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before using the software. Please

also read your Nintendo 3DS Operations Manual for more details and tips to help you enjoy your playing experience. Health and Safety Information ▲ IMPORTANT

# Before using this software, read all

#### content within the Health and Safety

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tap Open and read the contents of

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Sakura Samurai: Art of the Sword is an action game involving precision swordplay. You control the main character, Sakura Samurai. Use the sword-fighting techniques taught to you by the

kappa, the master of a pond near an ancient sakura tree, and set out on a journey to rescue the kidnapped



Princess Cherry Blossom.

Slash

Evade

### 🔈 Battle Controls

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⊗ (hold to move

□/ℝ (when no enemies are locked on / while

moving around

L + R (when no

enemies are

locked on)

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around freely)

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## Block on)

Move freely in

battle /

cake

disengage

enemy lock-on

Eat sakura rice

Use whetstone

Throw dagger

Rotate camera

Automatically move camera

back into place

behind

character

Throw frog

# Select an item

Other Controls

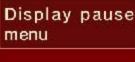
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(A)

Closing your system during game play will make the system enter Sleep Mode. When your system is in Sleep Mode, the battery consumption is kept to a minimum. When the system is opened, it will wake up from

START







Sleep Mode.

Press (a) at the title screen to display the main menu. Select New Game to start a



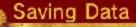
game from the beginning. Select Rock Garden to go to the rock garden (page 10).

Note: As you progress through the

Note: As you progress through the game, more menu options will become available.







There is only one save-game slot. You can save your progress by registering at a Blossom Inn (page 9) in any of the villages or by defeating a boss (page 6).

#### Erasing Data

When the Continue option is

available on the main menu, if you select New Game to start from the beginning, the save data will be overwritten. Also, you can initialize the save data (return it to its initial state) by pressing and holding A + B + Y + Y while loading the game. Note: When overwriting data, be sure to verify the contents of the data first. Overwritten data will be erased and cannot be recovered.

such as repeatedly powering off and on the system, or removing the Game Card or SD Card while saving. Data loss may also be caused by poor connectivity, due to dirt or dust in the system's ports. Please be aware that in these cases data cannot be restored.

Data can be lost due to user action

Progress through the game while clearing forest, field, and castle (etc.) stages.

# World Map

Select a stage with O, and press A to travel to that stage. Press ® while a stage is selected to return the camera to wherever the Sakura Samurai is standing. When you arrive at a stage you want to enter, press A to enter the stage.



#### Sakura containers

This meter indicates the Sakura Samurai's health. When it is full, the Sakura Samurai is at full health.

#### Sakura fragments obtained Sakura fragment

You will obtain one of these if you clear a stage that has a 🎙 mark. When you callect two, your stock of sakura containers will grow by one, increasing your maximum health.

#### Inventory

by pressing ⊗ while on the map screen. You can see your health, weapons (page 7), and the condition of your sword,

Check your inventory 🚃

among other things. Also, from here you can perform special actions,

such as eating a sakura rice cake by pressing 🗗 or using a whetstone by pressing 🖫.

# Clearing Stages

You will clear a stage when you defeat all of the enemies that appear in that stage.



#### Castle

You will clear a castle (boss lair) when you take down the boss. After defeating a boss, you will progress to the next land.



Game Over and Trying Again If you lose all of your health, the game will end. If you decide to try again, your health will start at three filled sakura containers. Also, the kappa will appear near one of the stages in the land the samurai is currently traveling through. In these stages, enemies may drop more gold than usual when you defeat them.



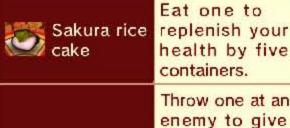
- 1 Gold
- 2 Sword condition

If the sword is damaged, the blade may become dull. Also, the yellow-green gauge indicates the power necessary to unleash a special attack (page 8). 3 Sword level

- 4 Special-attack gem You can win these by collecting

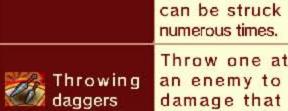
stamps as you beat street challenges (page 9) in the villages. When you receive a special-attack gem, the strength of your special attack will increase.

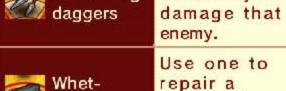
- ⑤ Precision points (page 8)
- 6 Special-attack name Inventory

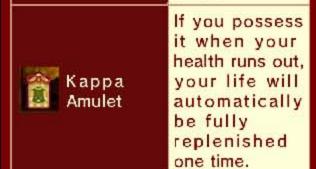


him the willies. Enemies who have the willies

damaged sword.







#### Invisible Feather Robe of Invincibility

If you have the Invisible Feather Robe of Invincibility, it will protect you from 10 enemy attacks. While you are wearing it, there will be a glow around the Sakura Samurai.

When you approach enemies in a stage, a battle will begin. During battle, your camera will move to focus on your enemies. This is called being "locked on." The camera will move from enemy to enemy until it zeros in on the one who is going to attack you next.

## Swordplay Attack an enemy by

striking him with your sword. You can also block an enemy's attack with your sword. Sword Sharpness



Your sword can become damaged with use, and its power will decrease. To repair the damage, either sharpen it with a whetstone or have it sharpened/forged at a Lookout Bellows (page 9) in one of the villages.

#### become damaged if: An enemy blocks your attack. You block an enemy attack.

Your sword can

- You cut down a projectile an
- enemy has thrown/shot at you.

# You can evade an

👞 Evading Attacks

enemy's attack by dodging sideways or backward. About Special Attacks



#### Power will build up in your sword if

you get your timing right and precisely evade enemy attacks. When the sword gauge fills up, you will be able to unleash a special attack.

If you continually evade

an enemy's attacks... If you continue to evade an

enemy's attacks, something good might happen. However, enemies may also get very angry at you. Precision Evasions

### Evading at the last second before an

enemy attack will result in a precision evasion, and you will receive one precision point. Immediately after you perform a precision evasion, your enemy will be vulnerable and you will be able to strike him twice in rapid succession. Precision Points

#### Each time you

perform a precision evasion, you get one precision point. Try to earn as many precision points as possible by



performing an uninterrupted streak of precision evasions. You can sell the record of your precision points to the shop owner at a Frogs Plus shop (page 9) in any of the villages. In certain cases, your precisionpoint counter will be reset to zero during battle. Try to avoid this! Note: You cannot gain or lose

# You will lose your precision points during battle if:

precision points during boss battles.

- An enemy blocks your attack. You are hit by an enemy's attack.
- You block an enemy's attack.

When in a village, you can talk to the villagers by pressing (A). Also, if you press (a) while in front of a shop, you can go inside.

Note: You cannot rotate the camera when in a village.



Sleep here to replenish your health, and register here to save your game.



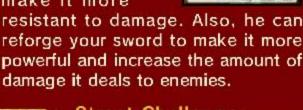
# Frogs Plus

The proprietor sells warious helpful items, and he will also purchase your record of precision points.



### Lookout Bello

The swordsmith can to repair dents and make it more



# Street Challenges

In each village, you 🎬 will find two different street challenges. Talk to the



characters running the street challenges to try your hand at these minigames.

If you win a street challenge, you can receive a reward Gold based on the amount of gold you paid as the entry fee.

You can also earn stamps by winning street challenges. Prizes Collect stamps to receive special prizes.

Note: You can try each street challenge three times before it closes down. A closed challenge will open up again if you visit another stage and then come back to the village where the challenge is held.

By dedicating the step count that you build up by walking around with your Nintendo 3DS



system, you can make the sakura trees bloom and bring beauty to the rock garden. You can only dedicate steps once per day.

When the sakura blossoms bloom, people will come to visit the rock garden. When the trees are in full bloom, you will see an increase in the number of items that are placed in the rock garden. Use ① to look around.

Note: The step count will be recorded from the time the rock garden is first visited.

Note: Sakura trees that have bloomed will lose their petals after five days.



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