

The Great Hollow



The Great Hollow (

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Information

The Great Hollow is a vertical labyrinth connecting **Blighttown** and **Ash Lake**, filled with hazardous drops, valuable loot, and rare enemies. This area requires careful navigation due to the many opportunities for falling to your death.

Enemies

Standard Enemies

Basilisks:

- Found in three main areas.
- Attacks:
 - **Curse Mist**: Inflicts curse, instantly killing the player if the meter fills.
- Drops:
 - **Eye of Death** (rare)

Large Mushroom Men:

- Slow-moving but deal massive damage with punches.
- High health pool.

Small Mushroom Men:

- Low health and easily dispatched, but travel in groups.

Crystal Lizards:

- Found throughout the area.
- Drops:
 - **Twinkling Titanite** (100%)
 - Various titanite chunks and slabs (low chance).

Items

Shields

- **Wooden Shield:**
 - Found early in the area in a treasure chest.

Rings

- **Cloranth Ring:**
 - Found by dropping from the starting path to a hidden area below.
 - Effect: Boosts stamina regeneration.

Consumables

- **Eye of Death:**
 - Dropped by Basilisks.
- **Large Soul of a Nameless Soldier:**
 - Found near the Basilisk pits.

Upgrade Materials

- **Twinkling Titanite:** Guaranteed drop from Crystal Lizards.
- **Titanite Chunks:** Drops from Crystal Lizards.
- **Titanite Slabs:** Rare drop from Crystal Lizards.
- **Red, Blue, and White Titanite Chunks:** Dropped by Crystal Lizards.
- **Green Titanite Shards:** Dropped by Crystal Lizards.

Walkthrough

Getting Started

- Access The Great Hollow from **Blighttown's poison swamp**.
 - Look for a large tree root near the leech area.

- The first wall behind the chest containing the **Wooden Shield** is illusory. Strike it to reveal the path.
- Beyond this is another illusory wall hiding the entrance to The Great Hollow.

Progression

- **Bonfire:** The only bonfire in The Great Hollow is located just past the entrance.
- Use branches and roots to navigate downward:
 - Beware of falling damage. Use **Fall Control** or **Cat Ring** to minimize risks.
 - Avoid walking too close to edges.
- Encounter **Basilisks** at three points:
 - Prepare for curse buildup by equipping the **Cursebite Ring** or managing spacing.

Climbing Back Up

- Backtracking is possible but challenging due to tricky ledges.
- Use **backsteps** to scale certain obstacles.

Ash Lake Path

- The final large root at the bottom leads to **Ash Lake**.
- Encounter **Mushroom Men** near the final descent.

Shortcuts

- **Drop Method:** Instead of following the full path, carefully drop between branches to quickly descend.
- **Illusory Walls:** Reveal shortcuts or hidden items by striking walls.

Soul Farming

Crystal Lizards:

- Reloading near their spawn points allows multiple attempts at farming their drops.
- Equip the **Covetous Gold Serpent Ring** for higher drop rates.

Notes

- Equip the **Rusted Iron Ring** for better footing on slippery surfaces.
- Use ranged attacks to deal with Basilisks from a safe distance.
- Manage your health and stamina carefully to avoid fatal mistakes during falls.
- Avoid fighting **Mushroom Men** directly if you're under-leveled.

Trivia

- The Great Hollow is one of the few areas with no boss fight, focusing instead on platforming and exploration.
- The abundance of Crystal Lizards makes this an essential area for farming rare titanite.

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