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Category	Complete
Platform	NES
License	N/A
Patching Information	No Special Requirements
Genre	Action Adventure
Mods	L,T,GP,Other
Patch Version	3.1
Hack Release Date	05 January 2024
Readme	Yes
Downloads	14575
Last Modified	05 January 2024

Description:

The Legend of Zelda: Ancient Dungeon is a completely new way to play the original The Legend of Zelda on NES. This romhack makes The Legend of Zelda play like a roguelike. Venture through a randomized, ever-changing dungeon with progressive difficulty the further you go. Collect classic items and upgrades, and battle familiar foes throughout your journey. Every playthrough is different. Ganon is lurking deep within the dungeon, but beware, for if you perish, you'll have to start all over from the beginning. Are you up to the challenge?

Features include:

- Roguelike Gameplay: Every playthrough is different and it is all included directly in the ROM file. No external randomization programs needed, just load and play!
- Dynamic Enemy Loading: Normally the overworld and each dungeon has a specific set of enemies available. In Ancient Dungeon, new enemies are loaded dynamically during every room transition. This means there are no restrictions in the combinations of enemies you may encounter in the dungeon.
- Room Generation: New to version 3.0, the dungeon room layouts themselves are randomized. Rooms can be made up of pieces of existing room designs and/or randomized blocks.
- Additional Item Abilities: Some items have new functionality specific to Ancient Dungeon. One such example is the Recorder, which now both defeats Pols Voice and forces Peahats to land.
- In-game Timer: A built-in timer keeps track of your runtime and is shown at the end of every run, win or lose. Best completion times are also saved when playing in random mode.
- Seeds: You can choose a custom seed value and play the game in seeded mode, which gives you the same randomized layout every time. This is perfect for setting up races!
- Custom Palettes: New palettes have been added that change periodically through the dungeon, providing a touch of variety.
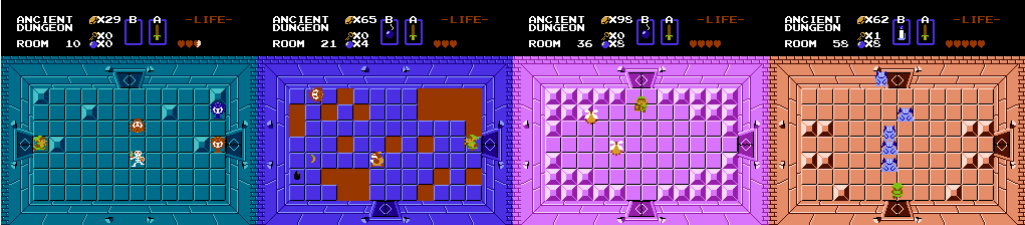
ROM / ISO Information:

- Database match: Legend of Zelda, The (USA) (Rev 1)
- Database: No-Intro: Nintendo Entertainment System (v. 20210216-231042)
- File SHA-1: 3701381A82FC7D52B2DD3E8892047B30A114AB43
- File CRC32: 2BB0C56
- ROM SHA-1: BE2F5DC8C5BA8EC1A344A71F9FB204750AF24FE7
- ROM CRC32: EAF7ED72

Links:

- Readme File
- Download

Screenshots:

Credits:

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Contributor	Type of contribution	Listed credit
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User Review Information

User Reviews

Headline	Author	Date	Version	Recommend
The inspiration becomes the Rogue	Sosuko	31 Mar 2024	3.1	Yes
Easily the best LoZ 1 Rom Hack!	Moonfire2560	09 Sep 2023	3.0	Yes
If Nintendo's Legend of Zelda Game and Watch include this mode, it'd be a no brainer	hdofu	28 Aug 2023	3.0	Yes
Brings new life to this classic!	justaicon	17 Jul 2023	2.1	Yes
Amazing Changes That Make An Amazing Hack! Wow!	peacefighter	18 Mar 2023	2.0	Yes
Excellent concept, but could prosper with more music	Prince Valmont	16 Mar 2023	2.0	Yes
More fun than original game	RetroDima	15 Mar 2023	2.0	Yes
Zelda with infinite replay value! (Plus a few thoughts and suggestions...)	capncrunch992	01 Mar 2023	2.0	Yes
Nintendo Won't Ever Do Anything Like This	Ziko	26 Feb 2023	2.0	Yes
Isn't christmas supposed to be in December?	Nintenja	24 Feb 2023	2.0	Yes
Very cool hack, but bring back start menu	Blazing	20 Jan 2023	1.1	Yes
Definitely worth playing...	SuperPaladinTV	22 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes
The most addicting hack I've ever played!	ImNotAnEggplant	14 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes
This is Most Gangsta	Googie	14 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes
Fun idea	KevvyLava	13 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes
An awesome idea!	eleventhirtyfour	13 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes
The Binding of Zelda	eeHeeY	13 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes
Room 255	WebSlinger	13 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes
This Is Excellent!	GamingWithDrew	12 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes
The Start of Something Good!	Binarynova	12 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes
Straight to the Retro Zelda Action	Zetawilk	11 Dec 2022	1.0	Yes