

# GAMER GUIDE

PIKMIN 4  
EDITION



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# WHAT IS IT?



Pikmin 4 comes to us as a real-time strategy video game, developed by Nintendo EPD and published by Nintendo. Positioned as the fourth main instalment of the Pikmin series, it follows Pikmin 3 and stands as the sixth overall in the franchise. Released on July 21, 2023, it made its way to the Nintendo Switch.

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The Pikmin series, crafted by Shigeru Miyamoto, blends real-time strategy and puzzles. These games centre on directing the plant-like Pikmin to collect items by overcoming obstacles, hazards, and critters that challenge both the player character and the Pikmin. Pikmin 4 continues the series, delighting loyal fans and warmly inviting newcomers to join the adventure.

# BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

Pikmin 4 revisits the unfriendly terrain of PNF-404. Taking on the role of a rookie, your mission is to rescue the legendary Captain Olimar and the Rescue Team. This means navigating a forgotten landscape brimming with creatures, treasures, and, naturally, Pikmin!

## Mechanics

### Call/Return Pikmin

You can select up to three Pikmin types.

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### Pikmin

Pikmin are small, vibrant humanoid creatures sporting leaf sprouts atop their heads. They form a loyal group that trails the player loyally offering help by lugging hefty items, constructing structures, and battling foes. During downtime, Pikmin inhabit Onions (bulb-like structures). While on the move they gather nutrients from flower pellets and defeated adversaries, ferrying these back to the Onion. This action spawns seeds that drop to the ground and breed more Pikmin.

There are nine unique varieties of Pikmin:

- Red Pikmin: These are the heavy hitters and can take the heat – they're fire-resistant.
- Yellow Pikmin: Not as strong in a fight, but they can handle electricity and are great at digging. Plus, they're your go-to for reaching high places.

- Blue Pikmin: Water won't faze them, and they're excellent swimmers. The underwater experts of the bunch.
- Ice Pikmin: Freeze enemies, smash ice walls, and they're chill about cold attacks.
- Rock Pikmin: Perfect for breaking crystal walls and tough enough to handle piercing attacks.
- Winged Pikmin: They fly fast, carry things even faster, and are masters of aerial combat.
- White Pikmin: These toxic attackers can clear out hazardous spots and move quickly. They're immune to poison.
- Purple Pikmin: Slow but super strong, they pack a punch and emit damaging waves when thrown.
- Glow Pikmin: Nighttime buddies, they're handy for night adventures and can venture into sublevel caves.

Levelling up your Pikmin boosts their efficiency. There are a few ways to do so, the main one being Nectar. Find Nectar in various spots like sublevel cavern eggs, breakable pots, and from creatures. Toss Pikmin at Nectar, and they'll consume it to bloom. Keep feeding them until fully flowered. Pikmin left unplucked will eventually bloom flowers themselves, but this is slow and limits your Pikmin number. You can wait for flowers to grow by creating Pikmin at the Rescue Command Post without a time constraint.



## Oatchi

Oatchi is your trusty sidekick in Pikmin 4. It aids in running, Treasure gathering, creature battles, and more. As your Pikmin team expands and challenges escalate, enhancing Oatchi becomes essential.

Skill upgrades demand Pup Drive points. Oatchi earns these by rescuing castaways. You can also accrue points through Night Expeditions. Use these points to level up various skills across multiple tiers.

- Buff: Enables Oatchi to push boxes and transport treasures.
- Super Buff: Amplifies Oatchi's Buff strength.
- Swallow: Lets Oatchi carry items or creatures up to 100 units in weight in its mouth.
- Chomp: Oatchi's standard biting attack.
- Big Chomp: Enhances bite attack and enables jumping attacks.
- Rush: Oatchi charges and dashes forward, breaking objects and hurting creatures.
- Mega Rush: Accelerates Rush charge rate, extending creature stun duration.
- Doggy-Paddle: Allows Oatchi to swim and carry Pikmin on its back in water.
- Jump: Oatchi learns to jump, allowing you to ride and leap over small ledges.
- Pluck: Oatchi assists in plucking Pikmin from the ground.
- Dig: Oatchi quickly digs when upgraded.
- Heal: Speeds up Oatchi's healing process.
- Command: Boosts Oatchi's ability to track items using scent.

## Training



Teach him **Heal Lv. 1?**

Oatchi's Pup Drive: 🐶 3

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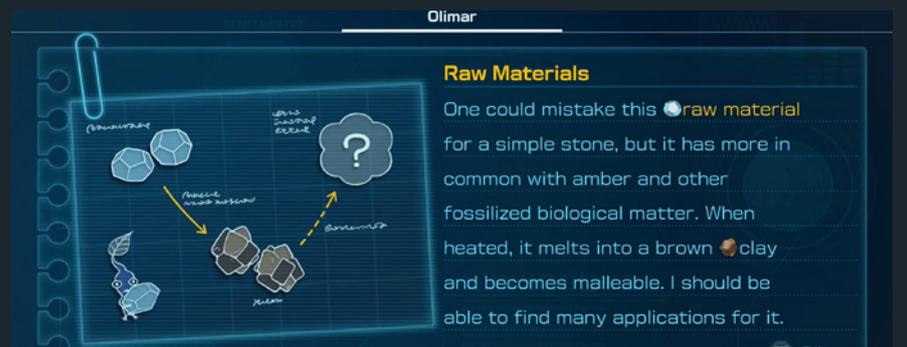
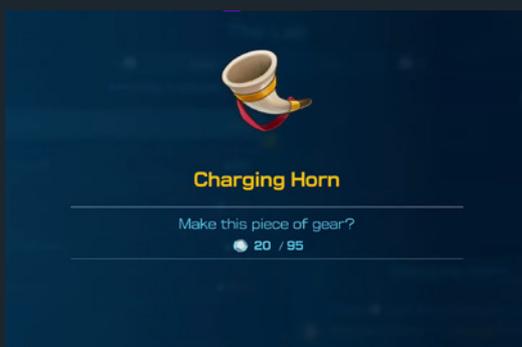
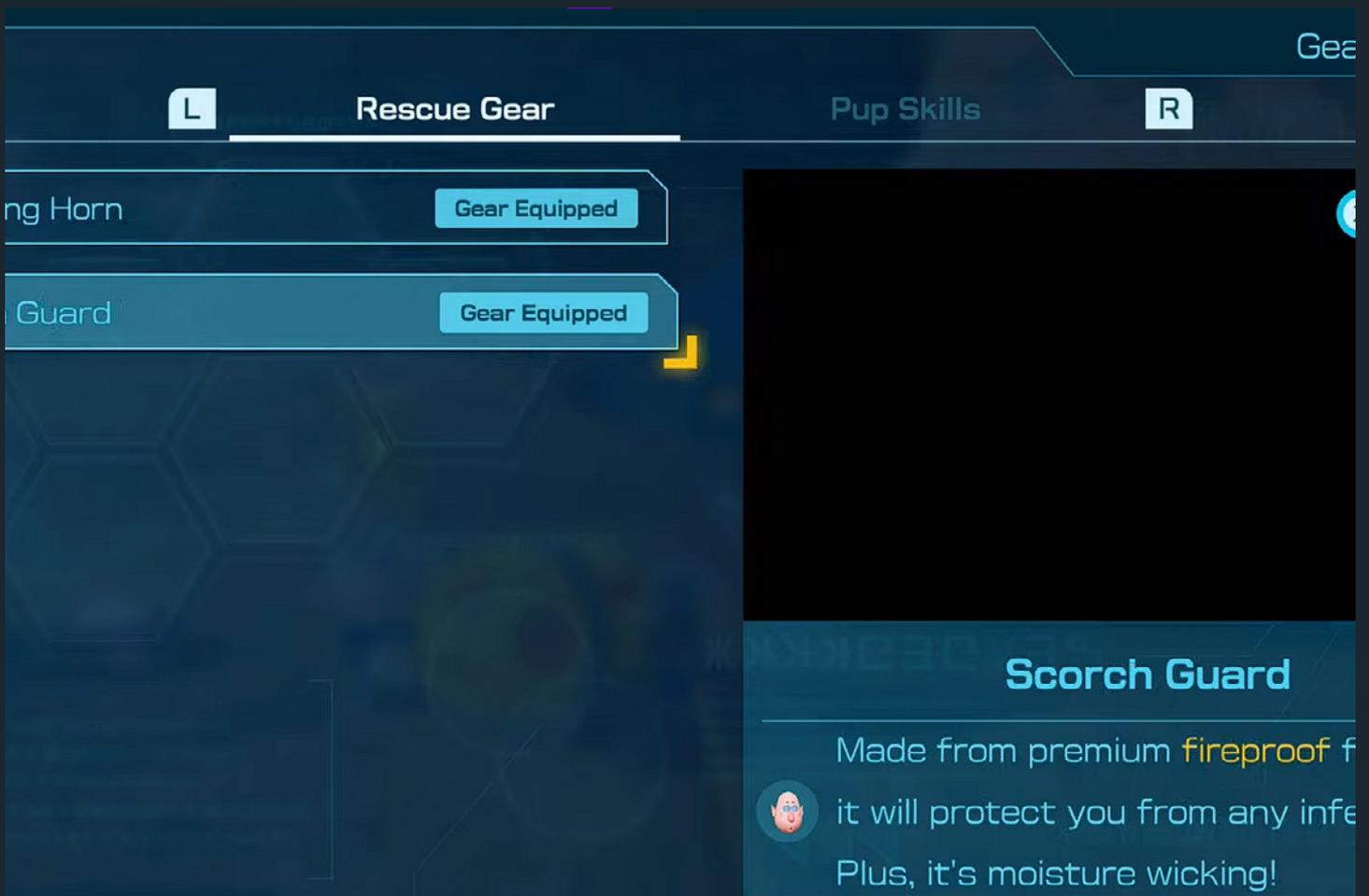
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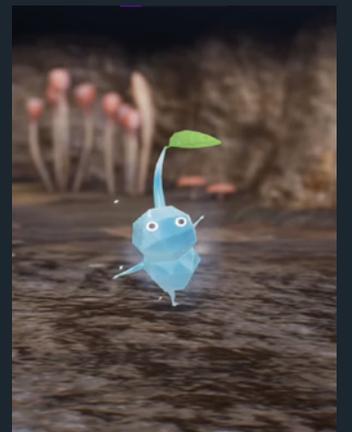
## Gear

Once you save Russ from the Last-Frost Cavern in the Sun-Speckled Terrace, gear becomes accessible. Russ will then start crafting gear and items available for purchase at the Lab using Raw Materials.

Below is the list of all available gear for Oatchi:

- Scorch Guard: Provides Oatchi with fire resistance.
- Air Armour: Decreases the impact of damage on Oatchi.
- Thermal Defence: Shields Oatchi from freezing effects.
- Tuff Stuff: Boosts Oatchi's HP.
- Anti-Electrifier: Safeguards Oatchi from electrocution.
- Sniff Saver: Enables Oatchi to counteract poison.





The player gear available:

- Survey Drone: Scout the area using a drone from the sky.
- Charging Horn: Command Pikmin to charge forward by pressing X.
- Headlamp: Illuminate caves for better visibility.
- Headlamp+: Enhance Headlamp's range and power.
- Treasure Gauge: Detect treasures and nearby castaways.
- Treasure Gauge+: View total treasure amount and locations on the map.
- Tuff Stuff: Boost player's maximum HP.
- Tuff Stuff++: Max out player character's HP.
- Triple Threat: Unlock the Triple Punch attack for the Player.
- Thermal Defence: Shield Player character from freezing effects.
- Air Armour: Reduce overall damage to the Player.
- Air Armour+: Enhance damage mitigation of Air Armour.
- Air Armour++: Maximise damage mitigation for the Player.
- Brace Boots: Prevent the Player from being blown away or sucked up by attacks.
- Homesick Signal: Recall non-squad Pikmin to the S.S. Beagle.
- Idler's Alert: Summon idle Pikmin to your location.
- Rush Boots: Increase movement speed.
- Power Whistle: Significantly expand the whistle's range.
- Gunk Busters: Prevent movement slowdown.



## Headlamp+

Make this piece of gear?

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## Pack



### Scummy Bones

A favorite snack that **completely reenergizes** Oatchi.  
Eating one when at full health leads to a hefty **HP increase**.

## Items

In Pikmin 4, you can acquire items from the Lab using raw materials obtained through exploration. Below is a list of all items along with their usage instructions:

- Scummy Bone: Restores Oatchi's health and boosts max HP at full health.
- Emergency Kit: Revives the player with full health upon knockout.
- Pikpik Carrot: Allures creatures and induces paralysis upon consumption.
- Bomb Rock: Explodes upon throwing, effective for breaking walls.
- Ice Blast: Freezes enemies upon explosion.
- Lightning Shock: Shocks enemies, causing paralysis.
- Trackonator: Pursues prey and detonates.
- Mine: Activates upon detecting life and sticks to creatures.
- Ultra-Spicy Spray: Enhances Pikmin and Oatchi speed.
- Glow Seeds: Used to grow Glow Pikmin for caves and Night Expeditions.



## Dandori

Mastering the art of Dandori in Pikmin is essential. It involves efficiently managing your team of Pikmin and Oatchi throughout your Exploration Days. Ensuring all Pikmin are actively contributing is key – you don't want any idle groups while others are hard at work.

Your Dandori expertise will be put to the test in two major ways: Dandori Battles and Dandori Challenges. These are special sublevel caves that progressively become tougher as the game unfolds. In Dandori Challenges, you're on a time crunch to collect all the Treasures and creatures hidden in the cave. On the flip side, Dandori Battles pit you against a Leafling, and you've got to outscore them by snatching Treasures and taking down creatures. Use some strategic Items to slow them down or halt their progress.

## Environment

Get ready for some serious exploration excitement in Pikmin 4! You've got six incredible areas to dive into, each packed with its own unique vibe and thrilling adventure. So, get your gear, round up Oatchi, and set off with your trusty Pikmin crew.



### Areas

These are the beautifully crafted levels you will progress through:

- Sun-Speckled Terrace: Your starting point, a friendly garden that's like your training ground for all things exploring.
- Blossoming Arcadia: Flower-filled landscapes and exciting cave challenges with some big boss battles coming your way.
- Serene Shores: Unlock this watery wonderland by collecting 4,000 Sparklium. A paradise of beaches and water, perfect for Blue Pikmin enthusiasts.
- Hero's Hideaway: It's time to venture indoors, into the heart of a house. This is where you'll make your heroic last stand to save Olimar.
- Giant's Hearth: After Olimar's rescue, this outdoor oasis opens up for you. Continue your journey, finding castaways and treasures along the way.
- Primordial Thicket: The grand finale, a wild and perilous natural haven that brings your epic exploration to a close.

# TIPS & TRICKS



## **Not on the clock**

Although the days in this world still follow the natural cycle from dawn to dusk, there's no need to hurry when it comes to finishing the game. While it's wise to wrap up your tasks and return to base before nightfall, the overall number of days you take to conquer the game isn't a pressing concern. When delving into dungeons and tackling challenges, time won't be breathing down your neck, so simply unwind, explore, and relish the adventure as you collect all those precious treasures.

## **Safety first**

When you come across a treasure, aim to secure it swiftly. However, before doing so, ensure the vicinity is free of enemies. Pikmin carrying items can't defend themselves, so make sure the path is clear or be ready to protect them.

## **Plenty of do-overs**

You have the power to rewind time whenever you need to rectify errors or rescue your Pikmin squad. The best part? You can use it as often as you like. While some players might opt to avoid it, we encourage you to embrace rewinding if it fits your style. Don't hesitate to dive into the menu and turn back time to navigate missions with greater ease!



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# CONCLUSION

Pikmin 4 wins you over with its adorable critters and their unwavering loyalty to my commands. While it's not super challenging, the new twists such as ability upgrades, new Pikmin pals, and Oatchi as a sidekick keep things interesting beyond the usual pick-and-toss gameplay. With a bunch of new enemies, treasures, and awesome post-game stuff that's full of nostalgic nods, Pikmin 4 leaves us excited but also hopeful about where the series is headed.