

Elden Ring Wiki Quick Guide

A compact companion for the Lands Between: smarter wiki use, map guidance, weapon and build basics, mod safety, and the most important Shadow of the Erdtree reminders.

Current patch: 1.17

Shadow of the Erdtree

Tarnished Pack aware

1 • ASK ONE QUESTION

Look up one specific problem instead of reading an entire area walkthrough before you arrive.

2 • CHECK THE DATE

Locations age well. Weapon balance, PvP and build recommendations can change after patches.

3 • TRUST PATCH NOTES

If a guide and the current game disagree, Bandai Namco's latest patch notes should win.

Which resource should you use?

What you need	Best starting point
Confirmed updates	Official Elden Ring website and patch notes
Beginner systems	Official Elden Ring Wiki: Guides & Tips
Exact locations	Community wiki or interactive map
Weapon/build comparisons	Wiki/database plus your in-game stats
PC mods	Established mod community + current mod instructions

FIRST-PLAYTHROUGH RULE

Use a wiki when you are stuck, not as a checklist you are afraid to deviate from.

Read the world before revealing it

The in-game map gives you geography without exposing every secret. Map fragments reveal terrain, but caves, NPC encounters, hidden routes and optional bosses still reward exploration.

USEFUL MAP CHECKS

Sites of Grace • map fragments • major roads • legacy dungeon entrances • caves, catacombs and mines • NPC locations when a quest stalls

SAVE FOR LATER

Full boss-marker overlays • every weapon and talisman marker • complete quest chains before meeting the NPC • 100% checklist maps on a blind run

Weapons: compare more than attack power

Check	Why it matters
Requirements	Determines whether you can use the weapon effectively
Scaling	Shows which attributes improve it as your build develops
Damage type	Enemy resistances can change the real result
Status buildup	Bleed, frost, poison and more can reshape performance
Skill / Ash of War	Often defines the weapon’s actual combat identity
Weight	Affects equipment load and roll behavior

A weapon that fits your stats and timing is usually better than a “top-tier” weapon you dislike using.

BUILD DIRECTION

Strength: heavy hits

Dexterity: speed

Intelligence: sorcery

Faith: incantations

Arcane: status

Two systems worth understanding

Shadow of the Erdtree uses progression systems separate from normal leveling. If a DLC enemy or boss suddenly feels unreasonable, exploration may help more than grinding runes.

SCADUTREE FRAGMENTS

Increase your Scadutree Blessing, raising attack power and damage negation inside the Realm of Shadow.

REVERED SPIRIT ASHES

Strengthen summoned spirits and Torrent within expansion areas.

DLC ACCESS

Defeat Mohg, Lord of Blood, then approach the cocoon in Mohgwyn Palace to enter the Realm of Shadow.

PC mods: useful, but keep them controlled

BEFORE INSTALLING

Back up important saves • confirm the mod supports your current game version • read install/removal instructions • keep a note of every added file or tool

AFTER A PATCH

Do not assume old tools still work • update loaders/frameworks first • test one mod at a time • restore a clean setup if the game becomes unstable

ONLINE CAUTION

The PC version can flag inappropriate activity, and third-party applications can interfere with the game. Do not assume a mod is safe online just because it launches successfully.

2026 update awareness

Patch 1.17 added support for the Tarnished Pack and balance changes. The Tarnished Pack adds the Idus Knight and Heavy Knight starting classes plus new weapons and equipment, so older guides may not include every current option.

When you are stuck, use this order

1

READ THE ITEM OR NPC DESCRIPTION AGAIN

Many clues are hidden in descriptions, dialogue and nearby landmarks.

2

CHECK THE IN-GAME MAP

Look for roads, ruins, elevation changes, caves and structures you may have passed.

3

SEARCH ONE EXACT QUESTION

“Where does this NPC go next?” is safer than reading a full quest walkthrough.

4

USE AN INTERACTIVE MAP FOR CLEANUP

Best for missing talismans, weapons, bosses, tears, seeds and collectibles after natural exploration.

Spoiler-smart checklist

KEEP DISCOVERY INTACT

- Search for one missing item at a time.
- Check NPC quest steps only when truly stuck.
- Verify weapon advice against the latest patch.
- Confirm whether a guide covers the base game or DLC.

KEEP INFORMATION CURRENT

- Treat tier lists as opinions, not rules.
- Use official patch notes when sources disagree.
- Back up saves before PC modding.
- Check publication/update dates on build guides.

Official resources

Official Elden Ring website

<https://en.bandainamcoent.eu/elden-ring/elden-ring>

Official Elden Ring Wiki - Guides & Tips

<https://en.bandainamcoent.eu/elden-ring/elden-ring/elden-ring-wiki>

Patch 1.17 notes

<https://en.bandainamcoent.eu/elden-ring/news/elden-ring-patch-notes-version-117>

BLOG COMPANION

Use this PDF for quick decisions while playing; keep the full blog post for deeper explanations and current context.