

Borderlands

Hint: Sucker Born Every Minute Achievement/Trophy

The description for the Sucker Born Every Minute Achievement/Trophy says "Paid for a worthless tour of the world's largest bullet." Go to the huge bullet and there should be a building closest to the bullet. There will be arrows pointing to a box with a \$ sign on it. Simply activate the prompt here to get the Achievement/Trophy.

Hint: Rider Sniper Rifle

In New Haven there are two hidden chests. When you receive the quest to enter Trash Coast, head to New Haven. Head toward the blue shack (below the area where the repair kit is). Stand near the door and it will open. Ride the elevator down and to the basement. Defeat the Psychos and open the red chest to find the Rider. Rider is a unique sniper rifle manufactured by Gearbox, the maker of Borderlands. This weapon, along with other details in the room (a trash pile Christmas tree and a grisly leg lamp) are references to the movie "A Christmas Story."

Hint: Faster Firing Rate

Weapons with exceedingly slow firing rates (i.e. powerful sniper rifles) can be made less laggy if you melee after each shot. This will reset the firing rate timer, allowing you to instantly fire again.

Hint: Elemental Effects

In Borderlands some weapons have an elemental effect. These are usually very useful but there are drawbacks. Enemies might have special resistant shields or an elemental animal will naturally resist what you shoot it with. Here is a rundown of each elemental effect:

Fire - When you tag an enemy with fire they take gradual damage until they die or it goes out. Fire damages enemies more if their shield is gone. Additionally, enemies tend to freak out and lose accuracy when burning.

Shock - Shock damage is like the reverse of fire. It deals an incredible amount of damage to an enemy's shield but loses effectiveness once they're down to their health meter. Also, enemies don't usually panic when shocked.

Acid - Possibly the best all-around element. Acid damage easily eats through armored opponents (like Spiderants and Crimson Lance soldiers) and can spread to multiple enemies if they happen to touch each other while panicking. The only drawbacks to it are that Acid-type enemies are about 90% immune to it and if you try Iron-sight aiming the acid splash from your gun-muzzle can throw off your aim.

Explosive - Not so much an element as a bonus. Randomly when you shoot an enemy with a bullet from an explosion-type gun it will explode and deal extra damage relative to the weapon's base damage. Try to aim for groups.

Eridian - Whenever you find an Eridian weapon try shooting an enemy. Sometimes extra effects not mentioned in the description will occur. The 10101 Cannon is a good example of a Shock/Explosion combination element.

Hint: Quick Money and Items

Want purple and orange items without having to kill a single enemy? Once you get to "New Haven," head to the save/transport post near "Scooter" and save your game. Then, there are 2 red chests and 3 silver chest in town...4 of them on rooftops, and one that the claptrap rescue opens for you. Just loot them all, keep what you want, sell what you don't want and then save your game. Log off, then log back in to repeat the process. Check all the vending machines each time as they will offer great items as well.

Here is a rundown of the loot route from at the save/transport post near Scooter:

Red Chest #1 - On the roof of the building directly right of the save post. Go to the side with the yellow barrel, jump few times and you are there.

Silver Chest #1 - From the save post, turn directly left and go up the stairs, keep going in the same direction, cross the wood plank and then jump the railing to the other building. Turn a slight right around the corner.

Red Chest #2 - from Silver Chest#1...some tricky jumps, but not too hard. Simply look out to the red tarp hanging over a little platform and make a running jump to land on the tarp. Then turn around till you see the Red Chest, make another jump (not too high or you will get caught on the red tarp over the chest and fall off).

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Silver Chest #2 - After completing the Claptrap Rescue this Silver Chest will be in a little shed across the courtyard from the Bounty Board (you just have to crouch to get in there).

Silver Chest #3 - From the save post go forward and go up the stairs where the dollar sign and arrow are. Hop on top of the washing machine, then on top of the roof with the big antenna. The Silver Chest is behind it.

Cheat: Invincibility

Note: Alter game files at your own risk and always make backups! Go to the game folder (My Documents\My Games\Borderlands\WillowGame\Config\) and open WillowGame.ini in a text editor.

Search for `bDemiGodMode` and change it to `bDemiGodMode=true`.

Your health will never decrease below 1!

Cheat: More Inventory Slots

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`InventorySlotMax_Misc=X`

Change X to your desired amount of slots (default 12)

Cheat: Berserker Speed Exploit

Make sure you're in a fight with more than one enemy and your health is extremely low (10-20). Activate Berserker just before you enter Fight For Your Life! Mode, then kill someone to gain a Second Wind. If done properly, you should be able to run as fast as Brick can in Berserker mode AND you'll be able to fire your weapons. Note: you're not able to sprint while using this, but why would you need to anyway? Activating his Berserker mode again and finishing it, OR dying will cancel the effect.

Unlockable: New Game +

Complete the game to unlock a New Game + mode. Some items and stats will carry over into the new game and enemies will be tougher.

Cheat: Duplicate Items

To make a copy of any item you'll need a cooperative partner in a multiplayer game. Simply drop what you want to make a copy of on the floor, exit the game *without saving*, leaving your friend free to grab it. When you return, you'll have your copy of the weapon still, and your friend can hand you the other. This works on all guns, shields, and class mods, and can be done as many times as necessary.

Hint: Easy 20,00 EXP

As soon as you are able to get a vehicle, find a safe place away from enemy spawn points and find a way to keep the trigger held down (tape? rubber band?). Just walk away for a few hours and after you have unloaded 100,000 shots from the vehicle you will get 20,000 exp.

Hint: Item Storage using an Alternate Character

An effective, but annoying, way to store your extra stuff is to create an alternate character that is only for holding your extra stuff. Just create a new character, load a co-op game with both your main character and your new level 1 character and give them the items you want to put up. Log back in to your level 1 character and give the items back to your main character when you need them. This can be really useful when you find weapons and items that are above your level, or are saving them to give to a friend's character.

Hint: Easy Escape After Defeating Sledge

After you've defeated Sledge (and collected the artifact), exit and save your game. When you start your game again you'll begin at the save point at the very beginning of the mission. This way you don't have to backtrack on foot and you'll save a lot of ammo too.

Cheat: Gain Levels and Money Before Entering Borderlands

In the first scene, when you're getting the tour with the scrap robot, follow him all the way through to the small campsite with the car up on the lift next to the burning tires. Collect all the loot (guns, money) along the way and kill all of the guys. Once everyone is dead simply pause the game and go to exit. It will save your character (level & loot) and start you at the very beginning upon loading your game. You can repeat this as many times as you'd like!

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Hint: Reload Quickly

Watch your reload animation. As soon as the cartridge is removed (or rounds are being inserted), perform a melee and the gun will finish reloading. Do this to save time and possibly your life.

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