

## ARK: Survival Evolved Review



Can you survive on an island with aggressive and hungry dinosaurs, danger therizinosaurus, fast wyverns, or mighty Rex having nothing but what's around? You can try your best in ARK: Survival Evolved. The survival adventure with a vast and wild open world with great visuals is waiting for you!

### Anachronism but Fun

Humans have never seen a living dinosaur (except for, maybe, Timothy Leary). Yet the name reminds us of Noah's Ark where all the species destined to survive lived together for some time; so the name of the game is quite metaphorical. The imaginary island you deploy it is a piece of a very ancient land, with ferns, palms, natural resources untouched by other humans, and different dinosaurs.

Unlike Robinson, you have no ship with supplies, but all you need is right around you. Start with crafting a stone ax, and then you can proceed to more and more advanced technologies. Harvesting materials is easy in the beginning when you only need basic ones like wood, stone, fiber, and something to eat. So gathering and hunting should be your work as necessary as escaping predate dinos. Well, they're not obliged to be your enemies; upgrade your civilization level, and one day you can tame and domesticate them! But it's a long way.

In a single-player mode, you can select both mode and level of the game: from easiest casual to the most hardcore. The difference is not only in hardness: your character will inevitably die, but you can save his progress for the respawned one or let the new human start anew, with nothing inherited.

Multiplayer mode is the most attractive part of it for many players: you're free to select either cooperative or competitive mode, building up a human society or acting dog-eat-dog.

# Picture Us Running

There are many games with dinosaurs. Just remember lust Jurassic World games, Turok series and amazing Trespasser game form 1998. But ARK: Survival Evolved is as outstanding as Jurassic Park was for 1990s' movie. The developers created something special - the digital world that evolves alongside with player. Hi-end graphics with vast forest, ferns, rivers, stones, and dangerous creatures walking on the seashore is grand. The space on the island looks perfectly elaborate, as enormous as a real T. Rex. So are the sounds: put on your best headset to hear the forest, the sea, the creatures of it and nature's emotions.

ARK Survival Evolved PC version of the game is very large. For all game files, you need to have 106 GB of free space on your hard drive. So, download and install processes will last like hours, but it costs it. ARK Survival Evolved for Mac requires much less – just 20 GB, as well as for Steam OS + Linux, Xbox One and PlayStation 4. Mobile ARK Survival Evolved for Android or iOS is way smaller: just about 1.8 GB, depending on the device. And when you look at the forest, hi-res textures on a dinosaur skin, you understand: no megabyte has been wasted!

Prepare: if you're using an HDD instead of SSD, the installation will take long, very long.

## How to Use Your Hands

Well, it really was a challenge to a primitive human. When you're playing one, you'll still get used to it with a bit of learning. But use your brain first, player, that's what made us kings.

In ARK: Survival Evolved for PC (as well as on Linux or Mac) you use your mouse+keyboard. ARK: Survival Evolved for Xbox One, Playstation 4 and Nintendo Switch is set up for the controller. On Nintendo Switch you won't find any usage of Joy-Con features. If you already played popular FPS or Action games, you will feel familiar with controls intuitively.

ARK: Survival Evolved for iOS requires no external controls, and your hands on invisible joysticks (especially on iPad) move just like on the keyboard and the mouse. Use the left half of the screen to control your motion, the right one to rotate the camera or to take actions.

# Where to Play

As for 2019, the game is available for most existing platforms. Mac and Linux users can benefit from their OS as they only have to spare 20 GB of free space, while ARK: Survival Evolved for Windows 10 requires at least 60 GB, and expansion packs extend it up to 105 GB. Does it mean that Windows users will enjoy better graphics and sounds? Not sure.

ARK Survival Evolved for iPad and Android tablets require less than 2 GB of free space. Most flagship Android devices like Samsung Galaxy S9, Huawei P20, Google Pixel 3 support the mobile version, but it more enjoyable to play ARK on tablets.

Of course, ARK: Survival Evolved for Xbox One or PS4 will bring the best experience and unveil the full potential of these consoles.

The game was released in 2017 when PS4 and Xbox One was more than three years on the market. So don't even hope for ARK: Survival Evolved for PS3 or ARK: Survival Evolved for Xbox 360. These previous generation consoles just aren't powerful enough to run this enormous game. Just look like bad it runs on Nintendo Switch.

The best way to play ARK: Survival Evolved is to download it to PC and enjoy with maximum settings.

## Questions and Answers

1. My Android device fits the requirements (Android 7.0, 3 GB RAM and the stuff), but I can't install it from Play Market. What do I do?

Some devices that will run the game are listed as unsupported yet. If your phone or tablet is able to run it, they'll get you covered soon. If not, you can try downloading APK from a third-party source, but for multiplayer, you'll have to register anyway.

2. Is there ARK: Survival Evolved for Windows 8?

It should work! There is even ARK: Survival Evolved for Windows 7, but the system must be 64-bit. Though Microsoft Store requires Windows 10, don't trust them: they just promote their actual product.

# To Be Carved in Stone

One of the most ambitious survival projects, ARK: SE has reached its success by right. You only need hardware powerful enough to enjoy it, and you will be impressed by how gorgeously this wild island is made. This is a special art of creating grand virtual worlds, and it's a reason to try it even if survival Robinsonade gameplay is not what you prefer.

## ARK Extinction: DLC expansion pack

Extinction is the third paid DLC expansion pack for ARK: Survival Evolved. Extinction was released on November 6th 2018 for PC and released on November 13th 2018 for PlayStation 4 and Xbox

One and is available for purchase through the Season Pass:

- [ARK Extinction for PC](#)
- [ARK Extinction for Xbox](#)
- [ARK Extinction for PS4](#)

## Conclusion

Finally out in 2017, this game is one of the most prominent adventure games of 2017, providing both action and crafting, intellect and running. It's released for more and more platforms, both stationary and mobile; maybe, ARK: Survival Evolved for 3DS is about to hit it too.