

# GAMER GUIDE

PALWORLD  
EDITION



the need to know you didn't know you needed

# WHAT IS IT?



Palworld, developed and published by Pocket Pair in Japan, is a multi-player action-adventure game that's all about survival, monster-taming, and epic battles. Players find themselves in a vibrant open world teeming with adorable creatures known as Pals. They're not just cute, they're also handy and will work for their tamers in different capacities such as base building, combat, production, and more. Whether you prefer flying solo or teaming up with friends, Palworld lets you dive into the action with up to 32 players on 1 server. The game was released in early access in January 2024 for PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X/S.

## PALWORLD

While the game has drawn significant criticism and inspired vigorous debate across the internet, its success cannot be denied. 8 Million units sold within its first 6 days of early access, reaching over 2 million concurrent players on Steam, securing its place as the platform's second-highest played game of all time. As of February 22, 2024, it has surpassed 15 million units sold, cementing its position as one of the best-selling PC games.

# BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

In Palworld, players navigate the Palpagos Islands and must manage hunger, craft tools, and construct bases. Progression unlocks weapons, structures, and decorations. Over 100 Pals inhabit the islands, all of which can be captured to complete the player's Paldeck.

## ✖ Mechanics +



### Player

In Palworld, players can customise their character's appearance initially but cannot alter it afterwards. They can form Guilds and name their Pals, with character mechanics including Shield, Health, and Hunger management. When Health reaches 0, players drop items and Pals, retrievable by themselves or Guild members. Temperature and Inventory management play key roles, with equipment slots for weapons, accessories, and other gear. Players also have stats to boost performance and can utilise Pals for various tasks, including sleeping in Beds and participating in Guilds for shared resources and workstations.



## Pals

Currently, there are over 100 different Pals available in the game, with ongoing plans for additional additions during the early access phase. These Pals vary in their availability, with some not found in the world, others exclusively in Dungeons, and a select few only obtainable through breeding.

Additionally, there are Alpha Pals, larger counterparts found at specific locations on the world map or as Dungeon bosses. While Alpha Pals don't boast higher stats than regular Pals, they offer unique gameplay dynamics: yielding 10 times more experience when defeated, enduring reduced damage, and often having a lower capture rate compared to their regular counterparts.

Each Pal has 1 or 2 Elements. There are 9 elements:

- Dark
- Dragon
- Electric
- Fire
- Grass
- Ground
- Ice
- Neutral
- Water

The traits of your Pals dictate their abilities and roles. Each Pal has individual and species-specific stats displayed in the Paldeck, including:

- Partner skill: A species-specific passive skill, such as increasing carrying capacity.
- Work Suitability: Highlighted skills indicating task compatibility.
- Food Consumption: Determining the Pal's eating habits.
- Active skills: species-dependent combat abilities.
- Passive skills: randomised traits affecting work or combat performance, like increased movement speed or reduced damage output.

Mounts, which are Pals with Partner Skills enabling riding, require specific Pal Gear for use. While mounted, Pals won't auto-attack; instead, players control their skills manually.

Work suitability stats remain consistent among members of the same species in Palworld. When a Pal is stationed at your base, it automatically undertakes tasks aligned with its work suitability skills. Tasks include:

- Kindling: Creating food or items via heating devices.
- Planting: Sowing seeds for farming.
- Handiwork: Crafting items and constructing structures.
- Lumbering: Gathering wood from trees.
- Medicine Production: Crafting medicine at designated workbenches.
- Transporting: Moving goods within your base.
- Watering: Hydrating plants in farming areas.
- Generating electricity: Operating power generators.
- Gathering: Harvesting crops grown through farming.
- Mining: Extracting stone and ore.
- Cooling: Maintaining refrigeration devices.
- Farming: Dropping items while assigned to a ranch.

In Palworld, Pals can be strengthened through 2 methods. Pal Enhancement involves imbuing Pal Souls at the Statue of Power to boost a chosen stat: Max Health, Attack, Defense, or Work Speed. Meanwhile, Pal Condensation enhances Pals by sacrificing others of the same species, with each sacrifice increasing the base Pal's stats and Partner Skill level (up to level 5). However, Pals sacrificed in the process are permanently lost, with no transfer of stats or Passive Skills.



## Breeding

In Palworld, Breeding is facilitated through the Breeding Farm and allows players to pair 2 Pals of opposite genders to produce a Pal Egg, hatchable in an Egg Incubator. The Breeding Farm technology enables cross-species breeding, where assigned Pals will lay eggs after a progress bar fills, provided Cake is present in the farm's chest. While any Pal species can breed with another, resulting offspring may exhibit random stats. Breeding between the same species guarantees offspring of that species, while standard combination breeding yields offspring with attributes influenced by parental "Rank." Special combinations may grant unique outcomes, including the transfer of passive skills to offspring.



## Combat

Combat in Palworld incorporates an elemental system, where certain Pal types and attacks deal extra or reduced damage against others. For example, Grass Pals are strong against Ground but weak against Fire. Additionally, various status conditions can be inflicted during battles, including Stun, Burn, Freeze, and Poison. Pals and players can trigger these conditions using specific skills or weapons like Fire Bow and Poison Bow.

Pals' combat effectiveness is influenced by various factors including their passive and active abilities, skills, and stats. While your Pal engages in battle independently, you also have the role of attacking using a variety of weapons available in Palworld, including ranged and melee options. Despite potential mismatches like bringing a sword to a gunfight, adaptability is key. During combat evade enemy attacks by dodging or sprinting. Utilising environmental objects such as pillars or rocks for cover can also minimise damage.



## Crafting

Technologies are blueprints unlocked by Technology Points, earned through levelling up and specific actions like interacting with Great Eagle Statues. These blueprints encompass a range of items, weapons, saddles, and structures, some of which have prerequisites like unlocking previous technologies or capturing specific Pals. Ancient Technologies, even more powerful creations, are unlocked with Ancient Technology Points, which are awarded upon defeating bosses. These points can only be used for purple Ancient Technology blueprints.

In Palworld, Food items are crafted from Ingredients at various cooking stations like Campfires, Cooking Pots, or Electric Kitchens. These items restore Hunger and Sanity for Players and Pals, with Food generally offering higher nutrition and lasting longer than raw Ingredients. Cake, a special Food item, is essential for breeding Pal Eggs but requires significant effort to create. Materials, on the other hand, are primarily used for crafting or selling to Merchants for coins, gathered from the wild or dropped by Pals.

Everything must be crafted using Workbenches, each type of Workbench with its own purpose:

- Workbenches: Basic crafting stations for entry-level items, including torches, axes, and clubs, and can be upgraded for higher-tier production.
- Weapon Workbenches: Craft melee and ranged weapons like swords, spears, and bows from metal, wood, and leather.
- Medicine Workbench: Focuses on crafting medical items such as potions and bandages using natural ingredients.
- Furnaces: Processes raw materials to produce charcoal and ingots.
- Crusher: Breaks down wood and stone to create Fibre and Paldium Fragments.
- Repair Bench: Repairs damaged equipment and tools like swords and armour.
- Pal Gear Workbench: Crafts items specific to Pals, such as gloves and saddles.
- Sphere Workbench: Crafts Pal Spheres essential for gameplay.



## Gear

Gear is vital for progression in Palworld, encompassing Armour, Weapons, and Tools. Crafting main gear requires special workbenches, with advanced equipment necessitating higher-tier workbenches and materials. Schematics can also unlock superior-tiered gear for specific armour or weapon pieces.

There are currently 4 Schematic tiers:

- Uncommon (Green)
- Rare (Blue)
- Epic (Purple)
- Legendary (Gold)

Armour defends against foes and weather, including body, head, and shield variants. Weapons, essential for defence and attack, come in melee, ranged, and Pal-specific types. Tools, a subset of weapons, specialise in gathering resources by dealing extra damage to Rocks or Trees. Pal Gear, unique to each Pal type, includes saddles, gliders, and specialised weapons crafted at a Pal Gear Workbench.



## Environment

Players explore The Palpagos Islands, the richly populated setting for the game.



### Biomes & Regions

Palworld features 5 distinct biomes, each corresponding to a Faction Boss and presenting its own set of random incidents. Within each biome are multiple regions, offering various Pals and points of interest for exploration. The biomes are as follows:

- Grass: The starting biome where Pals typically range from level 1 to 15.
- Forest: Located centrally, inhabited Pals ranging from level 10 to 30.
- Desert: Positioned northeast, inhabited by Pals between levels 40 and 50. The temperature fluctuates from hot during the day to cold at night.
- Volcano: Situated southwest, inhabited by Pals with levels ranging from 30 to 40. The biome maintains a consistent hot temperature day and night.
- Snow: Found in the north, featuring Pals with levels ranging from 30 to 50. The biome remains consistently cold throughout the day and night.



## Bases & Raids

Your base in Palworld serves as your central hub for construction, production, and Pal management. It begins with the creation of a Palbox, marked by a circular blue perimeter defining its boundaries. Pals assigned to work here can access only the resources and buildings within this area. Additional base locations unlock at base levels 10 and 15, allowing for more expansive operations. The base info panel provides crucial details on Pal activities and resource levels.

Base raids, occurring randomly, pose threats to your structures and Pals, their intensity influenced by the base's location and biome. You can opt to disable base raids in Custom World Settings. Raids end either by defeating all attackers or when the raid timer expires, with strategic defence setups and border walls potentially delaying raiders.



## Points of Interest

Dungeons scattered across the Palpagos Islands in Palworld offer unique Pals and at least 1 Alpha Pal, with multiple chests to discover along the way, including 2 guaranteed ones at the Dungeon's end. These Dungeons are tiered, each featuring a different pool of Alpha Pals, with 1 guaranteed Alpha Pal encounter at the conclusion of each Dungeon.

Faction Bosses reside within Towers scattered across the world, each accompanied by a partner Pal. Defeating each Faction Boss earns players an Achievement. Each boss encounter has a time limit of 10 minutes; exceeding this limit results in the player being teleported back to the overworld.

In addition to Faction Bosses found in Towers, Alpha Pals serve as variant bosses in specific locations, offering Ancient Technology Points upon defeat and dropping Ancient Civilization Parts when repeatedly defeated.

Great Eagle Statues, resembling Galeclaws, enable fast travel once activated and grant Technology points upon unlocking, allowing teleportation to other unlocked statues or bases on the map.

# TIPS & TRICKS



## Rest is best

When in combat, monitor your Pal's health closely. When their health dips, swiftly swap them out for another strong Pal to allow for recovery in their sphere. Healing doesn't take long, and with a balanced team, a Pal can re-enter battle multiple times, particularly useful if you have a preferred high-level type.

## Explore like a pro

When exploring unfamiliar territories where wild Pals might overpower you, consider bringing a flying Pal and sticking to the coastline. This allows for a quick escape to sea if you encounter tough opponents. Venturing too far inland, especially in higher-level areas, increases the risk of frequent deaths and difficulty recovering lost items. Nighttime exploration is great for treasure hunting and spotting waypoints, but make sure you're dressed appropriately for the temperature of your surroundings.

## Preppers survive

If you're out exploring a huge area and, well, meet an untimely end, perhaps surrounded by some tough enemies, it's a good idea to have a backup plan. Keep a kit handy with spare armour and weapons so you can quickly gear up and defend yourself while retrieving your stuff. This comes in super handy if you kick the bucket in an area where you need specific gear to get around. Otherwise, you'll be in a bit of a pickle trying to navigate without any protection!



# CONCLUSION

Palworld is a game with ambitious goals and while it may have some rough edges due to its scope, it doesn't quite match the polish of AAA titles. The vast overworld offers diverse biomes, but the environments lack a sense of wonder. Early access comes with its fair share of bugs, including Pals getting stuck and character animations glitching. Despite these flaws, Palworld stands out with its action-oriented gameplay. Palworld offers an enjoyable experience that keeps players engaged for the long haul.