

Installing Glow *Beta* on MacOS Tahoe.

This is a non official & simple guide. This guide is valid as off 18/09/2025, but may become invalid at any time due to a new release of Glow or it's support components.

Requirements:

- Disabling SIP [Read below]
- Settings arm64e_preview_abi as a boot arg
- Download & installing ammonia
- Download & Installing Glow
- Downloading & replacing the libGlowHooks.dylib

Beta software: Keep in mind, the current release is beta software, and contains some bugs.

Full install procedure

1. Disabling SIP

Booting into Recovery Mode to Disable SIP

Intel: boot your Mac and immediately press CMD and R at the same time, and keep holding them until you see Recovery Mode appear.

Apple Silicon: Shut down your Mac, and boot it again by pressing the power button, but keep holding the power button until you see "Loading startup options."
Choose 'Options -> Continue' to enter RecoveryOS.
You'll likely need to enter your password to be able to make changes.

Now that we have booted into Recovery mode, in the Menu Bar click Utilities, then open Terminal.

In terminal, type: `csrutil disable` and hit enter
Read the comment in terminal, press `y` if you agree.
Enter your password, and reboot

2. Setting boots args to include arm64e_preview_abi

Boot back into MacOS and open Terminal.
Enter the following command: `sudo nvram boot-args=-arm64e_preview_abi` and hit enter.
Enter your password and reboot your system for changes to take effect.

3. Installing Ammonia

In the Discords channel (<https://discord.gg/xrNXwmUY>) find the channel #requirements-info and download and install Ammonia.

4. Installing Glow Pre-release (current release)

In the Discords channel find the #glow-download channel and download and install the latest version there. At the time of writing, the current version is from 15/07/2025. Should a later version be available, you may ignore the next step.

5. Installing Glow Pre-release (current release)

If the latest release of Glow is indeed from 15/07/2025, you can download and install (replace) a newer pre-release version of libGlowHooks.dylib to get Glow to work on MacOS Tahoe.
You can download the pre-release .dylib here:
<https://discord.com/channels/1379317869040631910/1379317874350362657/1417836580386770975> Always check in Discord if this is still the most recent version.
Once you have downloaded this .dylib, replace the existing libGlowHooks.dylib file in
/private/var/ammonia/core/tweaks with the newly downloaded file. Reboot your system for changes to take effect.

Now the (pre-release!) Glow tool should work on your system. Find existing Themes on the discord channel or start building your own theme. Remember, this is a non-official guide, and may be deprecated by the time you're reading this. Always check with on the discord & with the developer (@bedtime) about changes.