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o, you are into Treasure hunting, are you?

right|thumbnail|Interpreted Treasure Map Treasure hunting is somewhat time consuming but can be very rewarding at the same time. You can't even imagine what you may find buried out there! But you know, treasure maps are not a common thing you're gonna find in any ole library. You will have to spend a lot of time to actually find one. The best chance to obtain one is, obviously, to hunt pirates. Some of the most greedy ones happen to have buried their valuables and normally keep a map of that location in their backpack with some decent hints of where to find it again.

Another option I've heard from rumors told by people selling them on the market is (well, obviously, besides buying them) is to try your luck fishing. You wouldn't imagine what comes up purely from using your fishin pole at a decent spot! But then again, I wanted to tell you about treasure hunting, not fishing.

If you get hold of a treasure map, be sure to read it carefully and find out in which zone the treasure is buried. You will not get any clue from just staring at the map if you're not in the zone. However, once you're in the right zone, try your best to interpret the map. I'm not saying it's easy and some treasure maps really are tricky to interpret. The better you are at cartography, the easier it will be for you to figure out where in the zone you will need to be to continue seeking out your little chest. Try again and try again, persistence is the key.

If you were lucky enough to interpret correctly for the first time, the map should look similar to the picture shown to the top right. Please note the square frame in the north area of the map. You wouldn't believe, the chest is buried somewhere in that small area, yes it is!

So head to that area and once there (best would be in the center of the square), try to interpret your treasure map again and watch out, some directions seems to come across more likely than the others while you interpret it. Head into that direction and distance. You will get closer and closer, interpreting the directions correctly. Once you're really close, interpreting the map should result in "You believe the treasure must be around here somewhere."

This is a location of the area where you should start digging and ultimately, find the treasure. Unfortunately, this is still not really precise and there is still much area to cover (check the locations close by where the relevant message is displayed). Depending on the level of the treasure map, the area where digging succeeds is bigger or smaller.

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While digging for the treasure you may also find other stuff (e.g. mushrooms, strands) and also offensive creatures - so be alerted. If you happen to find something, the ground gets loose at this place and a small circle surrounding it:

"The ground is still too loose from the recent digging." You will need to wait for the sand to decay before you can continue digging at that specific place.

In the end, if you are motivated and good enough the long sought treasure should come up. And it really can be worth it. Already T2 treasure chests (shaggy map) could yield powerful weapons of high tiers, a significant amount of copper and other stuff, if you are lucky.

Once you have found the treasure, your treasure map will remain in your inventory. However, once you read it again, it will crumble to dust.

There are different types of treasure maps

Worn Treasure Map (requires no(?) cartography skill). The loot table is not very big. Some resources, e.g. wooden boards, some reagents, and e.g. a T2 weapon item

Shabby Treasure Map (requires 25 cartography skill). The loot table is somewhat bigger already and also has some silver and a higher tier weapon or armor.

Frayed Treasure Map (requires 45 cartography skill). The loot table appears to be similar to the Shabby Treasure Map with some more gold.

Tattered Treasure Map (requires 65 cartography sKill)

Ancient Treasure Map (requires 85 cartography skill)

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