

# New Londo Ruins



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## Information

The **New Londo Ruins** is a haunting, waterlogged area beneath **Firelink Shrine**, filled with spectral enemies and a foreboding atmosphere. This location serves as a pivotal area in the game, connecting to the **Valley of Drakes** and containing several key items and shortcuts. The ruins are notable for their cursed inhabitants and treacherous terrain, which require preparation and strategic planning to traverse safely.

## Area Bosses

### Mandatory

#### Four Kings:

- Encountered after descending into the Abyss.
- Requires the **Covenant of Artorias** to survive in the Abyss.
- Notable for their group-based combat mechanics—new kings spawn over time.
- Rewards:
  - **30,000 Souls.**
  - **Bequeathed Lord Soul Shard.**

- Unlocks the **Darkwraith Covenant** if conditions are met.

# Enemies

## Hollows:

- Passive unless attacked.
- Found near **Firelink Shrine** and **Rickert of Vinheim**.

## Ghosts:

- Found throughout the ruins.
- Require the player to be cursed or use the **Transient Curse** to attack.
- Drops: **Transient Curse**, **Jagged Ghost Blade** (rare).

## Darkwraiths:

- Found in the lower flooded ruins.
- Powerful enemies with high-damage attacks.
- Drops: **Titanite Chunk**, **Titanite Slab** (extremely rare), **Dark Hand**.

## Banshees (Red-Eyed Ghosts):

- Scream to alert nearby enemies.
- Drops: **Ghost Blade** (rare).

## Mass of Souls:

- Found near the flooded area.
- Emits spectral projectiles and spawns explosive heads.
- Does not respawn after defeat.

# Merchants

## Rickert of Vinheim:

- Location: Found near the entrance in a cell to the left.
- Services:
  - Weapon reinforcement and repair.
  - Sells basic magic upgrades and sorceries.

## Ingward:

- Location: On the roof of the Ghost House.
- Role:

- Provides the **Key to the Seal** to drain the ruins after the Lordvessel is obtained.
- Sells **Transient Curse**.
- Can cure the player's **Cursed** status for one Humanity.

## NPCs

### Darkstalker Kaathe:

- Appears after defeating the Four Kings if the player has not aligned with Frampt.
- Offers entry to the **Darkwraith Covenant**.

### Crestfallen Warrior:

- After ringing the two Bells of Awakening, he becomes hollow and attacks near the ruins' entrance.

## Items

### Weapons:

- **Estoc**: Found before the first bridge.
- **Parrying Dagger**: Found near the spiral staircase.
- **Composite Bow**: Found near the waterwheel elevator.

### Shields:

- **Dragon Crest Shield**: Found in Valley of Drakes.

### Armor:

- **Fang Boar Helm**: Rare drop from the Armored Tusk near the Valley of Drakes shortcut.

### Key Items:

- **Key to the Seal**: Obtained from Ingward.
- **Covenant of Artorias**: Required to traverse the Abyss.

### Consumables:

- **Transient Curse**: Found in vases and as drops from Ghosts.
- **Fire Keeper Soul**: Found on a ledge near the water.

## Walkthrough

## Entering the Ruins

- From **Firelink Shrine**, take the elevator down to New Londo Ruins.
- Left leads to the main path; right leads to **Rickert of Vinheim** and the **Valley of Drakes** shortcut.

## Dealing with Ghosts

- Use **Transient Curse** to attack Ghosts.
- Stick to narrow walkways and pull enemies one at a time.

## Exploring the Ghost House

- Enter cautiously to avoid being overwhelmed by multiple Ghosts and Banshees.
- Climb the hidden ladder in the fireplace to access the roof and meet Ingward.

## Unlocking Shortcuts

- Drain the ruins using the **Key to the Seal** obtained from Ingward.
- Open the floodgates to reveal access to the lower areas and **Valley of Drakes**.

## Covenants

### Darkwraith Covenant:

- Led by **Darkstalker Kaathe**, who appears after defeating the **Four Kings**.
- Conditions:
  - Do not place the Lordvessel with **Kingseeker Frampt**.
  - Speak to Kaathe in the Abyss after the Four Kings' defeat.
- Rewards include **Cracked Red Eye Orbs** for invasions.

## Shortcuts

### Valley of Drakes:

- Unlock the gate using the **Master Key** or by obtaining the **Key to the Seal**.

### Elevator to Firelink Shrine:

- Connects New Londo Ruins to Firelink Shrine.

## Soul Farming

### Ghosts:

- Consistently drop **Transient Curse** and Souls.
- Ideal for farming curses and small amounts of Souls early on.

## Notes

- **Transient Curse** is essential for dealing with enemies in this area—stock up before entering.
- Be cautious of the environment, as water and narrow pathways can lead to accidental falls.
- Use ranged weapons to safely deal with Ghosts hiding in walls or ceilings.

## Trivia

- The waterlogged state of New Londo was a deliberate measure to contain the Darkwraiths and the Abyss by drowning its population.
- Ingward moves to **Firelink Shrine** after his purpose in the ruins is fulfilled.
- The ruins are one of the few areas in the game without a bonfire, forcing reliance on shortcuts.

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