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Thank you for choosing Sakura Samurai: Art of the Sword™ for the Nintendo 3DS™ system.

Please read this manual carefully 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 Information application on the HOME Menu.

To access this application, tap the  icon on the HOME Menu, then tap Open and read the contents of each section carefully. When you are finished, press  HOME to return to the HOME Menu.

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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.



Sakura
Samurai

Battle Controls

Move	
Slash	
Evade	+
Special attack	
Block	/ (when an enemy is locked on)
Move freely in battle / disengage enemy lock-on	(hold to move around freely)
Eat sakura rice cake	
Use whetstone	
Throw frog	
Throw dagger	
Rotate camera	/ (when no enemies are locked on / while moving around freely with)
Automatically move camera back into place behind character	+ (when no enemies are locked on)

Other Controls

Select an item	
Confirm selection	
Display pause menu	

Sleep Mode

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 Sleep Mode.

4 Starting a Game

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 game, more menu options will become available.



Saving Data

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) + (X) + (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.

Data can be lost due to user action 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.

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

World Map

Select a stage with , and press  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  to enter the stage.




① Sakura containers




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

② Sakura fragments obtained

③ Sakura fragment

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

Inventory

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



Boss strength

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

⑦ Inventory



Sakura rice cake

Eat one to replenish your health by five containers.



Frog

Throw one at an enemy to give him the willies. Enemies who have the willies can be struck numerous times.



Throwing daggers

Throw one at an enemy to damage that enemy.



Whetstone

Use one to repair a damaged sword.



Kappa Amulet

If you possess it when your health runs out, your life will automatically be fully replenished one time.

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.

Your sword can become damaged if:

- An enemy blocks your attack.
- You block an enemy attack.
- You cut down a projectile an enemy has thrown/shot at you.

Evading Attacks

You can evade an 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 precision-point counter will be reset to zero during battle. Try to avoid this!

Note: You cannot gain or lose precision points during boss battles.

You will lose your precision points during battle if:

- 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.

Blossom Inn

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



Frogs Plus

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



Lookout Bellows

The swordsmith can sharpen your blade to repair dents and make it more



resistant to damage. Also, he can reforge your sword to make it more powerful and increase the amount of damage it deals to enemies.

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.

Gold

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

Prizes


You can also earn stamps by winning street challenges. 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  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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