

Minecraft Legends: Everything We Know About The New Strategy Spinoff

The overworld is morphing again, this time into Minecraft Legends, a new action strategy spinoff for Mojang's main crafting game. Legends will take you on an adventure across the biomes to hunt and gather resources to help you defend against the invading pirate forces. You'll join forces with old enemies like creepers and skeletons to fight the Nether's corruption. You can also join your friends in online co-op.

Mojang only gave a glimpse of what's in store for you to command your mob armies in Legends, which was revealed at the Xbox Showcase June 20, 2022. The trailer clearly reveals that you'll be riding on horseback, looking like a knight in iron armour, a lot. Here's what we know so far about Minecraft Legends.

Does Minecraft Legends have a release date?

There isn't one. Mojang has confirmed that Minecraft Legends will be launched sometime in 2023. We don't know much beyond that. We do know that Minecraft Legends was unveiled at the Xbox Showcase in June 2022. Microsoft stressed that the Xbox Showcase was focused on games being launched within the next 12 months. If all goes according to plan, it sounds like Minecraft Legends is planned for the first half of 2023, then.

We know that Minecraft Legends will launch for consoles and PCs when it arrives. It will also be available in Xbox Game Pass.

Here's our first trailer for Minecraft Legends.

This is just a teaser. But there's much more to the Minecraft Legends trailer, including a look at gameplay. The first bits of the trailer are animated cinematic footage, just like Mojang does for other Minecraft reveals or projects.

Minecraft Legends "tells a story about the Overworld uniting against an invasion by ravenous piglins," it states. "According to legend, only you are able to bring together the mobs from the Overworld and help defend their home.

Based on that, it makes a lot of sense that we see the player riding their horse at the head of an army full of creepers, zombies, and skeletons. It seems like long-standing enemies will all come together to kick out the piglins in the Nether.

So how does Minecraft Legends play?

Here's Mojang's announcement post about Legends: "You will defend peaceful settlements, and fight hordes of piglins in order to stop their Nether corruption." You are the heart of every battle that you lead, fighting alongside your comrades and giving them direction.

If you're paying attention, you'll see a few glimpses of that in our reveal trailer. The player rides a horse followed by mob troops, waving a blue banner in a way that makes it appear they are calling their army. You can also watch the player and his mob buddies fighting a horde of piglins. They then attack a grimy Nether Fort with a portal at the center.

Like Minecraft Dungeons (opens in new tab), this definitely isn't going to be the same kind of crafting and building as regular Minecraft. Legends will have you riding on horseback, leading your mob army and swinging a sword at piglin foes.

Dennis Ries, executive producer at Mojang Studios, said in another livestream that "as you explore lush biomes you gather resources and then you use these resources to build defenses."

You can also see the player fortifications in this trailer. A player stands nearby, while a large oak tree log fortress rises into its place.

Is there multiplayer in Minecraft Legends Crossplay?

Yes! Xbox has announced that Minecraft Legends will offer co-op as well as competitive multiplayer. We don't know anything else about how multiplayer works just yet.

Crossplay: We can pretty much bet there will be at least cross-platform multiplayer for Xbox and PC players. Mojang added cross-platform multiplayer for Minecraft Dungeons on PC and all consoles. It is fair to believe that Legends will make that a priority.

Who's developing Minecraft Legends?

It turns out that Mojang isn't developing Minecraft Legends itself. Gaming It's being developed by Blackbird Interactive. This studio also created the spaceship deconstruction sim Hardspace Shipbreaker, which we reviewed with 91%. They are also working on RTS Crossfire Legion.