool tiers: Makeshift, Standard, Fine, and Exquisite. Players start with Makeshift Tools but can upgrade them at the Worktable. Tool upgrade recipes are available at corresponding Guild Stores. With the exception of Makeshift, all Tools degrade with use and must be repaired at a Repair Station.





Crafting

Crafting requires both a crafter and a recipe for the item. Once the Worktable is acquired, crafting various items (including other crafters) becomes simple as long as you have the necessary resources. The following crafters are available:

- Worktable: A multi-use crafter for creating Furniture, Tools, consumables, and more.
- Campfire: This campfire is your starting point for Cooking, transforming raw ingredients into basic foods.
- Standard Stove: Allows you to cook a diverse array of recipes from across Palia.
- Prep Station: Cut and prepare ingredients for Cooking.
- Mixing Station: Enables the mixing of ingredients for Cooking.
- Standard Oven: Bake a variety of recipes.
- Worm Farm: Produces Worms for Fishing and basic fertilisers.
- Glow Worm Farm: Produces Glow Worms and advanced fertilisers.
- Basic Sawmill: Refines wood into planks.
- Heavy Sawmill: Refines wood into planks at a faster rate than the Basic Sawmill.
- Glass Furnace: Produces Glass for Furniture crafting.
- Fabric Loom: Refines raw materials into fabrics.
- Modification Bench: Alters Furniture colours and designs using Modification Kits.
- Seed Collector: Produces seeds from harvested crops.
- Preserves Jar: Pickles vegetables and turns fruit into jam.
- Basic Smelter: Refines raw minerals into bricks and bars.
- Heavy Smelter: Turns minerals into bricks and bars at a faster pace.
- Repair Station: Revitalises worn-down Tools using Repair Kits.



Items

In Palia, items are categorised by rarity, distinguished by the colour of their description background. The classifications include Unspecified or Abundant, Common, Uncommon, Rare, Epic, and Legendary. Additionally, items may have a Star Quality, signifying enhanced attributes such as increased Focus or higher selling value when crafted with these items.

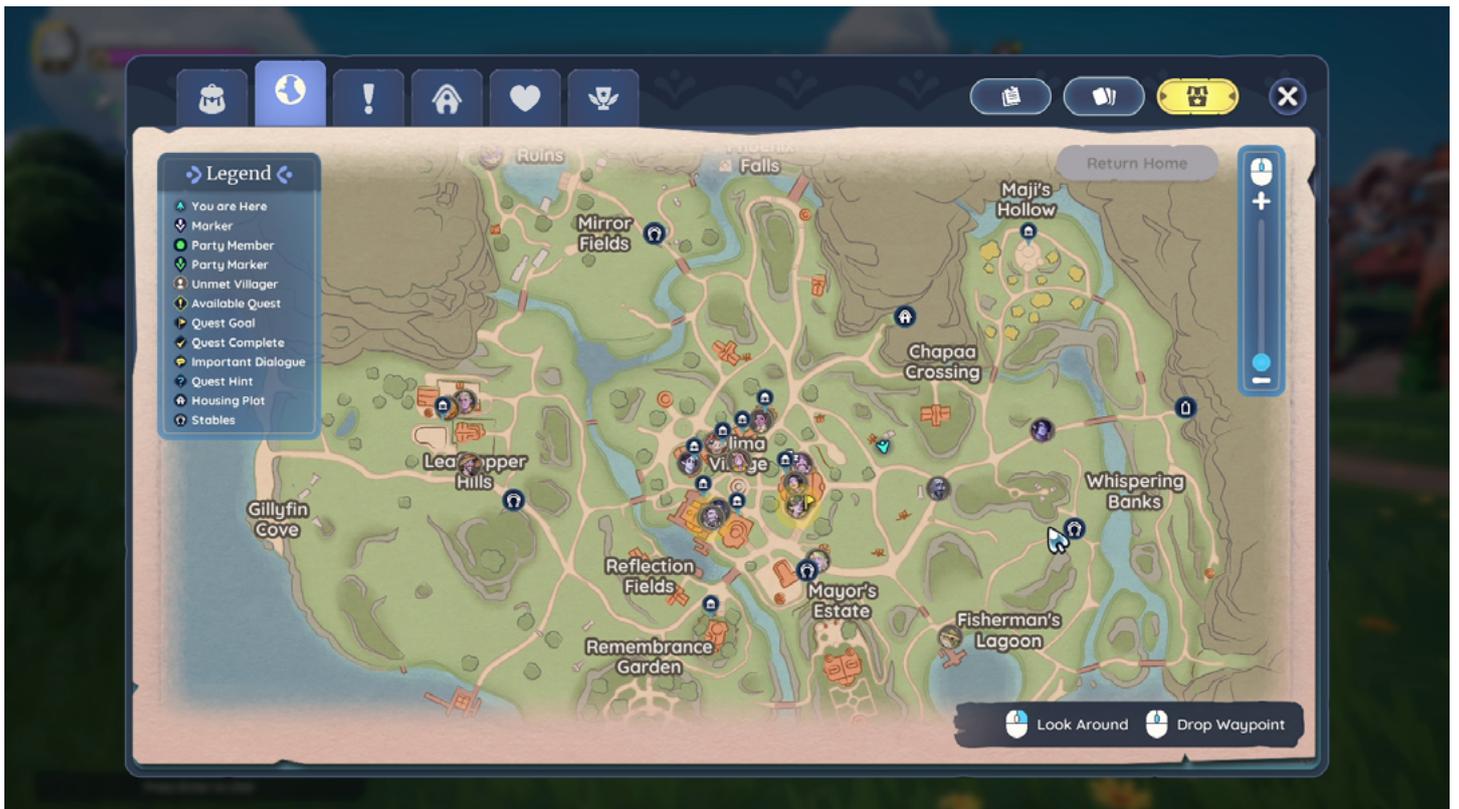
Partying Up

Palia, as an MMO, integrates diverse multiplayer features into its gameplay, accessible after completing the Tutorial. Presently, party size is capped at 4 players. Forming parties for different activities offers several advantages:

- Fishing: When players fish in the same area, a Fishing buff activates within a 10-metre radius, reducing hook time by 10%. The buff can stack up to 5 times, resulting in a 50% reduction in hook time.
- Cooking: All players participating in a recipe in progress, either by adding ingredients or engaging in minigames, will receive loot. This collaborative effort speeds up dish preparation with consistent quality for all contributors.
- Hunting: Team up to hunt Sernuk and Chapaa; all participating players receive loot.
- Bug Catching: Collaborative catching rewards all participating players with the caught bugs. Simply throwing a Smoke Bomb close to the bug, rather than hitting it directly, counts as participation.
- Foraging: Teamwork in chopping down Flow-Infused trees rewards all players involved with the resulting loot.
- Mining: All players assisting in breaking any node receive the resulting loot.



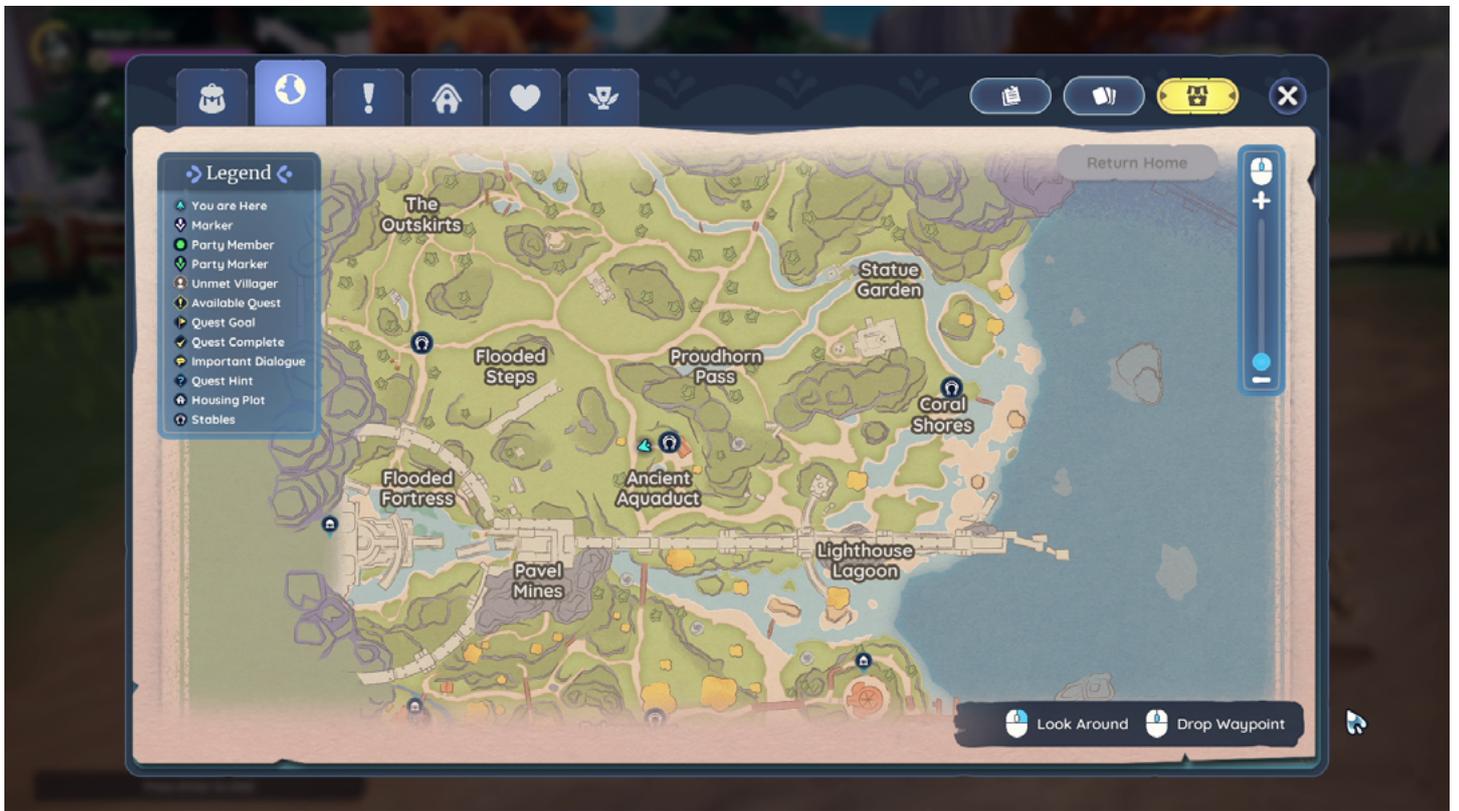
Environment



Kilima

Kilima is the first region you explore as you emerge from the Phoenix Statue. It's a bustling region with numerous Villagers, shops, and various attractions waiting to be explored. Key locations in Kilima include:

- Chapaa Crossing
- Fisherman's Lagoon
- Gillyfin Cove
- Kilima Village
- Leafhopper Hills
- Maji's Hollow
- Mayor's Estate
- Mirror Fields
- Mirror Pond Ruins
- Phoenix Falls
- Reflection Fields
- Remembrance Beach
- Remembrance Garden
- Whispering Banks



Bahari

Bahari Bay, Palia's second region, is accessible by passing through the eastern gate in Kilima. While it has only a few Villagers, the true highlights are the scarce ore and legendary creatures like the Azure Chapaa. Main locations include:

- Ancient Aqueduct
- Beachcomber Cove
- Coral Shores
- Flooded Fortress
- Flooded Steps
- Hideaway Bluffs
- Lighthouse Lagoon
- Pavel Mines
- Proudhorn Pass
- Pulsewater Plains
- Statue Garden
- The Outskirts
- Thorny Thicket
- Windy Ruins



Fast Travel

While the world offers much to do in terms of exploration and activities, running can become tiresome. Palia has 2 fast travel features to make navigating the maps more convenient.

Fast travel points, or Stables, are marked by horseshoe icons on the map. While convenient, using them costs an amount of in-game currency determined by the distance to the destination. The 'Return Home' button, located in the map's top right corner, returns the player to their Housing Plot. This feature does, however, have a 25-minute cooldown. Use it wisely!

TIPS & TRICKS



Ask for Help

Don't hesitate to ask for help! All questions are good questions.

Thanks for waiting, you'll be home soon!



Hoarding pays off

Store up everything you collect throughout the world, especially the rarer items. While it may be tempting to sell it, there are quests, recipes, and Villager requests that require these resources and it's always handy to have some on hand.

Keep the fires burning

Crafters such as the Smelters, Sawmills, and Worm Farms will run while you're offline. Make sure to stock these crafters with the necessary materials before logging off and you'll return to find the completed products waiting for you.

Companion farming

Crops in Palia have unique effects that buff other crops around them. These effects range from increased harvest size to faster growing times, so pay attention to how you plant your crops to maximise your farming.



CONCLUSION

Palia is a unique entry into the MMO genre and attracts both cosy players as well as the more serious, hard-core players who are looking for a grind. While it is still very much a work in progress, the game is pleasantly captivating and provides hours of relaxing solo gaming or fun with friends. Frequent patches add new mechanics, storylines, and elements to the game that will keep you coming back for more!