

# World Management

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# Backups and Current World

Ark manages its world saves in a bit different of a manner than most games. These are typically stored in the fashion of:

- TheIsland

- TheIsland.bak

But you will see many of these, they are date coded. To have a copy of your current world, you will download the original file, not any with .bak on them.

If there are errors in your world, or it won't start with the main one, you can delete it (This is permanent!!), and rename the .bak to the main. i.e. TheIsland.bak you change to TheIsland when you rename it.

# Change World

To change a world on Ark you must follow these steps:

- Stop the server
- Click Ark in the left menu to expand the menu
- Click Settings as the option
- Find the "World" or "Level Name" option and change the setting to the world you want.
- Scroll down and save
- Start the server

After you do all this, the new map will load in. Should you have any issues, open a ticket to our support team.