

Armored Tusk

Description

A large, heavily armoured boar. First encountered in the Undead Parish, with an unprotected backside able to be backstabbed. Another two reside in the The Duke's Archives, this time with their weak point armored over.

Locations

Undead Parish

Just after the entrance, surrounded by many Undead Soldiers.

Playthrough	HP	Souls
New Game	307	750
NG+	768	3,750
NG+6	960	4,688

The Duke's Archives

Two more armored tusks are located in the entrance hallway just before the first bonfire.

Playthrough	HP	Souls
New Game	640	1,000
NG+	1,004	2,000
NG+6	1,256	2,500

Drops

Item	Chance*	Notes
Fang Boar Helm	20%	Drop rate specific to the Undead Parish one
Fang Boar Helm	25%	Drop rate specific to the ones found in The Duke's Archives

**Item drop rates can be improved by increasing Item Discovery*

Strategy

- They're weak to Lightning, so if you already joined the Warrior of Sunlight, you can use the Lightning Spear to safely kill them from afar.
- They're also weak to Fire, so you can use Pyromancies to easily dispatch them. Great Combustion is fast and does respectable damage, so it's recommended for fighting them. Fireball-type pyromancies start up slow, increasing the risk for you to get mauled while charging the fireball.

Attack patterns

- Running attack - The tusk will charge up and run towards you trying to hit you with a forward sweep of his horns (can deal a lot of damage)
- Back kick - When attacking from behind he may try to kick you away with his back hooves
- Tusk sweep - When facing his head he tries to sweep his tusks towards you

In Undead Parish

- You can backstab this one.
- Lure out the two Undead Soldiers and kill them, so you only have to take care of the boar.

Melee Strategy

The boar is weak in the back, so use the pillars to the right to protect his attacks and try to circle around him, stay in his back and stab him in his behind.

Also you can climb the stairs to the right as you enter, clear out the Undead Soldiers (crossbow) on the bridge above the boar and open with plunging attack on him.

If needed you can toss down an Alluring Skull (there's some near the crossbowmen) to reposition him if he is not close enough for a plunging strike.

Stair Plunge Strategy

After luring out and dispatching the first undead soldiers, walk slowly to the stairs on the right. Peek out of the pillars to lure the boar, then immediately run a bit up the stairs, to the first landing(as pillars end). The boar should end up hitting the pillar next to the fire, allowing you to jump down on him from the landing with an easy plunging attack.

Bonfire Strategy

Slowly lure the soldiers out and kill them. Then quickly run to the right stairway and stand just 4 or 5 steps up. He's too big to follow you.

He will run at you through the bonfire just off the side causing fire damage. Wait for him to reset and then walk just past the pillars or use a bow to get his attention.

He will once again dash into the flames. Repeat until dead. To speed up the process you can use Pyromancy or a firebomb as he is walking back to his start point.

The Alluring Skull picked up near the archers can also be thrown near the fire below to make Armored Tusk kill himself.

Fire Strategy

After using ranged combat or luring out the Hollows in the area, you can use a shield and block the Boar while standing next to the fire to the left of it. The fire will deal about 12 health a second, and will eventually kill the beast.

Ranged Strategy

Stay at the entrance to the opening and lure the boar out, e.g. with bow and arrow.

Run down the stairs into the passage. The boar is too big to follow you into it so you are safe.

Wait until the boar gives up (he does fast) and walks back. Get out and use your ranged attack into his back.

The boar will not turn around until he reaches the top of the stairs. When he does, he turns around and runs after you - simply run back into the passage.

Rinse and repeat, and the boar will be dead fast without a chance of hitting you once.

Ranged Strategy II

Start by luring out and killing the soldiers.

Once all on the bottom are taken care of, climb up the stairs and take out the other soldier and the two snipers.

By this time, the boar should have made its way back to its starting position.

Simply take position on the sniper's perch all the way against the wall and take out the boar with a bow.

If done properly, the boar should turn around and look in your direction but will not move from its spot, making for an easy kill.

Firebomb Strategy

Start by luring out and killing the soldiers.

Once all on the bottom are taken care of, climb up the stairs and take out the other soldier and the two snipers.

Then pelt him with 10 or so firebombs from the ledge, he just stands there and takes it.

Gate Strategy

If you are coming from the opposite direction (from Parish instead of Burg) there is another easy method to kill him by using the gate. Make sure you dispose of the hollows with a ranged weapon, especially the hollow which has a tendency to close the gate as soon as he sees you. After the hollows are dead make sure to get the boars attention and run immediately back and use the lever. It will crash right down on the boar and he will die instantly.

In The Duke's Archives

- This time the Armored Tusks are in a very confined space (a long hallway). This doesn't necessarily make the battle harder, especially if you do melee.
- You don't have to fight both of them at once, they're separated, so take out one after another.

Melee Strategy

Get to the tusk as quickly as possible and always try to hug it. Now try to circle it and attack either its side or its back, though now even its back is protected by armor, so you won't do much damage. Remember that weapons dealing lightning damage are well-suited to fight heavily armored enemies. Now continue to hug and circle it, dodge (or block if necessary) its attacks and this fight should be much easier than your first encounter, especially since this is late in the game and you should have much better equipment. hit with two hands for more damage.

Easy First Tusk Strategy

The first boar fight is incredibly easy as he cannot leave the hallway, as long as you back up and stand on the entrance stairs he will sit there and keep charging against an invisible wall, leaving you free to hit him with whatever you want. At a 23 faith stat and the Warrior of Sunlight covenant, it takes all 10 lightning spear miracles to kill him but much easier than actually fighting!

A melee character with a spear can also have an easy time - stand below the stairs, and when the boar charges, he will expose his snout and the underside of his head/body. A thrust attack here does more damage and does not deflect your weapon.

Easy Second Tusk Strategy

The second tusk is also pretty easy to finish off without the need of a real fight. If you're quick enough (high stamina / light armor), just run past him into the room with the first bonfire, get up the stairs and go to the left or right past the pillars, make sure the tusk follows you. Once you're there you'll notice that it's too big to fit between the pillar and the gates of the elevator, but will try nonetheless. So use a long-ranged attack / weapon (e.g. a lightning spear) and attack from a safe range. You can even attack through the pillar, making it easy to kill off the tusk without the risk of

getting hit.

Poison Strategy

The armoured boars can easily be poisoned using the Poison Mist pyromancy. This method took around 3 minutes for each boar in NG.

To infect the first boar, lure it to the end of the corridor (since it can't leave, and can't cause you damage) and cast poison mist on it. The second boar is even easier, you can infect him while standing around the corner as long as you don't make too much noise.

The boars are immune to the toxic status effect, so you cannot use Toxic Mist or Dung Pie.

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