Snail, Inc. and Studio Wildcard Announce ARK: Survival Ascended Available Now For Purchase

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ARK reimagined from the ground-up into the next-generation of videogame technology with Unreal Engine 5

CULVER CITY, Calif., Oct. 25, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Snail, Inc. (Nasdaq: SNAL) (“Snail” or “the Company”), a leading, global independent developer and publisher of interactive digital entertainment announced today with Studio Wildcard that the highly anticipated ARK: Survival Ascended is available for download on Steam today, with the console versions coming soon in November.

This monumental remake of the ARK franchise leverages Unreal Engine 5's stunning graphics and introduces a game-altering cross-platform modding system, ushering in a new era of creativity.

Key Features:

- **ARK: Survival Ascended has completely recreated and redesigned the artwork** and worlds of ARK to take advantage of the latest in video game technology, Unreal Engine 5, using high-end graphics features such as fully dynamic Global Illumination (“Lumen”), so that light bounces realistically of off surfaces and provides realistic reflections, and advanced mesh streaming (“Nanite”) of hundreds of millions of triangles for extreme detail.
- **Advanced new physics systems** such as dynamic water so that every creature creates waves, ripples, splashes, and bubbles as they move through fluids, and fully interactive physical foliage where every blade of grass, bush, and tree reacts to characters, explosions, projectiles, and physics objects. Knock down a tree, and see it crash into other trees and disturb all the foliage on its way down to smacking into the grass below! Detect an enemy moving sneakily through the grass as it shifts and sways in response to their presence. Demolish a building and watch the pieces break apart realistically, interacting with the grass and water as they fall.
- **ARK: Survival Ascended includes access to all of ARK’s worlds** , including Scorched Earth, Aberration, Extinction, ARK Genesis Part 1, ARK Genesis Part 2, and more. The Island is released now, with the subsequent expansion worlds to be added at no additional cost on a regular basis throughout 2024.
- **The definitive survival experience returns,** better than ever design your Survivor, form a tribe, and tame, train, breed and ride dinosaurs within a living ecosystem. Watch your food, water, temperature, and weather patterns. Slowly expand outwards as you harvest, build structures, farm crops, customize your visual designs, and proceed to explore to uncover the true nature of The Island and the worlds beyond.
- **Thorough Quality of Life:** revamps in every area, redesigned user Interfaces, dynamic navigation for intelligent creature pathfinding, Wild Babies, Photo Mode, new Camera systems, new Map system, Tracking System, new Structures and Items, new Creatures, and much more.
- **Cross-Platform Modding:** download and play new custom content created by players, including new maps, creatures, items, and game modes, through a dedicated new Mod-bowser directly within the game! Enjoy an endless stream of new ARK content as the creativity and talent of the community is fully unleashed for the first time ever across gaming platforms!
- **Cross-Platform Multiplayer:** form your online tribe across different gaming platforms as you work together to survive and thrive on the ARK!
- **Supports public online multiplayer** for up to 70 players, private-session multiplayer for up to 8 players, and local split-screen for 2 players.

“ARK Survival Ascended stands as a testament to Snail’s unwavering commitment to innovation. It pushes the boundaries of gaming, establishing new industry standards that elevate the gaming experience to remarkable heights. As we move forward into 2024 we are dedicated to further enriching the ARK IP and continuing to redefine the gaming landscape,” said Jim Tsai, Chief Executive Officer of Snail, Inc.

ARK Survival Ascended is available on Steam at a 10% launch sale discount. More information can be found on https://playark.com/

Watch the new ARK Survival Ascended trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gLODoXanog

Purchase on Steam here:
https://store.steampowered.com/app/2399830/ARK_Survival_Ascended/

View on Xbox here: https://www.microsoft.com/store/r/9P33VJGVPHVP

View on PlayStation here: https://store.playstation.com/concept/10008286

About Snail, Inc.

Snail is a leading, global independent developer and publisher of interactive digital entertainment for consumers around the world, with a premier portfolio of premium games designed for use on a variety of platforms, including consoles, PCs and mobile devices.

About Studio Wildcard

Founded in 2014, Studio Wildcard's mission is to bring AAA quality to ambitious indie titles designed for core gamers. The studio's hit title ARK: Survival Evolved has sold more than 76 million copies across all platforms. The team emphasizes direct communication with their active community, implements player feedback into its fast, iterative dev cycle, and provides tools to drive user-generated content. Studio Wildcard includes distributed developers across multiple continents, as wherever talented developers reside, Wildcard seeks them out! www.studiowildcard.com

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements. Many of the forward-looking statements contained in this press release can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "expect," "should," "plan," "intend," "may," "predict," "continue," "estimate" and "potential," or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements appear in a number of places in this press release and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding Snail's intent, belief or current expectations. These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of Snail's business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, plans and objectives. The statements Snail makes regarding the following matters are forward-looking by their nature: growth prospects and strategies; launching new games and additional functionality to games that are commercially successful, including the launch of ARK: Survival Ascended, ARK: The Animated Series and ARK 2; expectations regarding significant drivers of future growth; its ability to retain and increase its player base and develop new video games and enhance existing games; competition from companies in a number of industries, including other game developers and publishers and both large and small, public and private Internet companies; its relationships with third-party platforms such as Xbox Live and Game Pass, PlayStation Network, Steam, Epic Games Store, the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store, My Nintendo Store and the Amazon Appstore; expectations for future growth and performance; and assumptions underlying any of the foregoing.

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