

Super Monkey Ball Beginner FAQ

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1-Introduction

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Hello, and welcome to my Beginner FAQ for Super Monkey Ball. This guide is mainly geared towards players that are just starting off, and young'uns that might be getting a little frustrated. Whomever you are, make yourself at home, and

read on.
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2-Controls
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Analog Stick-That round appendage protruding from the left side of your controller. You can't miss it.-This is the only control you're going to need in Super Monkey Ball. This tilts the stage that you're playing on, thus making your monkey roll. The further you tilt the stick, the further the stage will tilt. How dare they make it so complicated ^_~ In some later levels, it can affect other things, but we'll cross that bridge when we come to it.

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3-Beginner
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Level 1-It starts...
Time:60
Bananas:4
Banana Bunches:0

Beating it:A hard one already? Heh heh, this level is over before it begins. Just hold up. You can grab bananas if you want to try to build up for extra lives.

High Score:Just hold up and you'll get yourself a cool 11860. But wait! You can add another 100 points from grabbing either the left or right banana along the way! You need to tilt the control stick -ever so slightly-. If you do it right, you'll snag the extra banana, and still finish with 58:30 left.

Level 2-The Hole
Time:60
Bananas:3
Banana Bunches:0

Beating it:Go forward, and curve either right or left to avoid the gaping hole. You can grab a banana on your way, and then nab another banana behind the goal, if you're going for an extra life. If you're really obsessed with getting bananas, you can loop back and grab the banana on the other side of the hole. Then just walk right into the goal.

High Score:This one is deceiving...in order to get a really good score, you don't exit through the obvious goal. If you turn around, you'll notice a small ramp. Go up and off, and you'll land on a small platform, with a green exit! This will multiply your score by 3 when you go through it ^_^ Right off the bat hold down, and adjust as the camera turns, to go straight off the ramp. As you fall, turn around so that when you hit the ground, you'll be aimed straight for the goal. Once you land, zoom right in!

Level 3-Racetrack!
Time:60
Bananas:4
Banana Bunches:0

Beating it:Simply go forward, and follow the path that is given to you. On your way to the goal you'll nab 2 bananas. If you want more bananas, after you get the first 2, turn around, and follow the path the other way. You'll get to another curve, with 2 more bananas. You can then go forward into the goal.

High Score:Instead of speeding through the little halfpipe, begin by going up the right wall, back down, and up the left, then up the right wall again, and over into the goal. That was quick ^_^

Level 4-Moving and Shaking

Time:60

Bananas:7

Banana Bunches:0

Beating it:Start off holding up, and follow the path, nabbing bananas, until about the halfway point of the spinning platform. Now wait there, staying on the platform, until the platform lines up so that you can get the next banana. Get it, then keep going forward, in line with the bananas. You'll end up on the final platform, and you can go straight into the goal.

High Score:Ahh...feeling speedy? In order to get the fastest possible time on this level, you need to make it across the entire rotating platform in one pass...and grab every banana. Start off holding up, and veer a little bit to the right. You want to nick the first banana with the left side of your ball. Now you can grab the rest of the bananas easily, and when getting off the rotating platform, make sure to stay centered. You don't want to ram into the side of the goal, and go flying out of the level, now do you?

Level 5-Bonus!

Time:60

Bananas:50

Banana Bunches:0

Beating it:Well, no matter what you do, you advance to the next level...

High Score:To get all 50 bananas, you'll want to collect them in an organized fashion. Grab the closest one, then make your way around the outside of the square of bananas. Once that's done, go all the way around the inside square of bananas. Now Collect the banana that sat inside the square, and then the one lone banana that's far off at the "end" of the level.

Level 6-ZigZag

Time:60

Bananas:8

Banana Bunches:0

Beating it:Go forward until the first ramp, then let go of forward, and just keep yourself on it, as you safely glide

down. Grab the 2 bananas, then head down the next ramp in the same fashion. Repeat this for the next 2 ramps. Now for the last one, if you have trouble keeping the monkey on, you might want to pull back a bit, just so that you don't fall off. Head straight into the goal.

High Score:Woo! This is a very fun level to go for quick times on! What you do, is hop off the right side, holding forward, bounce, and land right in front of the goal. You'll need to experiment with velocities, because it's very possible to overshoot it completely, and also very possible to undershoot. Good luck ^_^

Level 7-Upward ho!

Time:60

Bananas:12

Banana Bunches:1

Beating it:Turn around and grab the two bananas behind you, then go to the first ramp. Grab the banana at the bottom, then go straight up the ramp, and grab the banana on your way, and the one at the top. Go over to the second ramp, and grab a banana, then head straight up the ramp, grabbing one on your way, and one at the top. Grab the banana just before the third one, turn, and aim for the banana bunch. Go straight forward at full speed, and make it up the ramp, getting your very first bunch of bananas! Now grab the banana at the top, and the two near the goal, then head straight into the goal.

High Score:This is about as straightforward as it gets...cut all of the corners sharply. The only banana you should get is the bunch of bananas on the third ramp. The other bananas are too far out of the way to be worth it.

Level 8-Dole it up

Time:60

Bananas:25

Banana Bunches:2

Beating it:Wait until the corner square of the large square approaches you. Now, stay on it as well as you can, until the squares join back up, and make the large square. Go position yourself on the far corner square. You can collect quite a few bananas, but it's best just to go straight there, to avoid missing your ride, so to speak. Now just stay on the corner, until it reaches the final platform, and head into the goal! If you really want those banana bunches, you can just wait on any of the two side corners, and collect it, then get back on, and head either for the other banana bunch, or the goal. Your choice.

High Score:The key to this level, is to collect as many bananas as possible before boarding the corner leading to the goal. Get onto the first square and wait until the squares are almost touching, then zigzag across the Dole logo, in an effort to get as many bananas as possible. Make sure you make it to the corner that goes to the Goal also, otherwise your efforts will be in vain. On my personal record run, I got 11 bananas.

Level 9-Full speed ahead!

Time:60

Bananas:1

Banana Bunches:1

Beating it:Go forward, and right across the path, until you reach the plateau of sorts. Now head straight at the bunch of bananas, with a fair bit of speed, so that you make it across. Now as soon as you hit the wall, pull towards the wall, so that you don't fall off. Now you can head around behind the goal and grab a banana, then head into the goal.

High Score:Right off the bat, you want to hold up. Curve right, and get straightened out along the straight path. Near the end, pull back to slow down, and curve around the bend. Your goal is to get headed towards the bunch of bananas at an angle, so that you'll hit the ramp, go flying into the wall on the next platform, and bounce into the goal.

Level 10-Eww...

Time:60

Bananas:6

Banana Bunches:0

Beating it:This is the first difficult level. You're best off not collecting bananas, but rather focusing on making it through the level. Hold up right away, and head across the first thin walkway. Now turn, and head across the second thin walkway, taking your time, so that you don't fall. Now, the third thin walkway is composed of stairs, so take this one slowly. Now head across either bridge (it makes no difference which one you take), and then head up the next thin walkway. You need to keep yourself at a decent speed so that you actually make it. Take your time on that one. Now go to the curving thin walkway, the final obstacle before the goal. Go across it slowly, you should have enough time to make it without having to rush. Now simply rush through the goal, and you'll grab the banana behind it.

High Score:Hold up right off the bat. When you near the end of the straight bit, hold down to brake. Turn right, and fly off the platform, onto the one below, going across the thin bridge with the banana on it, and veering right, up the slope. You should get onto the curvy bit with well over 50 seconds left. Take them quickly, and you can finish with more than 45 seconds left, which makes for an impressive replay ^_^

Extra 1-o_0 whaaat....

Time:30

Bananas:7

Banana Bunches:0

Beating it:Wait until the first platform comes, and get on it. Now just follow the platforms as they move. Take it slowly, and get onto the final platform at your own pace; you don't need to be particularly quick about it. Now just stroll into the goal.

High Score:You can't get onto the moving platforms straight away, so just approach the gap slowly. When the platform arrives, get onto it, and start moving in a quick, slightly leftward movement. You want to grab every banana. Once you get the last banana, burn it onto the final platform, and into the goal.

Extra 2-Wheel of Goalosity, turn turn turn...

Time:30

Bananas:5

Banana Bunches:0

Beating it:If you want bananas, you can grab the row of 5 at the back of the level. Just wait until the goal slows down, then go right through the goal.

High Score:Hold up straight away. If you veer slightly left, and just keep yourself going towards the goal, you should get in at 28:40 or quicker.

Extra 3-I'm gonna be sick...

Time:30

Bananas:5

Banana Bunches:1

Beating it:Easier than it looks...Hold up right off the bat, and then continue forward, until you get to the edge of the level. Turn around, and head straight into the goal. You'll probably want to avoid banana hunting, as this level doesn't make it very fun...

High Score:Hold up right off the bat, and head towards the banana in the middle. Once you nab it, veer right, and hold back to brake. Start zooming in the opposite direction, and with some practise you should head right into the goal, and nab the banana behind it ^_^ Unfortunately, the bunch of bananas is stuck in a place where it's not even worth the time to grab it.

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4-My Scores

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Here are all of my scores, despite how sucky they are...feel free to gaze at them when you need a confidence boost! ^_^

B1-11960

B2-31460

B3-11590

B4-11776

B5-5000

B6-11216

B7-10862

B8-10690

B9-11982

B10-9382

BX1-4980

BX2-5700

BX3-5286

TOTAL-141884

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5-Closing

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Ahh.....and so it ends. I hope you've enjoyed my Beginner FAQ, and I certainly hope that you benefit from it ^_^ Good luck!

By the way, if anyone has any strategies that will get you through the levels faster, easier, or with a higher score, feel free to email them to me at xxfunkytoadxx@yahoo.com ^_^

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6-Credits

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CJayC-for maintaining an excellent website, and for hopefully putting this up!

Nintendo-The people who made that thing.....uh.....y'know.....er....GameCube! That's it!

Sega-For feeding my infatuation of monkeys

xXDarkLightXx-for helping me through some tough times, so that I could get back on track, and back to this guide!

Frak-same as above ^_^

The Perfect Dark Elite Message Board-for always helping me with scores for games and stuff.....without them, I wouldn't have the thirst for competition that I do!

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