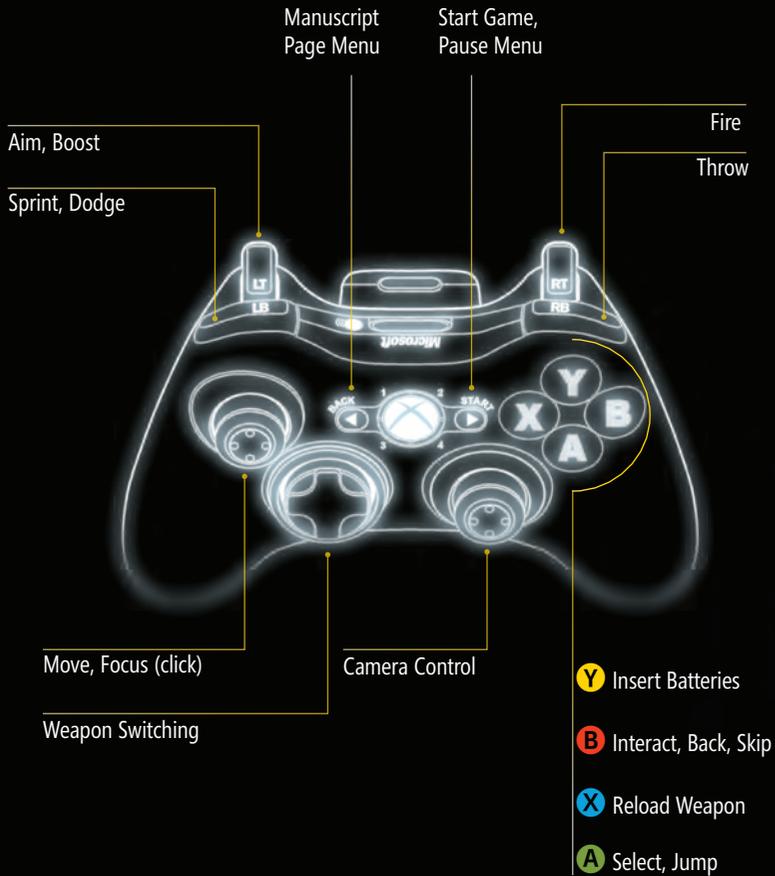


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WELCOME TO BRIGHT FALLS

Alan Wake has a problem and it just might get him killed. A best-selling thriller writer, Wake and his wife, Alice, have rented an isolated cabin outside of Bright Falls, a scenic town in the heart of the Pacific Northwest. It should be the perfect getaway, a chance for Wake and Alice to reconnect, and for Wake to overcome the writer's block that has sent his career and his marriage spiraling out of control. Bright Falls hides a dark secret, though, and the charming cabin on the lake is not what it seems. When Alice goes missing, Wake's desperate search for her will take him deep into the dark woods and to the very edge of madness.

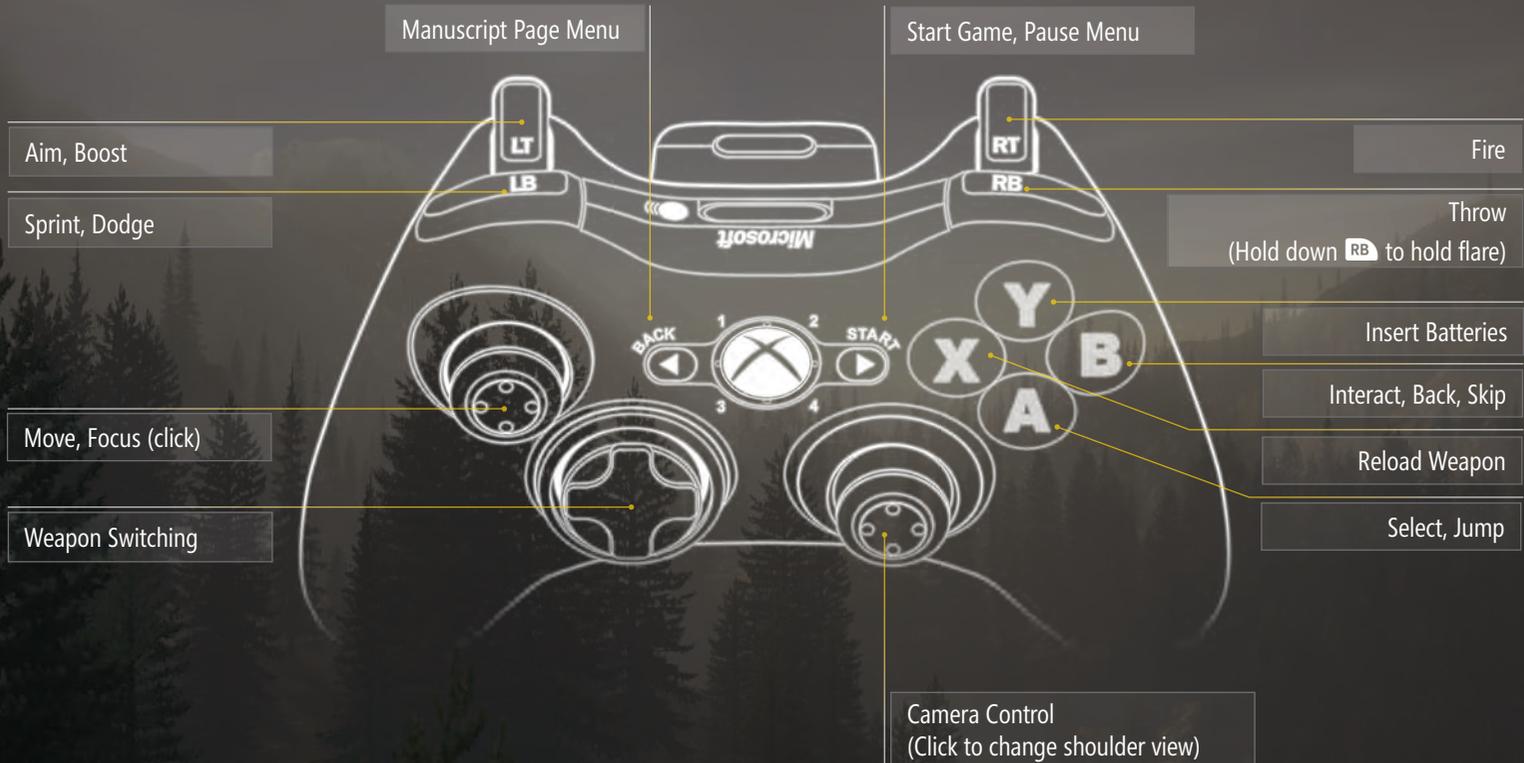
GETTING STARTED

On the Start Screen, press  to open the **Main Menu**.

To begin playing, select **New Game**, then select the storage device for your saved game. Next, choose your difficulty level: **Normal** or **Hard**.

After you complete the game, you will unlock the **Nightmare** difficulty level, where you will be truly tested.

CONTROLS



NOTE: The default controller layout can be modified using the **Options** menu.

GAME SCREEN

Health Meter

Number of available batteries

Number of available flares or flashbangs

Compass

Remaining flashlight power

Selected weapon and available ammo



Current objective

Weapon Selector

Flashlight beam acts as a reticle

Manuscript pages

Key in possession

CHARACTERS

ALAN WAKE



A best-selling thriller writer, Wake has been suffering from writer's block for over two years. Unable to write, unable to sleep, Wake is a volatile man whose marriage is in jeopardy. At the urging of his wife, Alice, they have left New York City and come to the Northwest woods for a desperately needed vacation.

ALICE WAKE



An accomplished photographer and natural beauty, Alice is Wake's wife and confidant. Deeply troubled by Wake's self-destructive tendencies, she has initiated their trip to Bright Falls. Devoted to her husband, Alice has demons of her own: a profound terror of the dark.

BARRY WHEELER



Wake's childhood friend and literary agent, Barry is a high-strung, high-powered New Yorker, bulldozing his way through life. Allergic to dust, grass, pollen, and small towns, Barry is completely out of place in bucolic Bright Falls, but he travels there without hesitation when he senses that Wake needs him.

SHERIFF SARAH BREAKER



Chief law enforcement officer for Bright Falls, Breaker is a smart and authoritative young woman who wears a badge, but the badge doesn't wear her. As confident piloting a helicopter as jailing a drunk logger, Breaker isn't swayed by Wake's celebrity and will stop at nothing to get to the bottom of the mystery.

DR. EMIL HARTMAN



A brilliant psychiatrist, and author of *The Creator's Dilemma*, Hartman specializes in the long-term treatment of troubled artists at his Cauldron Lake Lodge. Considered distant and arrogant by the townspeople, Hartman's methods are unorthodox, and his results uncertain. Some patients are restored to their former artistic lives after a few months, while others remain under his care for years without improvement.

ENEMIES

TAKEN

Taken are humans who have been possessed by a dark presence. While they still look much like their former selves, they are murderous, mindless puppets, and cannot be saved. Taken are protected from harm by a shroud of darkness. In order to defeat them, you must first destroy the darkness with a light source. Taken can then be killed with conventional weapons. When destroyed, Taken disappear without a trace.

Taken come in several varieties. Typically, the small ones move faster but can take less damage, whereas large ones are slower, but can withstand more punishment. Some Taken can seemingly teleport over short distances, attacking almost without warning. The damage Taken can do is relative to the size of their weapons. Whether hand-held or ranged, Taken will come at you with everything from sledgehammers and pickaxes to mallets, scythes, and even chainsaws.

Some Taken have stronger protective shadows than others, and these shadows can regenerate if not completely destroyed.



RAVENS

Just like the Taken, some ravens are possessed by the darkness. While they aren't very dangerous individually, they have strength in numbers. Ravens usually attack in flocks and can pose a real threat, especially on narrow mountain paths or when you are being attacked by Taken. Ravens are difficult to hit with conventional weaponry, but they can be destroyed with the boosted light of a flashlight beam, or better yet, a shot from the flare gun.



POLTERGEIST OBJECTS

The darkness can take over inanimate objects such as barrels, gates, and furniture, turning them into weapons to be levitated and hurled at you. It can even control cars, tractors, and threshers in its attempt to bring you down. Use a light source to destroy them.



FIGHTING WITH LIGHT

Light sources are essential to defeating all who are Taken. When you cast a light on a Taken, you will see a corona of light that gets smaller and smaller as the darkness is depleted. When you see a bright flash, the protective darkness has been removed completely and you can use a conventional weapon to destroy the unprotected Taken.



SAFE HAVENS

Light can be used to deal damage against Taken, but it can also provide Safe Havens that Taken cannot enter. Safe Havens usually come in the form of streetlights, but be on the lookout for generator-powered light stands. When you are low on resources and faced with overwhelming numbers, the best choice is to sprint to the nearest light source.

If you can avoid taking damage, your health will slowly recharge on its own. Safe Havens, however, restore an injured player's health very quickly.

Generators are usually connected to light-stands, or they power overhead lights. Keep an eye out for flashing green bulbs, which can indicate the presence of a generator. Press **B** to start the generator. When the flywheel appears, press **A**, then wait until the flywheel circles into the green zone each time before pressing the **A** button again.

LIGHT-BASED WEAPONS

Hand-held lights are an essential part of fighting Taken. Each one can be boosted by pulling **LB**. This will take down the darkness faster, but it will also run down your batteries fairly quickly. All flashlights and lanterns will slowly recharge when not using boost.



FLASHLIGHT

The basic flashlight lights your way through the dark forests and mills of Bright Falls, and when needed, it will burn off the cloak of darkness that protects the Taken.



HEAVY-DUTY FLASHLIGHT

The greater battery capacity of the heavy-duty flashlight allows for longer sustained boosting, making it more effective at stripping away the darkness from Taken.



LANTERN

The lantern is more powerful than the heavy-duty flashlight, but it has limited boosting capacity.



HEAVY-DUTY LANTERN

Upgrade to the heavy-duty lantern and you will have the most powerful of the hand-held light sources. Not only does it cast a brighter light, but it has the added advantage of longer sustained boosting.



SEARCHLIGHT

The most powerful light-source, searchlights are few and far between, so make the most of it when you find them. Searchlights are able to destroy even the largest, most powerful Taken.



FLARE

Flares burn very brightly, but only briefly. Especially effective when surrounded by numerous Taken, they can provide temporary safety for you while they drain the protective darkness from Taken. Flares are most effective against poltergeist objects, which can be destroyed by light alone. To clear a passage for yourself, you can hold lit flares in your hand by holding down **RB**.



FLARE GUN

The flare gun does tremendous damage to all enemies, and it can destroy weaker Taken instantly. When fighting multiple Taken or poltergeist objects, it has the advantage of dealing damage at a distance. Of course, the flare gun comes into its own when fighting flocks of Taken birds, which explode like fireworks. The flare gun is a single-shot weapon that needs to be reloaded between shots.



FLASHBANG GRENADE

Flashbangs explode with a blinding flash of light that disintegrates Taken instantly. This is a single-use weapon that you can make the most of when surrounded by multiple Taken.

CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

Unless the light is exceptionally intense, like a flare gun, a searchlight, or a flashbang, light alone is not enough to destroy a Taken and you must follow up with a conventional weapon.



REVOLVER

Your most basic weapon, the revolver holds six rounds. It can take out the weakest Taken with a single shot, but more powerful enemies require several shots before they go down.



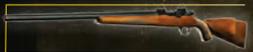
SHOTGUN

The break-action shotgun holds only two rounds. It does significantly more damage than the revolver, and both barrels can be fired in quick succession, but it needs to be constantly reloaded. It's possible to hit several enemies with a single shot using both the shotgun and pump-action shotgun.



PUMP-ACTION SHOTGUN

The pump-action shotgun deals the same damage as the standard break-action shotgun and is also capable of hitting several enemies with a single shot. Although it has a slower rate of fire, it holds eight rounds of ammunition so less reloading is required.



HUNTING RIFLE

The most powerful conventional weapon in the game, it is capable of eliminating most enemies with a single shot. It holds five rounds of ammunition.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR...



BEAR TRAPS

The woods are a dangerous place and along with Taken lumberjacks, possessed tractors, and a trigger-happy FBI agent, you'll have to stay on the lookout for bear traps. These can be difficult to spot, but are often placed in clusters. Use your flashlight to see the telltale glint of metal. If you get caught in a trap, you are stuck until you can free your leg. Press **A** rapidly to pry the trap open.



LIGHT-SENSITIVE TEXT

There are more uses for that flashlight than killing Taken. Cast your beam across rocks and walls to find helpful markings left by a fellow traveler. Some markings indicate the best direction to travel, while others point you to weapons and supply caches, or clues to the mystery you are facing.



MANUSCRIPT PAGES

As you explore Bright Falls, you will discover pages to the manuscript of a novel entitled *Departure*. Read closely and you will find that they paint a picture of the growing chaos across town, and sometimes reveal events before they occur. As you collect the pages, they will be stored in your inventory. You can read them as you find them, or later, by pressing the **○** button.

DRIVING

You have your choice of many cars in Bright Falls, ranging from vintage pickup trucks to the latest all-wheel drives. Not only will they get you around town, but they can also be used to deal with Taken on the roads. Either run them down, or boost your headlights using the **A** button.

Only cars that have their interior lights on can be driven, so once you spot one, approach it and press **B** to enter.

Use **RT** to accelerate and **LT** to brake or reverse. To steer, use **L**.

In the **Options** menu, you can change the driving controls so that you use **L** to go forward or back, and **R** to steer. To boost your headlights, use **LT**.



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