

A promotional image for the game Ark: Survival Evolved. It features a large, dark brown dinosaur with a vibrant red mohawk and a leather harness. A female character with short brown hair, wearing a dark tank top and pants, is riding the dinosaur. She is holding a long spear in her right hand and a futuristic assault rifle in her left. The background shows a lush, green landscape with trees and a body of water under a blue sky with clouds.

ARK: Survival Evolved private hosting server rental selection

*How to choose the best and
cheapest hosting for an ARK
server? We'll guide you through
all the important options.*

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Chapter 1.



Why you need your own server

As you already got this far, you already know that renting an ARK server is the best option for you. Here we'll cover the main reasons otherwise.

When you figure out how to build a house and tame dinos, adding friends to the game makes it so much more enjoyable.

The official Wildcard servers are quite rough, if you're lucky to get an available spot, they'll force you to compete with other more established tribes that have castles and lots of huge tamed dinos.

The unofficial ones might have boosted stats, like killing a Giga with a single primary, and these servers can be shut down with no warning.

The easiest option of running the server on your computer has quite a lot of downsides, making the game run way too slow with multiple players connected. Whenever your network or your computer is down, no-one else can continue playing the game.

Having a separate server, which often is a powerful machine shared by multiple accounts has only one main downside - it's paid. On the plus side, it's always available, and you never spend your precious CPU resources thus making your gameplay much better.

Chapter 2.



Platform of your ARK server

You have to know that ARK: Survival Evolved is not cross-platform compatible with most of the ARK hosting providers. So you can play ARK with your friends having the same platform, be that PC, Xbox or PS4. That should be the first option to check before checking the prices.

For PC the choice of hosting providers is huge (about one hundred), from budget cheap hosting to high-performance server clusters with Cross-ARK travel. Xbox and PS4 choice, on the other side, is limited: only 1 hosting for Xbox and 3 for PS4. You can find these listings here:

[Xbox Ark server hostings: only 1](#)

[PS4 Ark server hostings: only 3](#)

Chapter 3.



Location: which one should be chosen?

Upon selecting the ARK server hosting provider, one of the key points to consider is to lower the ping of most players you will have. Ping is the networking term, referring to the time it takes for data to reach the server and get back to your computer. Low ping means smooth gameplay. High one means you'll have lags and the game will be a nightmare to play.

If you're going to play with your friends residing in the same area, try to find the provider closeby. The cheapest server hosting might not be the best for you as there's no fun playing with a high ping.

For those of you living in the USA it'd be best to check [this list of cheap USA ARK server hosting providers](#);

UK players are encouraged to see [these providers](#),
and [these ARK server providers for Australians](#).

Those are considered the best cheap ARK server hosting providers overall.

Chapter 4.



Price: choosing the cheapest ARK server provider while maintaining the quality

As we mentioned above, price should not become your only factor in selecting the best ARK server hosting for you, but it matters. The price mainly depends on the number of slots allocated to your server. This number is the maximum number of players that can connect at any single moment. Note though that in most of the cases it can support more players than the number of slots as it's highly unlikely everyone will be playing at the same time.

After you pick the platform, location and the number of slots, there's a couple of options that might influence your hosting provider selection. Those are CrossArk travel, which is the ability to move your player data from one server in cluster to another, allowing you to change maps without losing your items and dinos.

DDoS protection is another option that might influence your ARK hosting provider choice. Some providers might require you to manually run the updates while others do it for you.

You can find cheapest ARK server providers here:

<https://ark.goodgameservers.com/en/cheap-ark-servers-hosting>

Also you should know that with almost all of the hosting providers you can further down the price by having a discount using promo codes. You can find up-to date promo codes for any provider at

<https://ark.goodgameservers.com/en/promo-codes-ark-server-hosting>

Sometimes you can find promocodes with 15%-20%-25% lifetime discount for your ARK server hosting.