

# FROZEN PLAINS OUTPOST

*Frozen Plains Outpost clings precariously to life amidst a vast, white expanse. Jagged ice formations claw at the sky, and the wind howls a constant lament across the desolate plains, a chilling prelude to the glacial entity's inevitable advance.*

## ADVENTURE HOOKS & RUMORS

- A scouting party from the Frostguard has gone missing near the Whispering Glacier, presumed lost to a sudden, unnatural cold pocket. Whispers suggest the entity is testing the outpost's defenses.
- Rumors circulate of a hidden cache of ancient technology, said to be capable of generating immense heat, buried beneath the ice. The Frostguard is fiercely protective of any such discoveries, but desperate times may call for desperate measures.
- A lone traveler claims to have seen strange, crystalline structures forming within the encroaching glaciers, pulsating with an unnatural cold. Some believe these are harbingers of the entity's awakening, while others see a potential weakness.

## LOCATIONS

### 1. The Frostgate

The main entrance to the outpost is a massive archway carved from ice infused stone. A perpetual blizzard whips through the gate, its icy tendrils biting at exposed skin and obscuring vision. The wind carries the mournful howl of the plains, a constant reminder of the encroaching cold. Patches of frost creep across the stone, and the air is thick with the scent of frozen water. The gate itself is reinforced with thick metal bands, a testament to the desperate measures taken to protect the outpost.

### 2. The Armory

A frozen storage hall containing equipment and forgotten weapons, guarded by automated defenses.

### 3. The Warming Station

A geothermal vent powers a crucial heating system, requiring a ritual to maintain its flow.

### 4. The Observation Deck

A high vantage point reveals the glacial entity's slow advance and impending threat.

### 5. The Glacier's Maw

Deep within the outpost's heart lies a cavernous chamber, carved into the bedrock beneath the settlement. Here, the Frostguard makes their last stand. Soldiers in heavy, insulated armor are locked in a desperate battle against grotesque, ice formed creatures spawned from the glacial entity. The air crackles with

## ENCOUNTERS

Name	Details
Frostguard Patrol	Three heavily armored Frostguard soldiers maintain order, suspicious of outsiders.
Ice Wraith Ambush	Spectral guardians of the cold attack, fueled by the glacial entity's power.
Frozen Beast Pack	A group of wolves mutated by the cold, hunt for warmth and sustenance.
Ritual Defense	A Frostguard ritual is disrupted, unleashing animated ice constructs.

## TREASURE

- Froststone Amulet:** Grants resistance to cold, but slowly drains the wearer's warmth if overused.
- Thermal Gauntlets:** Provide warmth and enhanced grip, but attract unwanted attention from ice wraiths.
- Ancient Compass:** Points towards geothermal vents, but is prone to malfunctioning in extreme cold.

## NPCS

- Elder Lyra:** A wise Frostguard elder, burdened by the outpost's fate.
- Kaelen:** A resourceful hunter, knowledgeable about the plains and potential allies.
- Vorlag:** A power hungry Frostguard captain, distrustful of outsiders and eager for control.

## PLOT RESOLUTIONS

- The adventurers could choose to rally the Frostguard, bolstering their defenses against the glacial entity, but this would require navigating Vorlag's distrust and potentially sacrificing their own resources to reinforce the outpost's walls. This choice directly impacts the Frostguard's survival and the outpost's ability to withstand the entity's advance.
- The PCs might decide to seek out the hidden cache of ancient technology, risking the Frostguard's wrath to potentially unleash a powerful heat source. Successfully activating the technology could turn the tide of the conflict, but failure could enrage the glacial entity and accelerate its approach.
- The adventurers could attempt to communicate with the crystalline structures within the glaciers, hoping to understand the entity's nature and potentially find a weakness. This risky endeavor could yield valuable knowledge, but also expose them to the entity's influence or trigger a devastating response.

