

Burrowing Rockworm

Description

Immobile giant centipede-like enemy. Some of them are hidden, only unburrowing after you get near them.

Location

Demon Ruins

Playthrough	HP	Souls
New Game	616	900
NG+	986	1,800
NG+6	1,233	2,250

Drops

Item	Chance*	Notes
Green Titanite Shard x1	23.8%	-
Green Titanite Shard x2	4.76%	-
Red Titanite Chunk	5%	-

**Item drop rates can be improved by increasing Item Discovery*
Titanite x1 and x2 can't drop at once from the same kill.

Attacks

- Acid - Decreases Armor and Equipment durability by 40
- Various physical headbutts and shakes
- Bite attack - ignores guard

Strategy

Keep your distance. A good bow will do the trick and you can get pretty close before they attack. They are stationary and will not come at you. If you have to get up close be prepare to roll away after you hit them **once**!

The jumping attack (forward + R2) on large weapons works, if done after baiting an attack. Just roll away quick. Powerful spells (like Soul Spear) and a good catalyst with a high Intelligence makes them laughably easy, to the point of being able to one-shot them.

Non-aggro Strategy

It is possible to kill them with melee without ever getting hit. Use a weapon with a long reach (Halberds or spears) and you can hit them just outside of their attack radius. However, attacking with a halberd or spear makes your character step forward slightly, so you might accidentally enter the attack range, this is not usually an issue, you just need to step back again. Do not use attack combos, you will get hit, be patient and go with one chop at a time.

Note: This method doesn't work for the Rockworm that is in front of the Demon Firesage fog gate. The head needs to be close to the ground where you are but, it is possible to plunge attack it from the ledge above its head if you run past it.

Poison Strategy

Dung pies are very efficient against these enemies, only requiring a few to toxic them. This allows you to safely avoid getting your gear damaged. Alternatively, you can poison them using poison arrows. You do need to be patient while the toxic/poison does its work, however.

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