

How to Escape Snallygaster Territory!

DIFFICULTY : MEDIUM

Have you found yourself trapped deep in the heart of snallygaster territory with no idea about how to escape? Did the beast's screeches bore into your soul like a drill rendering you frozen in fear? If so, don't despair! Help is at hand. Escaping the plucky Snallygaster can be done; however you must follow these instructions carefully.

What do you need?

- leaves and mud for camouflage
- compass
- weapon of choice
- backpack containing water

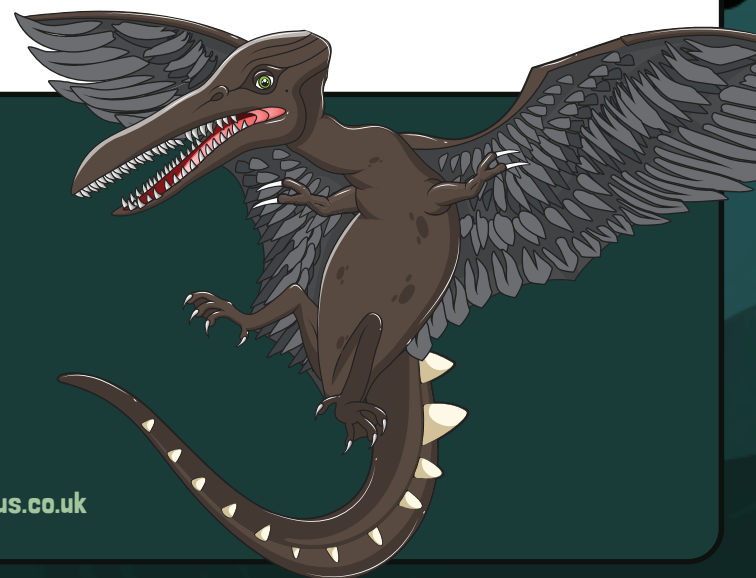


What you do:

1. To start with, it is essential that you deduce exactly how many of these magical beasts you're dealing with. The clues in the area must be closely studied.
2. Next, the direction to safety must be located using your compass. Most snallygasters roam (when on foot) near the south of the Maryland forest areas. They are known to favour areas with a lake or stream.
3. It is likely that you will be required to pass through dense shrubbery heavily populated by monsters. Choose a weapon you're skilled in using but remember that a snallygaster has a bulletproof hide.
4. Before heading in the right direction, remove anything that could rattle, scrape or jingle – silence is golden.
5. Then, most importantly, cover your head and face with leaves, mud and anything that will help you blend in with your surroundings.
6. Now you can move towards your safe location. It is advised that you adopt a comfortable, low position so you can remain undetected. An army crawl is the most effective but it can be difficult to maintain over many hours.
7. If you happen to bump into one of these formidable beasts, you will need to equip your weapon and prepare for battle. Aim for the heart!

A final note of warning:

Do not, under any circumstances, lose sight of movement up above; snallygasters patrol the skies frequently and use this to their advantage when hunting for their next unsuspecting victim.



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Tick the word closest in meaning to 'unsuspecting'.

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worried

poor

weak

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Explain the meaning of this sentence.

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What does this sentence suggest about the snallygaster? Tick one.

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The snallygaster doesn't like noise.

The snallygaster has good hearing.

The snallygaster is shy.

5. Using evidence for the text, how do you think the snallygaster could be killed?

6. Tick the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'despair'.

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- cry
- run away
- hide

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Explain the meaning of this sentence.

It is very important that you find out how many snallygasters are in the area (or something similar).

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The snallygaster can be killed by penetrating the heart with something sharp like a spear or sword because in the text it says 'aim for the heart'. This cannot be done with a bullet as the snallygaster has a bullet proof hide.

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In the text it says that it can be difficult to maintain. You may be moving for a long time and moving in this way may mean you need more rest or take longer to escape and put yourself at greater risk.

(Accept any similar answers or valid arguments)

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Accept any from: a list, bullet points, commands, numbered sentences, use of adverbs, or any other feature of instructions.