



# Pillars of Eternity

Accessibility Score: ★★☆☆☆

Pillars of Eternity combines rich narrative, deep tactical combat, and exploration. For blind players, success comes from organizing your party's abilities, recognizing combat and environmental audio cues, and using predictable exploration and management routines. Your strongest tools will be strategic planning, consistent formation control, and clear role assignments.

## World Awareness — Navigating Towns, Wilderness, and Dungeons

- Anchor Locations: Treat main hubs like your stronghold, taverns, or key shops as orientation points.
- Route Familiarity: Follow consistent travel paths to quests and vendors to reinforce memory.
- Environmental Sound Cues: Ocean waves, forest birds, crowd chatter, or forge hammering help confirm your location type.
- Quest Zone Recognition: Music shifts, monster noises, or scripted companion dialogue often mean you're near objectives.
- Area Segmentation: Mentally divide large maps into smaller zones — market, docks, outskirts — for easier recall.

## Party and Class Choice — Playing to Your Strengths

- Balanced Composition: Keep at least one tank, one ranged damage dealer, one healer, and one crowd-control specialist.
- Audio-Distinct Abilities: Select spells and powers with unique sound effects for confirmation in battle.
- Role Familiarity: Stick to one primary combat role (frontline, ranged, caster) for your main character to simplify decisions.
- Companion Role Stability: Assign permanent jobs to companions so their behavior stays predictable.

## Combat Discipline — Winning Through Audio and Paused Planning

- Engagement Awareness: Listen for enemy roars, footsteps, and attack wind-ups to anticipate damage.
- Ability Sound Feedback: Recognize casting sounds for heals, buffs, and high-damage abilities.





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- Formation Control: Keep melee in front and ranged or casters behind in every engagement.
- Pause-and-Issue Commands: Use the pause function to give orders in a methodical sequence.
- Status Effect Tracking: Audio cues signal when characters are stunned, prone, burning, or slowed.

## Mastering Menus and Inventory

- Hotbar Organization: Place the most-used combat skills and spells in the first few slots for speed.
- Equipment Routine: Equip weapons, armor, and trinkets in a fixed order after every upgrade.
- Consumable Sorting: Keep potions, scrolls, and traps in predictable quick-use slots.
- Quest Log Management: Track objectives externally for easier progress review.

## Exploration Without Visuals

- Wall-Follow Navigation: Hug one side of a dungeon or outdoor area to fully explore without getting lost.
- Soundscapes for Orientation: Distinct ambience helps identify terrain — desert wind, echoing caves, stormy coasts.
- Interaction Cues: Listen for container opening sounds, lockpicking clicks, or NPC greeting lines.
- Rest Locations: Memorize inn, camp, and safe rest spots for healing and preparation.

## Accessibility Enhancements & Support

- Enable all available voice acting, combat sound cues, and slowest combat speed settings.
- Rely on pause-and-play to carefully issue orders without visual pressure.
- Practice in early skirmishes before tackling large-scale encounters.
- Ask for occasional sighted help with complex puzzles or sprawling maps.

**Learn More:** [Pillars of Eternity II: Deadfire accessibility review](#)

