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Spoiler Timer - none Weight - 1.0 Stackable - 100 Craftable Items - over 140 Hexagon Cost - 115 for 10 Crystal Crystal is a limitless resource in Ark: Survival Evolved. It is an ore that cannot be refined nor used as fuel. But it can be used to craft over 140 items and counting. It didn't play a huge role in the first couple of maps, but with each new map, the importance of Crystal is expanded. What is Crystal Used For? Crystal is more important the further you get in the game. At first, the need for Crystal is uncommon, but once you hit mid-game and start upgrading your structures/equipment, you'll be glad you stocked up, or wish you would have. Tek Structures The list for Tek structures is extensive, so let me just say that you need Crystal to build any Tek structure, from doors to gateways to catwalks. To be honest, Crystal is the easiest material to gather when building Tek structures. The other materials are Metal Ingot, Element, Polymer, and occasionally Cementing Paste. Greenhouse Structures All of the Greenhouse structures need Crystal. Greenhouses are used to help crop plots prosper. While you will need Metal Ingot and Cementing Paste to build a greenhouse, Crystal is the primary ingredient. Greenhouse structures are only slightly stronger than Thatch structures and much weaker than the rest. They should not be used to live in if you play on a PvP server, and instead are reserved for growing crops indoors. Aberration Assistance Gas Collector Gas Mask Glow Stick Hazard Suit Heavy Miner's Helmet Charge Battery Crystal is used to craft almost everything you'll need to visit the Aberration caves, even in the maps created after Aberration. In order to build a Hazard suit, charge batteries, and collect gas, you need Crystal. Special Saddles Rock Drake Tek Saddle Megalodon Tek Saddle Mosasaur Tek Saddle Astrocetus Tek Saddle Rex Tek Saddle Tapejara Tek Saddle Astrodelphis Starwing Saddle Troganatus Saddle Most saddles do not require Crystal, but there are a few that do. These saddles include Tek saddles and certain saddles with weapons attached. Tek Weapons Tek Gravity Grenade Tek Grenade Tek Grenade Launcher Tek Shield Tek Shoulder Cannon Tek Sword Tek Bow Tek Rifle Tek Claws Tek Phase Pistol All Tek items require Crystal, but to make things easier, I've outlined the Tek weapons available, as you probably want to know what you can make in the future. The Tek Sword is a popular choice because it isn't exceedingly costly but still packs a punch when something catches you off-guard. Personally, I find Tek Claws to be the most progressive, and downright fun Tek weapon. Tek Equipment Unassembled TEK Hover Skiff Tek Teleporter Tek Transmitter Tek Generator Tek Hoversail Tek Jump Pad Tek Light Tek Remote Camera Tek Replicator Tek Sensor Along with a full Tek suit, you can build numerous other useful Tek items with Crystal. These items aren't for combat, but they can make life a lot easier. The Hoversail from Genesis 2 is my favorite Tek item to date. It's like a cross between the Flying Nimbus and a Maewing, only it runs on Element. Misc. Combat Gear Riot Helmet Riot Shield SCUBA Mask Unassembled Enforcer Unassembled Mek Transponder Node Transponder Tracker Tripwire Narcotic Trap C4 Charge C4 Remote Detonator Cluster Grenade Cannon Shell Cruise Missile Electric Prod Homing Underwater Mine Improvised Explosive Device Poison Grenade Rocket Homing Missile Rocket Pod Rocket Propelled Grenade As you can see, the ways you can use Crystal to improve your ability to protect yourself, and ensure that your dinos have their best chance against enemies, is alluring, to say the least. Spyglass Spraypainter Camera Desert Goggles Electronic Binoculars Flashlight Attachment Scope Attachment Magnifying Glass Mining Drill Mirror Night Vision Goggles Radio While tools won't change the way you play Ark, they can speed up the process of gathering times and simply improve the quality of your life. Simple things like a Spyglass can make spotting creatures easier, while items like the Camera can help you find the small joys in life. Misc. Crafting And Structures (Base Life) Vacuum Compartment Vacuum Compartment Moonpool Toilet Air Conditioner Cryofridge Cryopod Oil Pump Chemistry Bench Cloning Chamber Egg Incubator Industrial Forge Industrial Grill Industrial Grinder Fabricator Lamppost Refrigerator Now, this is my favorite category. You can transform your base with Crystal and a few mid-game items like it. Air Conditioners and Egg Incubators can make hatching eggs a breeze while Refrigerators and Oil Pumps can take the rough grind out of gaming. Best Ways To Gather Crystal For early game needs, you can use a stone pickaxe on Crystal nodes, which will yield a very small amount of Crystal. But if you want to optimize your time and effort, then use one of these methods. This may be the most common way to harvest Crystal because you can always carry it without, even without a Cryopod. You can keep your pick with you and harvest Crystal when you find it instead of making a special trip for it. Ankylosaurus The Anky is the single best Crystal gatherer. If you need Metal and Crystal, take an hour or two with your Ankylosaurus and you will be set for weeks. Mantis The Mantis is a special creature because it can hold tools just like you can. Just hand the tools to your Mantis and it can gather much better than almost anything else. The best part is that it has no weakness as far as gathering is concerned. So if you need everything, from Salt to Thatch, then the Mantis is your jack-of-all-trades. Dunkleosteus Strangely enough, the Dunkleosteus is great at gathering Crystal. So if you find underwater Crystal that your pickaxe isn't compatible with, a Dunklosteus is a safe bet. They're also a wonderful metal-harvester. Where To Find Crystal Crystal isn't quite as predictably placed as Wood or Metal, which are quick finds on any map. Luckily, I know exactly where to find Crystal on each map in Ark: Survival Evolved. The Island On The Island, Crystal can be found throughout the map, however, it is most plentiful in the top left corner, where you can find thousands of Crystal in minutes. The Center Crystal has loads of Crystal. The center of the map, no pun intended, yields the greatest supply. Aside from in the Redwood Biome, Crystal is always found in great amounts. Scorched Earth On Scorched Earth, Crystal is a bit rare. You can find it all around the west coast, but the largest deposits are on the Southern Mountains and Northern West Mountains. Ragnarok Crystal is an easy find on Ragnarok. You can find the most on the right side of the Southwest Tropics, Dragonmilte Trench, and to the west of Viking Bay. Aberration On Aberration, Crystal is located all over the map with the exception of the element region of the map. The surface yields the most with the blue region right behind it. Extinction You won't have trouble finding Crystal on Extinction. There isn't a hot spot for it, but you won't travel far without finding a few deposits. Valguero You may be able to find a few good deposits of Crystal in the Redwood and beyond, but if you need a substantial amount of it, then head up to the snowy mountains. That's by the far the best place to get Crystal on Valguero. Genesis: Part 1 Crystal is present in all of the biomes, but it is most plentiful in the top left segment and the bottom right segment. You won't find much in the ocean or the snowy biome. Genesis: Part 2 Rich Crystal can only be found in Space, the area between the segments, but you can find regular Crystal in every biome, with the Western biomes yielding twice as much. Crystal Isles It's called Crystal Isles for a reason. The orange crystals found around the map often have Crystal in them. But if you want something familiar, check the center of the map, near Copper Peaks. Lost Island Zaunaloa and Corsair regions have a lot of Crystal. On Lost Island, Crystal is found in average amounts, but if you don't want to spend an hour running around looking for it, check these two areas. Transporting Crystal The following creatures reduce the weight of Crystal by 50%. Argentavis Ravager Dunkleosteus However, a pairing of good gatherers and good pack-mules is ideal. My personal method? Grab yourself an Anky to gather the Crystal and transfer it to an Argentavis. Max weight on the Argie and put the Anky in a Cryopod. This way, you can make it home past early game and upgrade from metal to Tek gear, then it is highly recommended. Certain creatures cannot be ridden without saddles made with Crystal either. Crystal plays a crucial role in crafting in Ark: Survival Evolved, and in order to advance in the game, you need to use it. At first, you won't need more than a few hundred, which can be gathered in one node. But soon enough, you will find yourself looking for fields of Crystal. I do hope that this Ark Crystal guide assisted you in finding that Crystal and making the most of it. Continue reading related Ark guides: Skip to main content Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of Reddit, personalize Reddit content and advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. Ark: Survival Evolved is packed with tons of materials, ranging from simple fibers to complex chemicals. One of these materials you will eventually need is crystal. This mineral won't be too helpful at the start of the game, but it will eventually become important once you start building complex structures around your base camp. Since crystals are an important crafting material, we are going to take a look at where to get them, as well as what you can do with them. It's important to remember that crystals can be found on several DLC maps in different locations, but the locations we are going to talk about below apply to every map. Now, let's go over the best methods to obtain crystals. Where To Find Crystal via Manoz/Steam The best place to find crystals is in caves, on mountain tops, or snowy biomes. Crystals have a shiny white appearance, making them very easy to spot from a distance. To harvest the crystal, simply hit it with a metal pickaxe. This is the most efficient way to gather crystals by hand, ensuring that none is wasted. Below, you can check out the necessary steps to make one metal pickaxe. Materials Needed: 1 Metal Ingot 1 Wood 10 Hide Crafting Station: Smithy 5 Metal Ingot 50 Stone 30 Wood 20 Hide Required Level 20 via Argentavis/Steam In addition to finding and harvesting crystals by hand, various creatures will gather them for you. Below, you can check out every creature that will gather this material for you. Ankylosaurus Dunkleosteus Mantis Phoenix Therizinosaur Overall, the most efficient way to gather crystals is with the Ankylosaurus. This dinosaur has an 85 percent weight reduction of items in its inventory, allowing them to carry more crystals at a time. For more information, be sure to check out our guide on taming creatures. via Maryok/Steam Crystal is used in over 100 different recipes. Because of this, we are just going to take a quick look at the most important items that you will craft with crystal. Spyglass SCUBA Mask Fabricator Radio Air Conditioner Refrigerator Gas Mask Greenhouse Structures Weapon Attachments Industrial Forge and Grill Poison Grenade Night Vision Goggles That's all there is to know about crystals. Be sure to head into caves and climb mountains so you can find this resource! Next. ARK: Survival Evolved - How To Get Chitin You will find the most metal, crystal, and obsidian on the mountain tops of the central and northern portions of The Island map of Ark Survival Evolved, but you will find the most danger there two. The three first locations on the list below are excellent places to find metal early in the game. The first location "Crystal Hill" is my favorite, because the small amount of crystal there is great for making a spyglass and water jar without having to go far and wide for crystal, or into a cave. The Island Metal, Crystal, and Obsidian Resource Locations76.8 47.3 "Crystal Hill" (metal, crystal)80.8 63.7 (metal)84.7 85.5 "Herbavoir Island" (metal)64.3 60.7 (metal)58.5 46.9 Redwood base (metal)56.5 48.0 Redwood mountain top (metal, crystal)35.6 59.0 (metal, crystal)32.2 75.9 (metal, crystal, obsidian)42.0 38.8 Volcano (metal, crystal, obsidian)25.2 27.3 Snow biome (metal, crystal, obsidian)The Island Resource and Dino Location YouTube Playlist to support Fat FrogMy gaming PC and recording gear Crystal is a resource in ARK: Survival Evolved used for crafting various items. It is especially useful in the end-game. Crystal are best gathered with a metal pick or with certain creatures; stone picks can work but provide a very low drop chance. It can be acquired by mining white crystals. White crystals are the primary source which can be mined, stalactites in caves also provide crystal. Some others are just decorative. An even better way to gather crystal is the lunar biome on genesis by harvesting the crystal bushes with a Bronto, this can be boosted even more with a mate on a Deinonychus, because a Deinonychus can jump equally how much weight the rider has. You can also use a Magmasaur, Anky, Tek Stryder, and many other dinosaurs to harvest white crystals as well. The Stryder, while not having the greatest collection rate, is the best resource collector in general due to being able to connect to dedicated storage boxes in your base and send resources back to them from anywhere on the map. The following creatures reduce the weight of Crystal by the listed amount while it is in their inventory: Crystal can be found in caves throughout the Ark, as well as near the top of mountains and in the snow biome. Below are all of the crystal locations for The Island. For a larger map including the other resources, see the Strategic Resource Map. The Frozen Tooth at 35 latitude and 58 longitude has extremely high quantities of crystal deposits at and around the summit. However caution is advised while attempting to descend the mountain, as it is extremely steep and quite easy to trip and fall. For a low level character there is a small mountain in the Southern Islets at around 75.7 latitude and 47.2 longitude which has a small supply of crystal. The eastern side of the mountain is easy to climb, and the area itself is fairly benign, hosting mostly low level herbivores with the occasional Raptor and rare Carno. Below are all of the crystal locations for The Center. For a larger map including the other resources, see the Strategic Resource Map. In The Center there is a large supply of crystals around 55 latitude and 49 longitude on the cliff. Several Argentavises or a Quetzal is recommended to carry them. Below are all of the crystal locations for Scorched Earth. For a larger map including the other resources, see the Strategic Resource Map. Below are all of the crystal locations for Ragnarok. For a larger map including the other resources, see the Strategic Resource Map. Below are all of the crystal locations for Aberration. For a larger map including the other resources, see the Strategic Resource Map. Below are all of the crystal locations for Extinction. For a larger map including the other resources, see the Strategic Resource Map. Below are all of the crystal locations for Valguero. For a larger map including the other resources, see the Strategic Resource Map. This map is incomplete. Please contribute confirmed resource locations by confirming their location in-game.

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