



Review: "Pikmin 3" - Wii U

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**SCORE: 82/100**

I feel like a pancake being cooked when it comes to the Wii U. I am flipping, and flopping all over the place. I just want it to be cooked completely through. I want to avoid that doughy taste in the middle if I can help it. I can see so many sides of the Wii U that it is really difficult to come to one concrete opinion.

Things are made even worse thanks to releases like Pikmin 3 on the Wii U. Nintendo has put forth a solid title that streamlines many things. At the same time I can still see room for improvement in the franchise. Nintendo is also using Pikmin 3 to promote community play with Bingo Battle.

Three commanders occupy Pikmin 3. Players get to swap between them as they play the game. Players can send them out on separate missions to different places on the map. It took me a few tries to figure that part out, even though the game explains it.

The Wii U Gamepad is used as a second screen in multiple ways. During the main part of the game it shows the map. Scrolling around on the map pauses the game, which is important since there is only so much time in any given day. Thankfully we can go back and replay any previous day with the greatest of ease.

These three leaders are on the planet to collect resources. In the beginning of Pikmin 3 this is extremely important. As is getting all your Pikmin within a certain circle before night falls. I could easily return them to their onion, but I could not figure out how to get my leaders back into their ship early.

The different types of Pikmin come with different benefits. The Red Pikmin are fire resistant for example. The Rock Pikmin can break through glass. Whatever Pikmin type takes creatures or flowers to the onion will produce more of that type. Keep that in mind as you are building your Pikmin army.

There is comic mischief and violence in Pikmin 3. Odd looking creatures will be in your way, so the game encourages us to dispose of them. They are hostile and will attack you if you give them the chance. The Pikmin will fight for you. They will take these things down for you. The E10+ rating is a good one for this franchise in my humble opinion.

Graphics: 84%

Sound: 81%

Replay/Extras: 80%

Gameplay: 87%

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Family Friendly Factor: 80%

System: Wii U

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Rating: 'E10+' - Everyone 10+ {Mild Cartoon Violence}

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