

GNOLLHACK

The Ultimate Noob-Proof Survival Guide

How to start dominating the deepest dungeon crawler on earth without crying.

TL;DR: WHY THIS GAME SLAPS

If you are tired of modern "brainrot" games that treat you like a toddler, spam you with ads, force you to buy microtransactions, and require zero actual IQ,

GnollHack is your antidote.

Built on the legendary foundation of NetHack, GnollHack completely modernizes it with detailed 2D tile graphics, a beautiful user interface, background music, sound effects, and 5000+ lines of voice acting.

THE PITCH: WHY CARE?

In most modern games, your path is locked. You follow a marker, smash one button, and win. In GnollHack, the game environment is an interactive dungeon-logic simulator disguised as a fantasy RPG.

AVAILABLE ON MOBILE AND DESKTOP

Android, iOS, Windows

Experience the Dungeons of Doom with touch-friendly controls at home and on the go.

Pure Freedom

"The Devteam Thinks of Everything"

- **Blind an enemy?** Throw a literal cream pie at their face.
- **Unknown potion?** Don't drink it! Dip a weapon into it to coat it in poison, or mix it with water from a sink to dilute it (allowing you to later bless it into holy water).
- **See through walls?** Blindfold yourself and eat a Floating Eye corpse to unlock permanent telepathy.

Zero Pay-To-Win Trash

GnollHack is 100% free. No ads. No season passes. No timers. If you die, it's because you made a tactical mistake, not because you didn't spend \$4.99. It values your intelligence and rewards sheer creativity over mindless grinding.

STEP-BY-STEP ONBOARDING

STEP 1

Choose Your Playstyle

When booting up the game on mobile or PC, choose these recommendations for your first run:

- **Casual Mode:** Highly recommended! Reload your saves as many times as you want to learn the ropes without permanent death (permadeath).
- **Modern Mode (Classic Mode Disabled):** Instead of losing everything permanently, you respawn back at the starting altar upon death.
- **S-Tier Classes:** Pick **Valkyrie** or **Barbarian**. They start with massive health pools, heavy weapons, and a friendly pet dog/cat.
- **Classes to Avoid:** Wizard or Archaeologist. They are squishy glass cannons requiring massive game knowledge.
- **Difficulty:** Always start with **Standard** difficulty to survive early levels without game knowledge.

STEP 2

Master the Modern UI

- **Weapon Swap:** Set up two weapon loadouts (e.g., Bow vs. Sword/Shield). Tapping the Swap icon instantly switches them.
- **Direct Inventory:** Manage and use items straight from your inventory screen.
- **Examine Command:** Instantly see known stats without constantly checking an external wiki.

STEP 3

The Ranged Combat Meta

Hard Rule: You CANNOT fire a ranged weapon at an enemy standing directly next to you.

1. When you spot a monster across the room, do not run at them. Stand still.
2. Swap to your bow and fire from a distance.
3. Once the enemy closes the gap, the game will auto-swap to your melee weapon to finish them off.

| SURVIVAL TACTICS

Noob Trap #1: Unidentified Gear

DO NOT PUT ON NEW GEAR IMMEDIATELY!

Items can be cursed. A cursed piece of armor locks onto your body, ruins your stats, and cannot be removed until you find a curse-removal method. Always check item status first!

The Ultimate Pet Hack

Your Biological Curse-Detector

Your pet (kitten, dog, pony) has a superpower: it can detect **evil magic**. Animals hate cursed objects.

How to use it: Drop any mysterious weapon, armor, or ring on the floor. Stand back and watch your pet walk.

- If your pet completely avoids it or steps over it **"reluctantly"**, the item is 100% cursed.
- If they step over it completely normally, it is **safe to wear**.

THE DUNGEON DIET

You must eat corpses to prevent starvation, but the dungeon is a culinary minefield. Only eat fresh kills! If a corpse sits for more than 50 turns, it becomes rotten and gives you a terminal illness that kills you in 10 turns.

Gnolls can smell rotten food, making them an awesome starting race!

TIER	CORPSE	THE REALITY CHECK
S-Tier (Great)	Lizard	Absolute gold. Never rots, weighs nothing, and instantly cures petrification. Always hoard these.
A-Tier (Buffs)	Floating Eye	Eating grants you permanent telepathy .
B-Tier (Nutr.)	Animals	Sewer rats and jackals are safe, basic nutrition.
C-Tier (Bad)	Kobolds / Bats	Kobolds are poisonous ; eating tanks stats or kills you. Bats will stun you.
D-Tier (Death)	Cockatrice	NEVER EAT OR TOUCH WITHOUT GLOVES . You instantly turn into a stone statue. Game over.

DIVINE INTERVENTION

The Ultimate Panic Button

Cornered by orcs? Health under 6 HP? Zero potions left? Do not give up. You have one final escape card: Prayer.

Open the More Commands menu and select Pray. If you are genuinely in deep trouble, your god will completely restore your health to maximum and cure your illnesses.

The Catch: Don't Spam Your God!

Prayer has a cooldown of roughly **800–1,000 turns**. Praying too quickly makes your god furious, striking you down with divine lightning and ending your run instantly.

YOUR FINAL WIN CONDITION

Dive deep into the Dungeons of Doom, survive traps, outsmart monsters, and retrieve the legendary **Amulet of Yendor**. Fight your way back up, enter the epic Elemental Planes, and finally ascend into demigodhood!

The dungeon awaits. Download GnoIIHack today!