

**FREE STEAM PLAYTEST**

Run from your friends.  
Then hunt them.

**WHAT LURKS BELOW opens free Steam playtest signups**

Kyoto Video Game Concern is inviting players to try WHAT LURKS BELOW through a free Steam playtest. Players can request access from the game's Steam store page and will be notified by Steam when they are admitted.

WHAT LURKS BELOW is a first-person multiplayer horror game built around hiding, chasing and changing sides. Runners try to escape player-controlled monsters in procedurally generated arenas, while proximity voice chat lets nearby players hear each other.

In TAG, a hunter who catches a runner swaps roles with them: the runner becomes the monster and the former hunter has to flee. In HUNT, caught runners join the hunters, leaving fewer survivors with each catch.

Explore six hunting grounds, choose monsters with different abilities, and tune the rules of each match. The free playtest is open for signups ahead of the full game's planned 26 October 2026 release.

**REQUEST ACCESS ON STEAM**

Sign up on the store page. Steam will notify you when admitted.

# The game at a glance

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| DEVELOPER / PUBLISHER | Kyoto Video Game Concern                                                |
| PLATFORM              | Windows PC / Steam                                                      |
| GENRE                 | Multiplayer hide-and-seek horror                                        |
| PLAYTEST              | Free; request access on Steam.<br><a href="#">Play the browser demo</a> |
| ACCESS PROCESS        | Steam notifies players when admitted                                    |
| FULL-GAME RELEASE     | 26 October 2026                                                         |
| MODES                 | TAG and HUNT                                                            |
| PLAY OPTIONS          | Public/private online lobbies; solo with bots                           |
| HUNTING GROUNDS       | Hedgemaze, Poolrooms, Farmhouse, Backrooms, Dungeon, Bio                |
| LANGUAGES             | English; Japanese interface and subtitles                               |
| PRESS CONTACT         | kyotovgc@gmail.com                                                      |

## TWO WAYS TO PLAY

### TAG

Catch a runner and swap roles. They become the hunter; you become the runner.

### HUNT

Caught runners join the hunters. Every catch leaves fewer players trying to survive.

## Different monsters, different problems

The Woodsman follows trails left by runners. Horizon can see runners through walls and obstacles. The Imposter takes on a runner's appearance. Learning what is hunting you changes how you hide and escape.

Hosts can choose the grounds, hunter, mode and map size, then adjust settings such as movement speed, round length and ability cooldowns.

### CONTENT NOTE

Horror, sudden scares, blood, gore and disturbing imagery. Includes online voice and text communication.

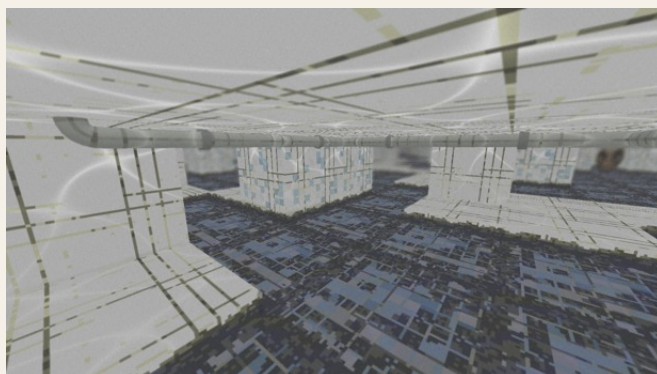
# Six hunting grounds

Original game captures. Full-resolution PNGs are included in the kit.



## Farmhouse

Creaking floors, peeling paint, and a storm that threatens to tear the roof off.



## Poolrooms

Steam, slime, water, terror.



## Hedgemaze

Green, clean, awfully neat. Did you hear that?



## Dungeon

Stone, rust, chains. No way out. And the skulls...



## Backrooms

Abandoned. Still lit. Twisting. Looping. Definitely abandoned.

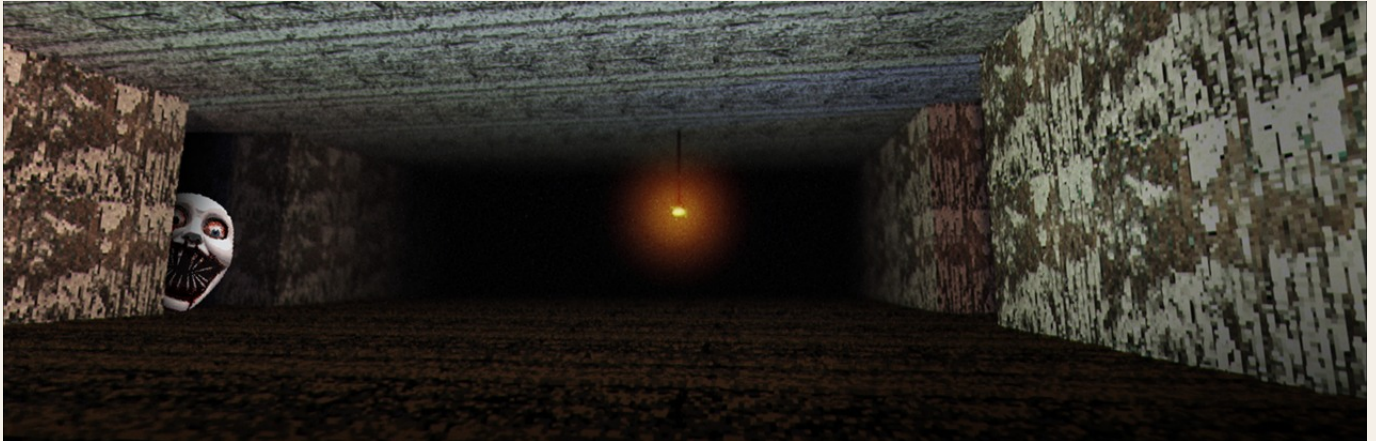


## Bio

In the belly of the beast. But not alone.

Credit: Kyoto Video Game Concern. Screenshots show a development build; some include HUD elements or bots.

# For editors & creators



## THE PACKAGE

### Copy you can use

A press release, fact sheet and short description are supplied as editable text files.

### Images

Six original PNG screenshots, a transparent game logo, landscape key art and a wide environment image.

### Trailer

An approximately 75-second, 1080p / 60 fps MP4 with game audio and music. The existing end cards say "Coming this Halloween!".

## BROWSER DEMO

Try a demo of WHAT LURKS BELOW directly in your browser.

[Play the browser demo: whatlurksbelow.com/play/wlb/](https://whatlurksbelow.com/play/wlb/)

## PLAYTEST ACCESS

You can also request free playtest access on Steam. Steam will notify you when admitted.

[Steam store / playtest signup / trailer player](#)

[Discord community](#)

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