

Skeleton Island

It was seven months ago when Captain Grey found the treasure map. He found it one night inside a bottle washed up on the beach. It was written on an old piece of leather. On the back of the map were these words, which he read by the light of a full moon.

*Steal my treasure? Some have tried.
Many have dared - All have died!
But if you be strong and if you be brave,
Then Blackbeard's treasure, you can take from my cave.*

Seven long months sailing at sea - seven long months being chased by other pirates and salty sea storms. But at last we arrived at Skeleton Island to begin our search for gold!



We sailed past **Devil's Rock** and into **Sharks' Bay**. We dropped anchor from our ship **The Merry Mermaid** and lowered our rowing boats into the dark, deep water near **Blood Hill**. We paddled up **Snake River** and heard parrots squawk in **Fang Forest**. We paddled faster and faster until we reached **Thunder Falls**. We got out of our boats and climbed **Skull Mountain**. When we reached the top we could see **Shipwreck Beach** far away. We climbed back down **Skull Mountain** and slowly crossed **Dead Man's Bridge** over **Black Cat Creek**. We cut our way through **Skeleton Swamp** and finally arrived at **Blackbeard's Cave**.

So here we are! And here we will camp for the night, too tired and too scared to enter the cave with darkness all around us. Will we find Blackbeard's treasure inside? Will we ever get off Skeleton Island alive?