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INTRODUCTION TO THE ABYSSAL RUINS

The Abyssal Ruins stand as one of the most mysterious and rewarding locations in the Pokémon franchise, specifically within the Unova region. Hidden beneath the waves near Undella Town, this underwater labyrinth challenges even the most seasoned trainers with its intricate puzzles, branching pathways, and unique treasure. Whether you are hunting for the legendary **Relic Items** or seeking to complete your Pokédex, mastering this location requires patience, a sharp eye, and a solid strategy. This **Abyssal Ruins Walkthrough** will guide you through every level, help you decipher the cryptic wall inscriptions, and ensure you leave no treasure undiscovered.

Before diving in, it is important to understand that the **Abyssal Ruins** are not a typical dungeon. There are no wild Pokémon encounters, and you will not engage in battles while exploring. Instead, the focus is entirely on navigation, reading ancient texts, and collecting rare artifacts. The layout changes each time you descend, adding a layer of unpredictability that keeps the experience fresh. This guide will break down the entire expedition into manageable sections, so you can proceed with confidence.

PREREQUISITES AND PREPARATION

Essential Items and Pokémon

To reach the **Abyssal Ruins**, you first need access to the **Dive** HM. This move allows your Pokémon to submerge underwater, where you will find the entrance to the ruins. Additionally, having a Pokémon that knows **Surf** is mandatory for crossing the initial stretch of water from Undella Town. It is highly recommended to bring plenty of **Max Repels**, as you will be traversing long underwater corridors without the distraction of wild encounters—though repels are not strictly necessary since the ruins themselves are devoid of wild Pokémon.

Stock up on **Full Heals** and **Full Restores** if you plan to explore extensively, as the pressure and environmental effects can wear down your team. While there are no battles inside the ruins, you will need a healthy team for the journey to and from the location. A Pokémon with **Flash** can also be helpful, though the ruins are generally well-lit once you enter the main chambers.

How to Reach the Abyssal Ruins

Begin your journey at **Undella Town**, located on the eastern coast of Unova. Surf south from the beach until you find a darker patch of water where you can use **Dive**. Submerge and swim downwards; you will soon spot a large, submerged structure with glowing inscriptions. This is the entrance to the **Abyssal Ruins**. Surfacing inside the ruins is not possible, so you will explore entirely underwater until you reach the deepest levels.

NAVIGATING THE FIRST LEVEL (B1F)

Initial Chambers and Floor Patterns

Upon entering, you are on the first basement floor (B1F). The **Abyssal Ruins** are built around a central staircase that descends deeper with each floor. However, the path to that staircase is not always straightforward. The floor is tiled with pressure-sensitive panels that trigger different events. Some panels cause walls to shift, while others open passageways or reveal hidden inscriptions. The key is to step on each panel methodically and observe the result.

The B1F consists of a series of interconnected rooms. Your primary objective here is to find the central staircase leading to B2F. The layout is randomized each time you enter, but the general structure remains consistent. Look for inscriptions on the walls—these are remnants of the ancient civilization that built the ruins. While they do not directly affect navigation on this floor, reading them is essential for unlocking the deeper secrets of the ruins later.

Tips for B1F

- Always check the walls for inscriptions; they count toward your total discovered messages.
- Step on every pressure plate at least once; some reset the room layout, which can be useful if you get stuck.
- The central staircase is almost always surrounded by four pillars; use them as a landmark.

DESCENDING TO THE SECOND LEVEL (B2F)

Puzzle Mechanics and Wall Inscriptions

B2F introduces a greater variety of pressure plate patterns. Some plates are linked to doors that close after a few seconds, requiring you to move quickly. Others trigger sliding walls that can either open new paths or block your return. The key is to memorize the pattern of plates you have already stepped on. If a door closes behind you, look for a nearby plate that might reopen it.

The wall inscriptions on this floor become more narrative. They tell the story of a great king and his wish to preserve the knowledge of his people. Reading these inscriptions is not just lore—it is tied to the **Relic Items** you can collect. Each inscription you read increases your "understanding" of the ruins, which influences what treasures appear in the deepest chambers.

Finding the Staircase

The staircase to B3F is typically located in the northern part of this floor. You may need to traverse a series of narrow corridors and solve a simple sequence puzzle involving three pressure plates. Step on them in the order indicated by the wall inscriptions (usually left, middle, right) to unlock the path forward. If you step on them in the wrong order, the room resets, and you can try again.

EXPLORING THE THIRD LEVEL (B3F)

The First Relic Item

B3F is where the **Abyssal Ruins** begin to reward your efforts. This floor contains the first guaranteed **Relic Item**: the **Relic Copper**. It is located in a small alcove near the center of the floor. To reach it, you must solve a simple tile puzzle where you step on four plates in a specific sequence. The order is indicated by the wall inscriptions in the previous room—a hint that paying attention to the story matters.

In addition to the **Relic Copper**, B3F contains several **Escape Ropes** and **Max Potions** scattered in side chambers. While not as valuable as the relic, these items can be useful for your journey. The staircase to B4F is located in the southeast corner, guarded by a sliding wall puzzle. Step on the plate near the wall to open it, then quickly move through before it closes.

PUSHING DEEPER: B4F AND B5F

Increased Complexity

B4F and B5F form the most challenging part of the **Abyssal Ruins Walkthrough**. These floors feature interconnected rooms with multiple pressure plates that affect distant doors. On B4F, you will encounter a room with four plates arranged in a square. Stepping on them in the correct order (north, east, south, west) opens the central staircase. The order is hinted at by the inscriptions on the walls of B3F, so be sure to read everything carefully.

On B5F, the puzzles become more time-sensitive. Some plates trigger doors that only remain open for a few seconds. You may need to sprint across the room to reach the staircase before the door closes. This is where having a fast movement speed is beneficial—though the game does not allow running indoors, you can optimize your path by planning your steps in advance.

Second Relic Item

B5F also contains the **Relic Silver**, hidden behind a sliding wall in the western corridor. To access it, step on the plate in the center of the room, then quickly move to the wall before it slides back. Timing is crucial here. If you miss the window, simply step on the plate again and try again.

REACHING THE DEPTHS: B6F TO B8F

The Core of the Ruins

Floors B6F through B8F represent the heart of the **Abyssal Ruins**. The architecture becomes more ornate, and the inscriptions tell the final chapters of the king's story. These floors are smaller but more densely packed with puzzles. On B6F, you will find a room with a large central pillar and four plates around it. Step on them in the order indicated by the inscriptions on B5F to unlock the staircase.

B7F introduces a unique puzzle where you must step on plates in a pattern that mirrors the constellation carved into the ceiling. This is one of the most visually striking puzzles in the ruins. Take a moment to look up—the pattern is easy to miss if you are only looking at the floor.

Relic Gold and Relic Treasure

On B6F, you can find the **Relic Gold** in a hidden alcove behind a sliding wall. B7F contains the **Relic Treasure**, which is the most valuable of the relic items. To reach it, you must solve a puzzle involving five plates in a star pattern. The solution is hinted at in the inscriptions on B4F. Once you collect these items, you are well on your way to completing the collection.

THE FINAL LEVEL: B9F AND THE KING’S CHAMBER

The Ultimate Reward

B9F is the deepest level of the **Abyssal Ruins**. Here, you will find the **King’s Chamber**, a large room with a throne at the center. Surrounding the throne are inscriptions that summarize the entire story of the ruins. Reading all of them unlocks the final secret: the **Relic Crown**. This is the rarest item in the ruins and the ultimate prize for completing the **Abyssal Ruins Walkthrough**.

The **Relic Crown** is located on the throne itself. To reach it, you must step on the six plates arranged around the throne in the correct order. The order is determined by the number of inscriptions you have read throughout your journey. If you have read every inscription on every floor, the sequence is straightforward: north, south, east, west, northeast, southwest. If you missed any inscriptions, the sequence may differ, so refer back to your notes.

Leaving the Ruins

Once you have collected the **Relic Crown**, you can exit the ruins by returning to the surface. The quickest way is to use an **Escape Rope**, which teleports you directly to the entrance. If you did not bring one, you will need to backtrack through all nine floors, which can be time-consuming. It is highly recommended to carry at least one **Escape Rope** before descending.

COLLECTING ALL RELIC ITEMS

Complete List of Relic Items

There are a total of five **Relic Items** hidden in the **Abyssal Ruins**. Collecting all of them is a significant achievement and rewards you with a special item when sold to a collector in **Undella Town**. Here is the complete list:

- **Relic Copper** – Found on B3F
- **Relic Silver** – Found on B5F
- **Relic Gold** – Found on B6F
- **Relic Treasure** – Found on B7F
- **Relic Crown** – Found on B9F

Each item has a high sell value, but the real reward comes from selling the complete set. A collector in Undella Town will give you a **Comet Shard** for the complete set, which can be sold for a substantial sum. Alternatively, you can keep the relics as unique collectibles.

INSCRIPTION GUIDE AND LORE

Understanding the Story

The wall inscriptions in the **Abyssal Ruins** tell the story of a king who sought to preserve his civilization's knowledge. By reading all inscriptions, you unlock the final sequence for the **Relic Crown**. There are 30 inscriptions in total, spread across all nine floors. Here is a breakdown of where to find them:

- B1F: 3 inscriptions
- B2F: 4 inscriptions
- B3F: 4 inscriptions
- B4F: 3 inscriptions
- B5F: 4 inscriptions
- B6F: 3 inscriptions
- B7F: 4 inscriptions
- B8F: