

Depths



The Depths (Depths)

) is a Location in Dark Souls. It is accessed via Lower Undead Burg, and leads to Blighttown.

Information

The **Depths** is a dimly lit and treacherous area beneath the **Undead Burg**, filled with labyrinthine corridors, ambushes, and enemies with devastating effects. This area leads to **Blighttown** and is home to the **Gaping Dragon**, one of the game's more challenging early bosses. Be prepared with repair items, such as **Repair Powder**, to counteract the durability damage caused by the Gaping Dragon.

Area Bosses

Mandatory

Gaping Dragon:

- A massive, deformed dragon that deals heavy damage and reduces equipment durability with its acid attacks.
- Drops:
 - **Blighttown Key**
 - **Dragon King Greataxe** (by cutting off its tail).

Enemies

Hollows:

- Common enemies found throughout the area.
- Some are armed with torches, which can deal significant fire damage.

Hollow Cooks:

- Found in the kitchen areas, often ambushing players from above.
- Attack with cleavers and are accompanied by dogs.

Hollow Dogs:

- Found near the kitchen and waterlogged areas.
- Fast-moving enemies that inflict bleed.

Rats:

- Found in various sizes, from small to giant.
- Inflict poison and drop Humanity.
- Giant Rats have higher health and can be exploited using ranged attacks through grates.

Basilisks:

- Found in the lower areas of the Depths.
- Release a curse-inducing mist that instantly kills and halves the player's health upon death.

Slimes:

- Found on ceilings in the waterlogged corridors.
- Resistant to physical damage but weak to fire.
- Drop large and green titanite shards.

Kirk, Knight of Thorns (Invader):

- Appears if you are in human form while exploring the lower waterlogged areas.
- Drops the **Spiked Shield** and **Barbed Straight Sword** upon defeat.

Merchants

Female Undead Merchant:

- Found near the shortcut to Firelink Shrine.
- Sells:
 - Poison Moss
 - Blooming Purple Moss Clump
 - Various consumables.

Domhnall of Zena:

- Found near the exit to Blighttown.
- Sells rare items, including the **Crystal Set** and **Gold Pine Resin**.

NPCs

Laurentius of the Great Swamp:

- Found trapped in a barrel near the kitchen.
- Roll to free him without attacking to avoid hostility.
- Moves to **Firelink Shrine** and offers pyromancies for sale.

Items

Key Items:

- **Large Ember**: Found in the kitchen area, used to upgrade weapons to +10.
- **Blighttown Key**: Dropped by the Gaping Dragon, unlocking the entrance to Blighttown.

Weapons and Armor:

- **Spider Shield**: Found in the Giant Rat's room.
- **Dragon King Greataxe**: Dropped by severing the Gaping Dragon's tail.
- **Heavy Crossbow and Bolts**: Found near the boss fog gate.

Rings:

- **Evil Eye Ring**: Found in the Basilisk's lair, restores HP upon enemy kills.

Consumables:

- **Humanity**: Dropped by rats and found throughout the Depths.
- **Repair Powder**: Essential for countering the Gaping Dragon's acid attacks.

Walkthrough

Entry Point

- Use the **Key to the Depths** obtained from the **Capra Demon** to unlock the door leading into the Depths.
- Be cautious of ambushes from Hollows and Hollow Dogs.

Kitchen Area

- Deal with the Hollow Dogs first before engaging the Hollow Cook.

- Open the nearby treasure chest to obtain the **Large Ember**.
- Destroy the wooden crates to reveal a shortcut leading to the Giant Rat's room.

Saving Laurentius

- From the kitchen, proceed to the waterlogged section.
- Free **Laurentius** from the barrel trap and defeat nearby enemies.
- He will relocate to Firelink Shrine and sell pyromancies.

Waterlogged Corridors

- Beware of Slimes clinging to the ceiling; use fire to dispatch them.
- Progress through the long corridor, avoiding ambushes from Slimes and rats.
- Obtain the **Sewer Chamber Key** from a corpse to unlock the nearby bonfire.

Giant Rat Room

- Use the shortcut from the kitchen to ambush the Giant Rat.
- Alternatively, shoot it through the grate using ranged weapons.
- Defeat it to obtain **Humanity** and loot the **Spider Shield**.

Basilisk Nest

- Descend into the lower levels, avoiding the curse-inducing gas of the Basilisks.
- Collect the **Evil Eye Ring** and other items while navigating the area.

Gaping Dragon

- Use the **Sewer Chamber Key** to unlock the door leading to the boss fog gate.
- Prepare by equipping items and armor resistant to acid.
- Strategy:
 - Focus on staying near its hind legs.
 - Avoid its acid breath attacks, which can destroy equipment.
 - Sever its tail to obtain the **Dragon King Greataxe**.

Shortcuts

Kitchen Shortcut:

- Leads from the cooking area to the Giant Rat's room.

Firelink Shrine Shortcut:

- Unlocks access to the Female Undead Merchant near the aqueduct.

Soul Farming

Rats:

- Drop Humanity, useful for co-op and farming.

Slimes:

- Drop titanite shards, valuable for weapon upgrades.

Notes

- Basilisks' curse mist can easily overwhelm players. Use ranged attacks to deal with them safely.
- The Gaping Dragon's acid attacks drastically reduce equipment durability. Carry **Repair Powder** or visit a blacksmith afterward.

Trivia

- The **Gaping Dragon**'s design is inspired by gluttony, as it features a grotesque mouth on its chest.
- The Depths serve as a turning point in the game, transitioning from undead-themed areas to the toxic and swampy Blighttown.
- Kirk, Knight of Thorns, invades in multiple locations and is associated with the Darkwraith covenant.

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