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Black Desert Online

Part 1: Level 1-50

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2 PREPARATION

2.1 ADDITIONAL COMBAT EXP GAIN

2.1.1 Milk Tea



Milk Tea is an absolute must have item. It's cheap and gives you +8% combat experience for 90 minutes. Even if this will be your first character you should be able to afford it after the first few minutes of playing. You can buy it at any marketplace. On your way to level 50 you'll probably need 15 of these.

2.1.2 Extra Combat EXP Scroll



The Extra Combat EXP Scroll is by far the best EXP enhancer you can get. It can be obtained by 2 ways. Either you buy it for loyalty points (300 each) or you choose it as a reward when you reach a certain level (lvl 30 ,35 ,40 ,45 ,50)

2.1.3 Experience Elixir



The Experience Elixir is an item I can only recommend to players with more silver. +10% EXP gain is great but it's only for 5 minutes. You also can't keep the effect up all the time the time because it has a cooldown of 10 minutes.

2.1.4 Magic Crystal of Infinity – Experience



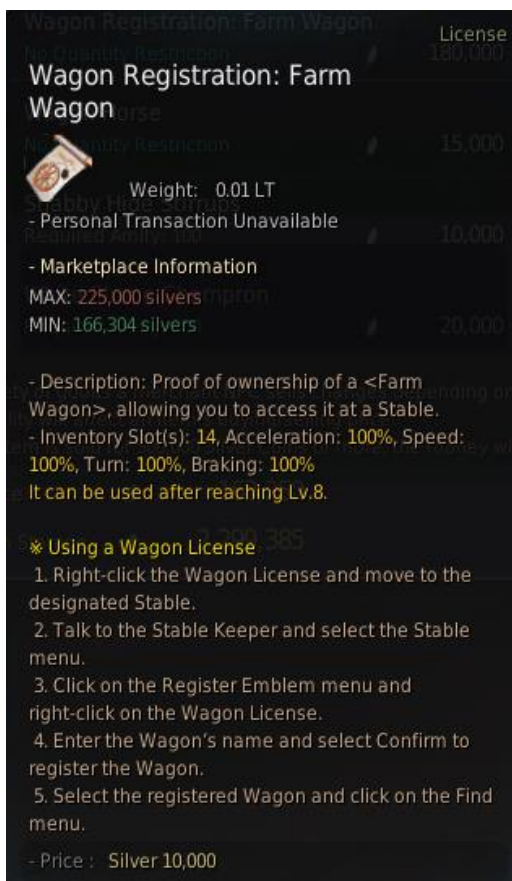
If you should get your hands on one of these, you should definitely use it. +10% EXP has a great impact. These crystals are rarely sold on the marketplace but obtainable by a quest chain in Altinova. Even though they have a high chance of shattering when you die they are worth the money if you see one available on the marketplace.

2.1.5 Cash Shop Outfits



Some people don't know that premium outfits give you +10% Combat EXP and some other bonuses that come in handy. These outfits cost 2200 Pearls without weapons and 2900 with them. You can buy 2200 Pearls for 22€/\$.

2.2 HORSES AND WAGONS



I suggest you to grind with a wagon. You can use your wagon as a portable storage where you can store your potions or loot from your enemies. A positive side effect is that you can level 2 horses while you level your character.

Available Wagons:

Flimsy Wagon: 1 Horse, 6 Inventory Slots

Shabby Wagon: 1 Horse, 8 Inventory Slots

Farm Wagon: 2 Horses, 14 Inventory Slots

Noble Wagon: 4 Horses, 20 Inventory Slots

I suggest you to buy a Farm Wagon either at the marketplace or at the Stable Keeper.

2.3 PETS



I strongly suggest to buy 1-4 pets because they help you picking up items. Depending on the level one pet will pick up an item every 10 to 4 seconds. With the latest patch pets received skills that can potentially increase your combat EXP to up to +7%. Pets cost 900-1100 Pears (9-11€/ \$) depending on which pet you want.

Keep in mind that you'll need a few thousand silvers to feed your pets on a regular basis. You can buy cheap pet food at the stable master in Velia, Heidel and Calpheon. My 2 pets eat 100 Cheap Food within one day which is worth 50.000 Silver. Feeding pets can get expensive if it's your first char.

2.4.1 Weapon

These weapons are good for leveling and you can keep them until you get the rare endgame gear.

Berserker



Yuria Axe



Saiyer Ornamental Knot

Sorceress



Yuria Amulet



Helrick Talisman

Tamer



Yuria Shortsword



Incese Trinket

Warrior/Valkyrie



Yuria Longsword



Vangertz Shield

Ranger



Yuria Longbow



Steel Dagger

Wizard/Witch



Yuria Staff



Steel Dagger

Musa/Maehwa



Yuria Blade



Black Horn Bow

2.4.2 Accessories

I recommend against buying only AP accessories. The lack of accuracy will only slow you down and waste your life because mobs take longer to kill. Even though you won't hit as hard your hits will at least land.



x2

Bares Earring



x2

Ring of Good Deeds



Kalis Necklace



Kalis Belt

2.4.3 Armor

Regardless of the class you play I recommend a full Grunil Set. Why? Because the more AP you have the faster you kill the enemies. More enemies per hour will help you to level faster. You can drop this armor in the current endgame zones in Mediah or buy it at the Marketplace. It's also craftable in Altinova.



Grunil Helmet



Grunil Armor



Grunil Gloves

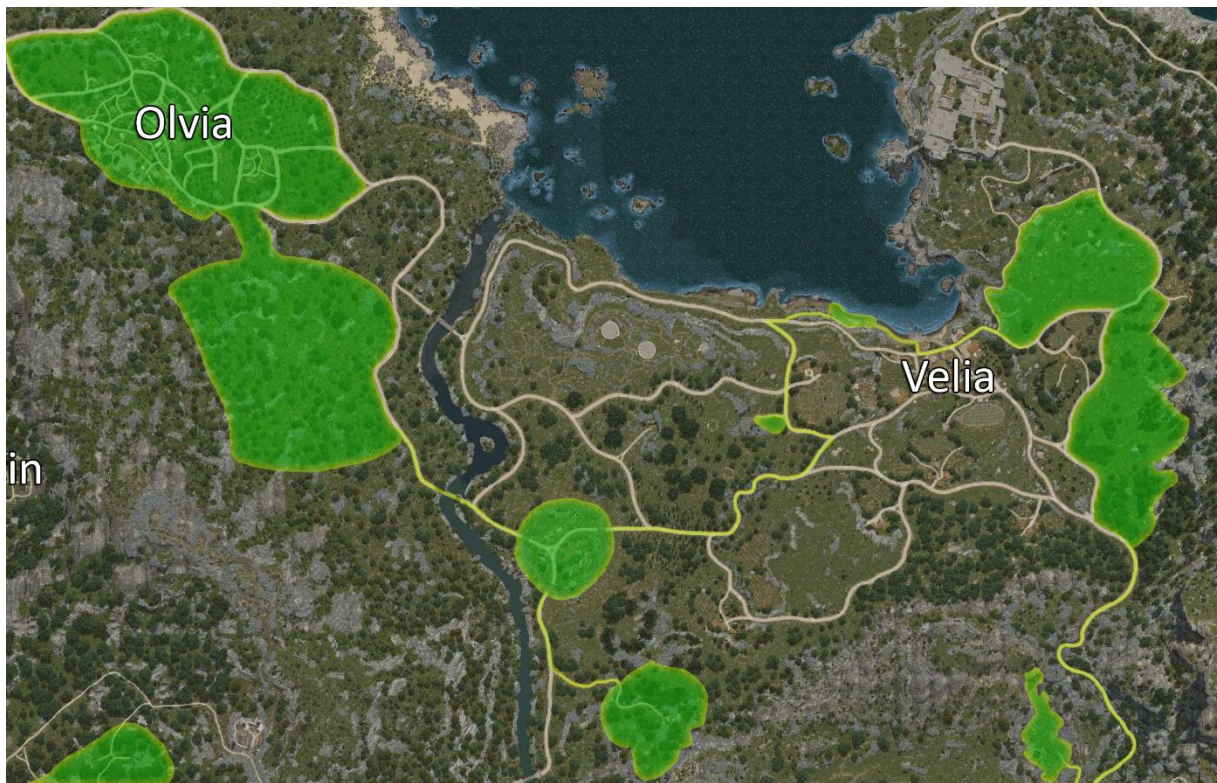


Grunil Shoes

3 LEVELING FROM 1-50

At this point I'd like to say that the level boundaries for the farm spots are only recommendations. If you have really good equipment or feeling too weak for the next spot you can easily under or over level a farm spot. While testing this guide I used the equipment from my main character and was able to go to the next farm spot up to 2 levels earlier. There are rumors that killing purple mobs give decreased EXP but I can't confirm this statement at this point. I suggest to level at the old spot until the enemies' names become dark red, though.

3.1 BALENOS TERRITORY LEVEL 1-13



The Balenos Territory is the first zone in Black Desert online. You don't grind but follow the quest chain the first few levels. In total the Balenos Territory should take you 1 hour to complete.

3.1.1 Level 1-13

The first time you enter the world of Black Desert Online with a new character the Black Spirit will guide you the first few levels.

In Olvia the Black Spirit will have a lot of small quests for you that slowly lead you to the Western Guard Camp. You have to kill Grass Beetles, Weasels, Foxes, Wolves and a lot of Imps. After this you have to go to Jamie, one of the guards at the Western Guard Camp. After you've talked to him another quest chain will lead you through the camp. Watch out for available quests at the quest log or at the map.

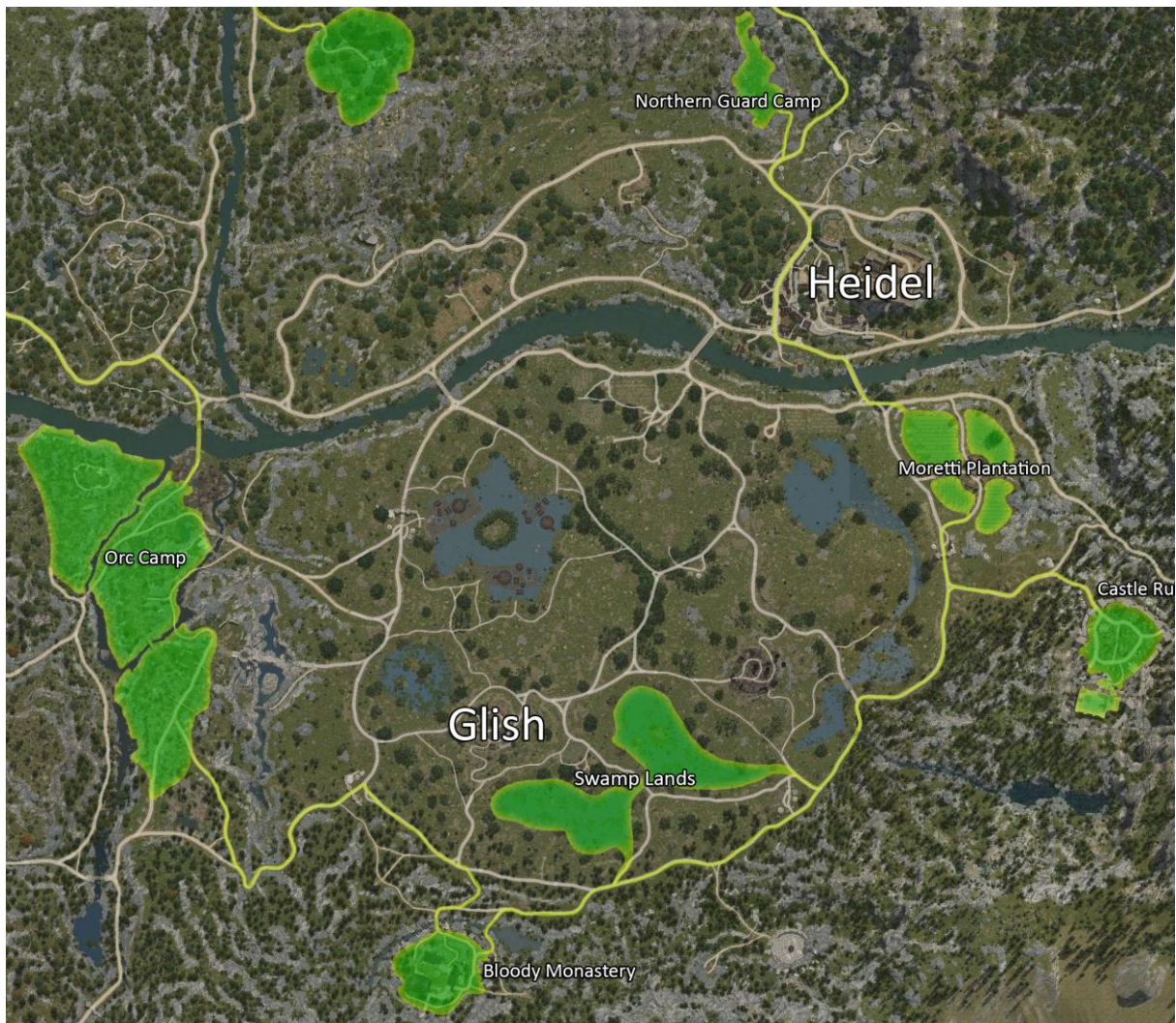
The important quests are marked with a black exclamation mark on a yellow background. Go to the Quest-NPC and complete his quest before you proceed with [lv. 11] Edan the Explorer. This quest will lead you to the Ancient Stone Chamber. Go there, complete all the quests inside the cave and then continue with [lv. 11] Dead Tree Spirits. After you've killed the Tree Spirits the next quest will lead you to Uno which is located in front



of the Imp Cave west of Velia. After you talked to Uno the Black Spirit will appear. He gives you the quest to kill the Imp Captain. The quest log states that this is a CO-OP Quest but you can kill him without any help. After you killed him the Black Spirit will reward you with a stronger weapon and an additional inventory slot. Walk along the beach heading east and talk to Alustin in Velia. Alustin will send you to Eileen. Talk to her and accept her quest. Go to Tachros, the Skill Instructor in Velia.

After you talked to Tachros you will receive another quest from the Black Spirit. Do all the quests you receive from the Black Spirit until you have to talk to Igor Bartali in Velia. Finish the quest and get your Donkey at the Stable Keeper if you want to. At this point the Black Spirit should offer you the quest "Gateway to Heidel" but you don't have to accept it. From now on you will grind to level your character. I recommend to travel with a Wagon, a Horse or at least a Donkey. You can store Items, for example potions in your mount. Now you can repair your armor, sell items or visit the marketplace for better equipment.

3.2 SERENDIA TERRITORY LEVEL 13-32



Serendia has 6 farm spots that will help you to reach level 32. 5 of them are great. The last one (Orc Camp) might take some time since the mob density isn't really high. I did personally enjoy this spot, though. There are 2 cities, Heidel and Glish. Both have a potion vendor and a stable master as well as a blacksmith.

3.2.1 Level 13-15: Northern Heidel Quarry



These mobs are very easy to kill. They don't spawn in groups but you can group them up easily as a ranged class. This spot is good to earn a few silver if this is your first character.

Enemies



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3.2.2 Level 15-19: Moretti Plantation



The wheat fields are full of enemies and can easily overwhelm you. Find the best field (I farmed at the top-left field) and pull the enemies together in groups of 3-5 to kill them.

Enemies



Wheat Field Lookout



Scarecrow Ghost



<Violent>
Scarecrow Ghost

(click on the buttons for more information and loot tables)

3.2.3 Level 19-22: Castle Ruins



Another great spot. I suggest to go to the castle southern of the destroyed city. This spot has a great mob density and they spawn in groups.

Enemies

 Charger	 Wizard
 Patrol	 <Violent> Patrol
 Personal Escort	 Personal Guard
 Mobility Unit	

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3.2.4 Level 22-25: Swamp Lands



I decided to implement this farm spot because grinding Caste Ruins got boring and the EXP rate wasn't really good anymore after level 22. Even though the mobs don't spawn in groups the mob density is good. Just group them up and clear the swamp.

Enemies



(click on the buttons for more information and loot tables)

3.2.5 Level 25-29: Bloody Monastery



This is probably the best spot in the Serendian territory. Farm inside the castle and pull two groups of enemies together if you can. I highly suggest to use AoE skills because the mob density is pretty high.

Enemies



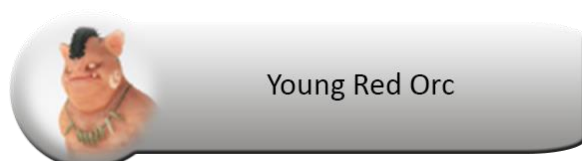
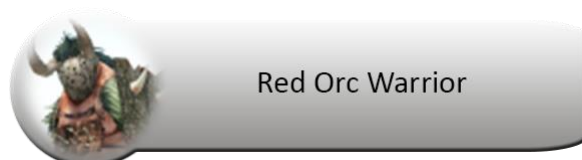
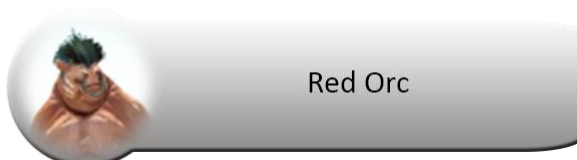
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3.2.6 Level 29-32: Orc Camp



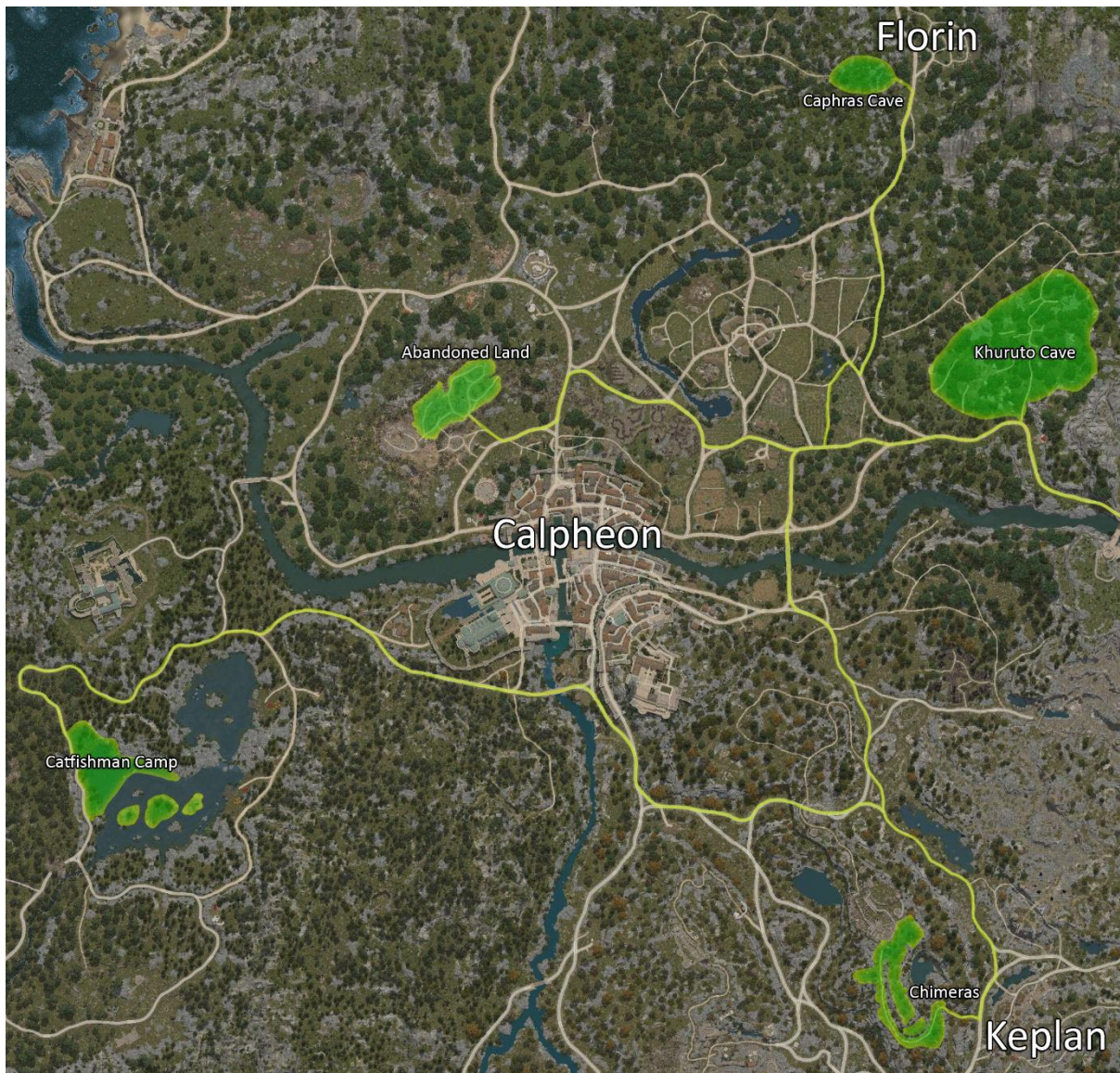
Sadly, this spot has a low mod density and they only spawn in groups of 3-4 most of the time. Try to focus on the big orcs since they give more exp.

Drops



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3.3 CALPHEON TERRITORY LEVEL 32-50



I can't decide whether I enjoyed the last territory or not. Three spots are awesome and two spots are terrible. I tried to skip the Khuruto and the Caphras Cave since I really hated them. The Calpheon Territory has 3 cities. Calpheon itself, Keplan and Florin which all have potion vendors, blacksmiths and stable keepers.

3.3.1 Level 32-35: Khuruto Cave



I haven't really enjoyed this spot. In fact, I skipped it completely with my second character. You can either grind in the cave or at the camp above. The mob density at the camp is low but better in the cave. Since the Khurutos drop a lot of items you will make some silver whilst grinding there.

Enemies



Khuruto Elite Soldier



Khuruto Fighter



Khuruto Soldier



Young Khuruto



Khuruto Shaman

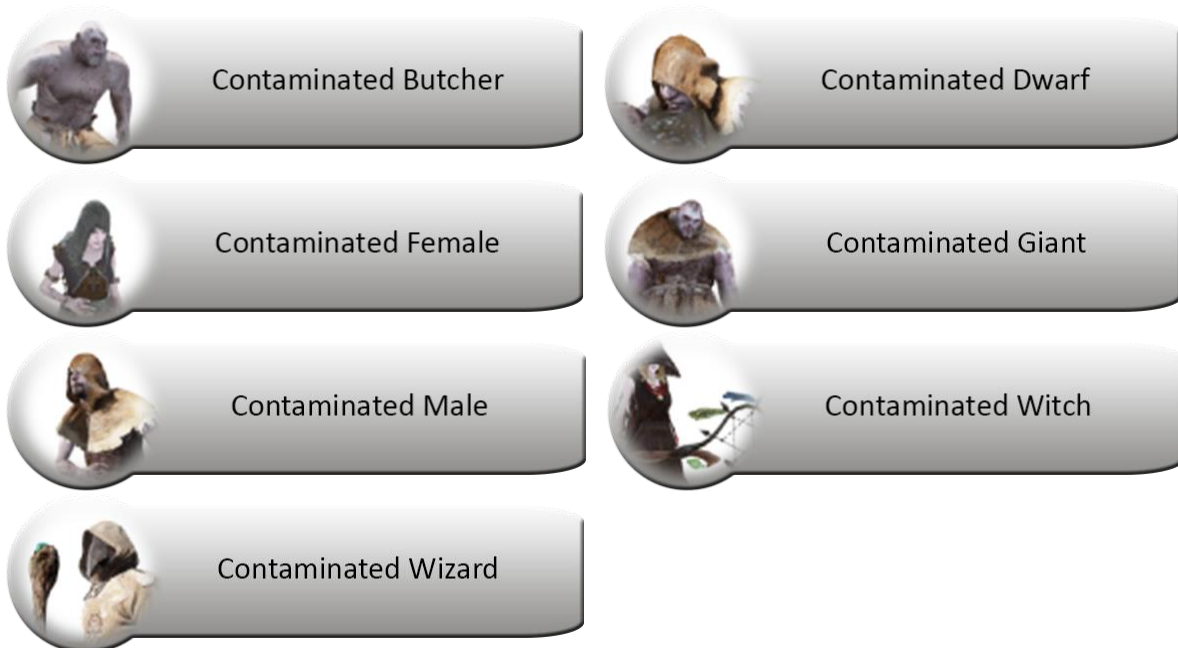
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3.3.2 Level 35-38 (40): Abandoned Land



In my opinion this is the third-best spot when grinding from level 1-50. The abandoned land has a great mob density and you can easily pull the small groups together to kill them with AoE attacks. Some people suggest to stay here until level 40 because the next spot is not really good.

Enemies



(click on the buttons for more information and loot tables)

3.3.3 Level 38-40: Caphras Cave



I personally hated this spot. The mob density is low and when you pull the enemies they are invincible for a while. I suggest to stay at the abandoned land and skip this spot. It's just in the list because the abandoned land will get boring after some time.

Enemies



(click on the buttons for more information and loot tables)

3.3.4 Level 40-46: Chimeras



This spot is just awesome. Great mob density, big groups and an easy path you can repeat until you hit level 46. You also drop Kalis Necklaces which are worth a lot of silver.

Enemies



Chimera



Horn Chimera

(click on the buttons for more information and loot tables)

3.3.5 Level 46-50: Catfishman Camp



By far the best farm spot in this guide and probably the best spot in the game. The groups stand so close to each other that you sometimes pull 2 or 3 by accident. If you are able to survive this, you should pull all the groups in reach together and kill them with powerful AoE attacks. **In order to reach level 50 you must complete the quest [\[Co-op\] Defeat the Weakened Belmorn!](#)**

Enemies



(click on the buttons for more information and loot tables)

4 IMPORTANT QUESTS

4.1 BLACK SPIRIT'S AWAKENING QUESTS

Quest Name	Prerequisites
[Awakening] Traces of Edena	Edan the Explorer
[Awakening] Wizard's Altar	[Awakening] Traces of Edena level 17+
[Awakening] Artifacts of the Naga	[Awakening] Wizard's Altar level 22+
[Awakening] Bree Tree Cave	[Awakening] Artifacts of the Naga level 38+
[Co-op] Defeat the Weakened Belmorn!	You have to be lvl 48 or higher

These are the quests you should complete while you level your character to 50. According to the database you only need the pre-quest and a certain level to accept the awakening quests. **You need to complete [\[Co-op\] Defeat the Weakened Belmorn!](#) in order to be able to reach level 50.**

4.2 INVENTORY EXPANSION QUESTS

Another Black Desert Player already created a list of all inventory slot expansion quests, so instead of copying his list I decided to link his work.

[Black Desert Inventory Expansion Quests](#)

Full credit goes to Jaradis ([Reddit](#), [BDO Forums](#))

5 CREDITS



First of all, I'd like to thank you for reading my guide. I hope you liked it. For suggestions or criticism, you can talk to me on the official forums ([My Profile](#)) or in game (IG Name: Zalee Yavas).