

# RANGER

**Alignment:** Any.

**Hit Die:** d8.

## Class Skills

The ranger's class skills (and the key ability for each skill) are Climb (Str), Concentration (Con), Craft (Int), Handle Animal (Cha), Heal (Wis), Hide (Dex), Jump (Str), Knowledge (dungeoneering) (Int), Knowledge (geography) (Int), Knowledge (nature) (Int), Listen (Wis), Move Silently (Dex), Profession (Wis), Ride (Dex), Search (Int), Spot (Wis), Survival (Wis), Swim (Str), and Use Rope (Dex).

**Skill Points at 1st Level:** (6 + Int modifier)  $\times$  4.

**Skill Points at Each Additional Level:** 6 + Int modifier.

**Table: The Ranger**

Level	Base Attack Bonus	Fort Save	Ref Save	Will Save	Special
1st	+1	+2	+2	+0	1st favored enemy, Track, wild empathy
2nd	+2	+3	+3	+0	Combat style, Bonus Feat
3rd	+3	+3	+3	+1	Favored Terrain
4th	+4	+4	+4	+1	Animal companion, Bonus Feat
5th	+5	+4	+4	+1	2nd favored enemy
6th	+6/+1	+5	+5	+2	Improved combat style, Bonus Feat
7th	+7/+2	+5	+5	+2	Woodland stride
8th	+8/+3	+6	+6	+2	Swift tracker, Bonus Feat
9th	+9/+4	+6	+6	+3	Evasion
10th	+10/+5	+7	+7	+3	3rd favored enemy, Bonus Feat
11th	+11/+6/+1	+7	+7	+3	Combat style mastery
12th	+12/+7/+2	+8	+8	+4	Bonus Feat
13th	+13/+8/+3	+8	+8	+4	Camouflage
14th	+14/+9/+4	+9	+9	+4	Bonus Feat
15th	+15/+10/+5	+9	+9	+5	4th favored enemy
16th	+16/+11/+6/+1	+10	+10	+5	Bonus Feat
17th	+17/+12/+7/+2	+10	+10	+5	Hide in plain sight
18th	+18/+13/+8/+3	+11	+11	+6	Bonus Feat
19th	+19/+14/+9/+4	+11	+11	+6	
20th	+20/+15/+10/+5	+12	+12	+6	5th favored enemy, Bonus Feat

## Class Features

All of the following are class features of the ranger.

**Weapon and Armor Proficiency:** A ranger is proficient with all simple and martial weapons, and with light armor and shields (except tower shields).

**Favored Enemy (Ex):** At 1st level, a ranger may select a type of creature from among those given on Table: Ranger Favored Enemies. The ranger gains a +2 bonus on Bluff, Listen, Sense Motive, Spot, and Survival checks when using these skills against creatures of this type. Likewise, he gets a +2 bonus on weapon damage rolls against such creatures.

At 5th level and every five levels thereafter (10th, 15th, and 20th level), the ranger may select an additional favored enemy from those given on the table. In addition, at each such interval, the bonus against any one favored enemy (including the one just selected, if so desired) increases by 2.

If the ranger chooses humanoids or outsiders as a favored enemy, he must also choose an associated subtype, as indicated on the table. If a specific creature falls into more than one category of favored enemy, the ranger's bonuses do not stack; he simply uses whichever bonus is higher.

**Table: Ranger Favored Enemies**

Type (Subtype)	Type (Subtype)
Aberration	Magical beast
Animal	Monstrous humanoid
Construct	Ooze
Dragon	Outsider (Babylonian)
Elemental	Outsider (Canaanite)
Fey	Outsider (Egyptian)
Giant	Outsider (Israelite)
Human (Babylonian)	Outsider (Diabolic)
Human (Canaanite)	Plant
Human (Egyptian)	Undead
Human (Israelite)	Vermin

**Bonus Feats (Ex):** At every even-numbered class level, a ranger gains a feat from the following list as a Bonus feat in addition to those any others he would normally get. The bonus feat must be drawn from the following list, and the character must meet the prerequisites for the feat normally.

Alertness, Acrobatic, Animal Empathy, Animal Instinct (General. +2 to Initiative, +2 to Spot), Athletic, Blind Fight, Combat Expertise, Deft Hands, Dodge, Endurance, Great Fortitude, Iron Will, Lightning Reflexes, Mobility, Run, Self-Sufficient, Toughness, Weapon Finesse.

**Favored Terrain (Ex):** At third level, a ranger chooses a particular terrain (Forrest, Desert, Mountains, Ocean, etc. In that terrain, he receives a +1 bonus to Hide, Intuit Direction, Move Silently, Spot, and Survival.

**Wild Empathy (Ex):** A ranger can improve the attitude of an animal. This ability functions just like a Diplomacy check to improve the attitude of a person. The ranger rolls 1d20 and adds his ranger level and his Charisma bonus to determine the wild empathy check result. The typical domestic animal has a starting attitude of indifferent, while wild animals are usually unfriendly.

To use wild empathy, the ranger and the animal must be able to study each other, which means that they must be within 30 feet of one another under normal visibility conditions. Generally, influencing an animal in this way takes 1 minute, but, as with influencing people, it might take more or less time.

The ranger can also use this ability to influence a magical beast with an Intelligence score of 1 or 2, but he takes a –4 penalty on the check.

**Combat Style (Ex):** At 2nd level, a ranger must select one of two combat styles to pursue: archery or two-weapon combat. This choice affects the character's class features but does not restrict his selection of feats or special abilities in any way.

If the ranger selects archery, he is treated as having the Rapid Shot feat, even if he does not have the normal prerequisites for that feat.

If the ranger selects two-weapon combat, he is treated as having the Two-Weapon Fighting feat, even if he does not have the normal prerequisites for that feat.

The benefits of the ranger's chosen style apply only when he wears light or no armor. He loses all benefits of his combat style when wearing medium or heavy armor.

**Alertness:** A ranger gains Alertness as a bonus feat at 2nd level.

**Animal Companion (Ex):** At 4th level, a ranger gains an animal companion selected from the following list: badger, camel, dire rat, dog, riding dog, eagle, hawk, horse (light or heavy), owl, pony, snake (Small or Medium viper), or wolf. If the campaign takes place wholly or partly in an aquatic environment, the following creatures may be added to the ranger's list of options: crocodile, porpoise, Medium shark, and squid. This animal is a loyal companion that accompanies the ranger on his adventures as appropriate for its kind.

This ability functions like the druid ability of the same name, except that the ranger's effective druid level is one-half his ranger level. A ranger may select from the alternative lists of animal companions just as a

druid can, though again his effective druid level is half his ranger level. Like a druid, a ranger cannot select an alternative animal if the choice would reduce his effective druid level below 1st.

**Improved Combat Style (Ex):** At 6th level, a ranger's aptitude in his chosen combat style (archery or two-weapon combat) improves. If he selected archery at 2nd level, he is treated as having the Manyshot feat, even if he does not have the normal prerequisites for that feat.

If the ranger selected two-weapon combat at 2nd level, he is treated as having the Improved Two-Weapon Fighting feat, even if he does not have the normal prerequisites for that feat.

As before, the benefits of the ranger's chosen style apply only when he wears light or no armor. He loses all benefits of his combat style when wearing medium or heavy armor.

**Woodland Stride (Ex):** Starting at 7th level, a ranger may move through any sort of undergrowth (such as natural thorns, briars, overgrown areas, and similar terrain) at his normal speed and without taking damage or suffering any other impairment.

However, thorns, briars, and overgrown areas that are enchanted or magically manipulated to impede motion still affect him.

**Swift Tracker (Ex):** Beginning at 8th level, a ranger can move at his normal speed while following tracks without taking the normal –5 penalty. He takes only a –10 penalty (instead of the normal –20) when moving at up to twice normal speed while tracking.

**Evasion (Ex):** At 9th level, a ranger can avoid even magical and unusual attacks with great agility. If he makes a successful Reflex saving throw against an attack that normally deals half damage on a successful save, he instead takes no damage. Evasion can be used only if the ranger is wearing light armor or no armor. A helpless ranger does not gain the benefit of evasion.

**Combat Style Mastery (Ex):** At 11th level, a ranger's aptitude in his chosen combat style (archery or two-weapon combat) improves again. If he selected archery at 2nd level, he is treated as having the Improved Precise Shot feat, even if he does not have the normal prerequisites for that feat.

If the ranger selected two-weapon combat at 2nd level, he is treated as having the Greater Two-Weapon Fighting feat, even if he does not have the normal prerequisites for that feat.

As before, the benefits of the ranger's chosen style apply only when he wears light or no armor. He loses all benefits of his combat style when wearing medium or heavy armor.

**Camouflage (Ex):** A ranger of 13th level or higher can use the Hide skill in any sort of natural terrain, even if the terrain doesn't grant cover or concealment.

**Hide in Plain Sight (Ex):** While in any sort of natural terrain, a ranger of 17th level or higher can use the Hide skill even while being observed.