



MirageCraft Monthly

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Pixelmon Dark Proving to be a Big Hit

by SketchingBlue

With over 600 downloads from the Technic Launcher in the first week, the new MirageCraft update to Pixelmon Dark on the 13th of August has revitalized the server.

Shock, sadness and disbelief followed MrMasochism's announcement in July that development for the Pixelmon Mod had ceased due to the wishes of The Pokémon Company.

This saw a rapid decline in users logging onto MirageCraft as people were uncertain of the server's future. SnowBlitzz and Rockes decided to update MirageCraft to the Pixelmon Dark TechnicPack after listening to the community's requests for change.

The update has brought new life into MirageCraft, not only in the form of new players, old players returning and a boosted economy,

but also the addition of 81 new Pokémon, with more being added on a regular basis.

Some of the most popular additions include Gible, Goodra, Barbaracle, Rotom, Sylveon, and the generation 7 starters, with Yveltal, Giratina and Shaymin being favored amongst the 19 new legendary Pokémon.

Along with new Pokémon 18 older Pokémon have had their textures updated, including many of the Eeveelutions.

While Pixelmon Dark is not free of bugs, the developers are working hard to polish the TechnicPack.

Installation instructions for downloading, installing and running MirageCraft on the Technic Launcher are now available on the MirageCraft wiki.

Legendary Spawn Messages

The 5th of August saw Legendary Spawn Messages enabled on MirageCraft. After countless questions regarding the rarity of legendary Pokémon spawns excitement grew and the search began on the server as Celebi's, Azelf, Raikou, Suicune, Reshiram and Manaphy were found and caught within the first two weeks.

Shrines

With the introduction of legendary spawn messages also came Shrines so that the legendary birds could be spawned if you have filled up the required Orb. Frozen shrines in Ice Plains spawn Articuno, Static in Savanna spawn Zapdos while Fiery in Mesa spawn Moltres. You can find these shrines at their respective /warp biomes.



Move Tutors

On the 18th of August Move Tutors were enabled. They will now spawn randomly on loaded chunks throughout the map. Make sure you have some gems and ores, such as rubies, sapphires, silicon, iron, gold and diamonds in your backpack to pay for the moves if you find a tutor.

Safari Pokestops

The Safari Zone at /warp Safari has had some minor changes. There are now PokéStops that will award players Safari Balls and PokéLoot, including hidden loot, around the zone for players to find.

Clan Crew Are The Ones To Beat

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GoldenCreeperInc and Tinggo, representing Clan Crew, were the champions of this month's Clan Wars held on the 20th of August.

GoldenCreeperInc:

"To be honest, I'm so glad we won because it's been a while since our last couple of wins. Really wanted to take down Frost for LOLs...was a lot of fun though."

While clans Shawdownyn and Frost battled hard to secure second and third place, Frost have lost their place as reigning champions after a 2 month winning streak.



GoldenCreeperInc of Clan Crew with his half of the winning battle team: Greninja, Blaziken and Typhlosion. Tinggo was unavailable to be photographed at the time.

GoldenCreeperInc and Tinggo chose a fiery battle team consisting of Typhlosion, Togekiss, Greninja, Mega Charizard Y, Blaziken and Weavile.

The winning clan representatives received 32 Rare Candies, 2 Ability Capsules and 6 Mirage Points for their valiant efforts while the entire winning clan has a week to use /kit clanwarscandy to receive their 4 rare candies.

A new rule for the month of August forbidding the use of legendary Pokémon in the competition caused a shift in battle choices, with the previously overused Kyogre, Rayquazza and MewTwo being replaced by a variety of Pokémon.

With Pixelmon Dark adding multitudes of new Pokémon to the game, the team choices for Clan Wars September will be eagerly awaited



Held on the 5th of August, this month's Mirage League saw Kitty178 walk away with the PokéVictor rank thanks to her unrelenting Green Team.

The monthly theme for August required all battling Pokémon to be the color green, Kitty178

Kitty178 Earns PokeVictor Crown

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brought in her Flygon, Roseraid and Syther.

With prior research showing that the majority of green Pokémon were poison or grass types, Kitty178 designed her team to be speedy and effective around these, adding a good counter to the popular green Tyranitar.

"I felt shocked to be honest. I'm not much good at battling Pokémon and I had just started

learning how to do it. I was very proud of what I did".

Alongside her PokéVictor rank Kitty178 earned herself 12 Rare Candies, 2 Max Revives, 3k PokéCoins and 5 MiragePoints.

Second and third place winners for August, Merc_ and Blauwdraakje, each received 12 Rare Candies, 2 Max Revives and 3k PokéCoins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mirage League

Believe you are the best Pokémon Trainer around? The next Mirage League battle will be held on the 2nd of September 2017. Start getting your teams prepared now, but remember to check out the Events Forum on the MirageCraft website for all entry rules and more information.

Clan Wars

Quoted as the server's official clan vs. clan tournament, if your clan has what it takes, be sure to enter the next Clan Wars, scheduled for the 17th September 2017. Each Clan can send in 2 representatives to take part in the 2 vs. 2 battles where each member enters 3 Pokémon to form battle teams of 6. Rules and information can be found on the MirageCraft Event Forums.

Karaoke Event

DireWolfPvP is hosting a weekly Karaoke event on the server's Discord channel. Join in every Wednesday and Saturday at 6:00pm Eastern Standard Time to show off your singing skills. While there are no rewards for this event, the fun, laughter and fond memories should prove to be reward enough for most. Information about this event can be found on the Event Forums on the MirageCraft website and be sure to join the server Discord by typing /discord in game.



Breathtaking views of the picturesque Mirage Island.

- Photographed by SketchingBlue

Discover The Wonders That Await You At Mirage Island

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Upon the reopening of MirageCraft, after the Pixelmon Dark upgrade, on the 13th of August, a new, unexplored island appeared in the depths of the deep ocean.

Mirage Island is a beautiful training ground for Pokémon trainers of all ranks to level up their teams, with healers and PC's available in the center of the island and River, Jungle, Plain and Extreme Hills biomes to explore.

Scattered throughout the grounds are clumps of Pokémon grass, in which Pokémon love to hide and will battle Pokémon trainers who disturb them.

While Pokémon will spawn as normal around Mirage Island, those Pokémon found in the grass will be leveled accordingly to the highest level Pokémon in the trainers party.

Rather than having to fly to Mirage Island on the back of your favorite Charizard, entry can be

easily gained through the use of /warp MirageIsland or simply find the warp icon in the /swarps menu.

While exploring Mirage Island keen-eyed Pokémon trainers will also spot many PokéLoot and hidden loot waiting to be discovered.

This lush training ground was introduced to make leveling high-level Pokémon quicker and easier than in the rest of the world as Pokémon can spawn above the normal level 60 Pokémon cap.

Mirage Island is not just for training, you can also hunt for high level Pokémon here too, bring along your Pokéballs and you can catch the Pokémon instead of defeating them, to fill up all of those elusive spots in your Pokédex!



JULY TOP VOTERS

- Tinggo
- HugoLqu
- _Nuke
- Blauwdraakje
- Thomasssssss

MIRAGEMATTERS COMIC STRIP BY SKETCHINGBLUE



Market Resurgence After Steep Decline

by SketchingBlue

Thanks to the introduction of Pixelmon Dark the MirageCraft economy is on the rise again after a steep fall in trading values following the Pixelmon Mod ceasing development.

With player numbers down due to the developmental uncertainty of Pixelmon's future the MirageCraft market slumped, many of the market driving players took a hiatus, few Pokémon were being brought, even fewer were being sold.

At its lowest point the Global Trade Station (GTS) had fewer than half a page of Pokémon available for sale and the previously high driven Shiny market almost ceased.

However, the introduction of over 80 new Pokémon in Pixelmon Dark has seen an influx of new Pokémon into the market, along with the arrival of new players who seek the popular Pokémon such as Eevee, Dratini and Riolu, whose market had previously been oversaturated.

High selling Pokémon right now are specially bred, with high IVs and competition perfect natures, especially those that run well against the Gyms.

New Pokémon such as Gible, Sylveon, Finneon and Gloomy are fetching prices between

2 and 4 thousand PokéCoins each, while the generation 7 starters, Litten, Popplio and Rowlett have just hit the market fetching an average of 6 thousand PokéCoins due to short supply and high demand.

The increase of slots available to add Pokémon to the GTS from 1 slot to 3 has been a blessing for breeders on the server to allow more efficiency in trading and clearing out PC space.

While the price of Shiny Pokémon had dropped, an upturn in the market is expected as new collectors hit the scenes as well as elusive new Shiny Pokémon that will be rare to the server.

With the most recent development of Move Tutors being enabled on MirageCraft the player to player trading of gems and ores that can be used as payment for moves is expected to raise the prices of previously little used stones such as Silicon, Crystal, Amethyst, Rubies and Sapphires.



MirageCraft Daycare: Saving You Time, But At What Price?

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After hinting at it for some time, on the 28th of July, SnowBlitzz opened up the Daycare Centre in the Hidden Bog.

Advertised as an easy way to level your Pokémon the initial price of 500 PokéCoins per level was soon reduced to 200 PokéCoins per level after some Pokémon trainers reported unacceptably high fees when using the service.

BRUFFO:

"While I feel sad I have to give my children to a foster home, at least I have more time for myself."

While a number of Pokémon trainers on MirageCraft still feel

that Hans, Anna and Elsa are more concerned with business revenue than the health and wellbeing of the Pokémon that they are caring for, other trainers such as Bruffo are still positive about the Daycare, not only for leveling his cherished Pokémon but as a breeding service as well.

There is an initial fee for placing your Pokémon into the Daycare, which will need to be paid to retrieve the Pokémon regardless of if they have leveled or not.

For each subsequent hour that the Pokémon are being looked after by the Daycare staff they will gain a level and an extra 200 PokéCoins will be added to their retrieval cost.

Once Pokémon Trainers are satisfied with their Pokémon's level and wish to retrieve them from the Daycare, they may do so by going to /warp Daycare or simply typing /daycare from anywhere on the server.

If you place two Pokémon into the daycare who are able to breed and from the same Egg Group then they will produce eggs over time which can be retrieved also.

It is advised that Pokémon Trainers level their Pokémon up via other means to the point where leveling becomes tedious before placing them in the Daycare to avoid excessive fees.

