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is a guide to getting started in The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild (BotW) for the Nintendo Switch. This guide covers early game tips such as equipment, cooking, and exploration to get you started on your adventure. Areas with cold weather are fairly common in the early part of the game, such as the area where the Owa Daim Shrine is located. Fortunately, you can obtain the Warm Doublet from the Old Man before leaving the Great Plateau. This piece of armor provides Link with ample Cold Resistance to get through the early cold areas. There are three ways to get the Warm Doublet: Go to the Old Man's Hut and read his diary. He describes inventing the Spicy Meat and Seafood Fry, a meal that requires Raw Meat, Spicy Peppers and a last ingredient that he can't remember. This last ingredient is the Hyrule Bass. Cook this meal with all three ingredients and show it to the Old Man, and he'll reward you with his Warm Doublet! We recommend this method as it is easier and will allow Link to explore cold areas earlier. Another way to get the Warm Doublet is by scaling to the top of Mount Hylia. This area has cold weather so it's necessary to cook some Spicy Sautéed Peppers to avoid getting damaged. Once you reach the top of the mountain, the Old Man will appear and give you the Warm Doublet. You can also get the Warm Doublet by simply completing all the Shrines in the Great Plateau. Once complete, visit his house and you'll find a treasure chest with the Warm Doublet inside. Arrows are fairly rare in the early game, but it is possible to farm them from enemies if you have a Wooden Shield! To farm arrows, find an enemy wielding a bow and block with your Wooden Shield. The arrows they shoot will stick to the shield. Once you have 10 arrows, they will drop. This method is a bit tedious but can be useful if you're low on arrows. The Bajir Shrine. Blowing up trees to get wood and fruit may seem unorthodox, but it is one way you can conserve a weapon's durability early in the game! Many of Hyrule's locales are treacherous and filled with enemies looking to end Link's journey. Before you leave the Great Plateau, it is important that you stock up on some food. You can find cooking pots in villages, stables, and near tents all over Hyrule. If you find one, make sure to cook food and create elixirs before venturing out as these items restore more hearts compared to the raw ingredients and provide additional buffs. Some good early-game food include Seared Steak, Fish Skewer, Fish and Mushroom Skewer, and Spicy Meat and Seafood Fry. List of All Food and Elixir Recipes You can cross rivers and oceans using a Korok Leaf to blow winds at the raft. You can also use the Cryonis Rune to create ice pillars, but we recommend using a raft for faster travel time. How to Get the Korok Leaf Make sure to have an Iron Sledgehammer with you as it can be used for the following: You can obtain an Iron Sledgehammer early in the game inside the Owa Daim Shrine in the Great Plateau and in villages and stables. If you have completed Hylian Homeowner and unlocked your house in Hateno Village, you can get two Iron Sledgehammers that will respawn every time a Red Moon appears. How to Get the Iron Sledgehammer Approaching a Decayed Guardian allows you to pick up ancient guardian materials from them. These materials allow you to upgrade certain items and guardian weapons, so be sure to collect them. Be careful when approaching the Decayed Guardians as some may come alive and attack. You can use an upgraded Stasis Rune to check if the Decayed Guardian is alive. Areas such as snow-covered mountains, deserts, and volcanoes can cause temperature damage if you are not wearing proper equipment. Be sure to change to the correct equipment or use food and elixirs to avoid getting temperature damage. Hearts decrease slowly in snowy areas and in deserts whereas they decrease faster in hot areas. If you're in a hot area, you can use a Fire Arrow to shoot a fire arrow at the ground to create a fire pit. This will help you to avoid getting temperature damage. If you're in a cold area, you can use a Fire Arrow to shoot a fire arrow at the ground to create a fire pit. This will help you to avoid getting temperature damage. For example, most monsters sleep at night, making it easy for you to perform sneak attacks to clear the area. Weather conditions such as rainfall make it difficult to climb cliffs whereas thunderstorms can cause you to get struck by lightning if you have a metal weapon equipped. How to Make it Stop Raining You can advance the time by interacting with a campfire, cooking pot, or by sleeping in a bed at an inn. 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