

Name Blazing Trails

Allegiance Goldenflare

ColorsWarm browns, pale golds, oranges, reds, and blues.BannerTwo brown paws surrounding a tree, alighting it in flame.

Element Fire

Trade Landscaping, Farming, Scholars and Masters

Location Rich Farmlands

LeaderMaster FironaHeirMaster Sunce

Founder Master Inferojan (deceased)

Founding Year Year 2985

Living Members 46

Blazing Trails is primarily a fire clan, renowned for their mastery of landscaping and controlled fires. The clan is located in the Rich Farmlands, overseeing and maintaining a large portion of farmland where clanless farmers work.

History

Initially, the beginnings of Blazing Trails started as a small, tight-knit group of fire dragons belonging to the same family. The family, who were all self-sufficient farmers and hunters, lived within a forest in the Lush Fields seemingly without much hassle, save for the occasional animal or dragon that would beset them.

Although the family were without much comfort, they were able to thrive in the wilderness regardless.

However, this humble beginning would be drastically uprooted in the summer of 2712, when a rampant fire was accidentally started by a careless teenager attempting to flaunt their element to a younger sibling. Their flame spread to several plants, including a handful of trees, which in turn fed into a bigger, uncontrollable fire. The fire disseminated almost all of the family's livestock and crops, leaving them on the brink of starvation. To make things worse, several of the adults in the family lost their lives in an attempt to stop the fire. So, not only where the remaining survivors left without food, they were also fewer in number.

At first, the family was beside themself with grief; in just a single day, their prosperity had been snatched from them, and they were bereft of beloved fathers, mothers, siblings, cousins, and elders. After all the tears had been shed, there was a serious discussion about leaving the Lush Fields, and relocating to a nearby city, such as Cliffwall. However, this option wasn't favorable, as the family would be forsaking their way of life and history. At the same time, the other choice—to stay in the now burnt and scarred forest to attempt to restore and rebuild it—wasn't favorable either, seeing how the family were fire dragons. Perhaps if they had been earth dragons, the choice of restoration would've been more appealing, but they were not earth dragons.

Fortunately, there was one another option the family could take. Not too far away, in the Rich Farmlands, lived another cluster of farming dragons. While the two families were not close, they were still friendly with one another. They had a history of exchanging crops, coins, and livestock with one another. A few of the dragons in the burnt forest sought out this other family for aid, and were indeed helped by them. Thanks to that family, the fire dragons were able to start growing crops and tending to livestock once again.

As the fire farmers began to plant their seeds, they noticed that their crops began blossoming at a faster rate than they had before the catastrophic fire. Bewildered by this observation, many of the dragons started to study this bizarre finding. They were able to discover that the fire had warmed the soil, encouraging growth, and burnt away all the root systems of the previous flora, creating an abundance of space for new plantlife to take root and grow.

This discovery opened the family to a new perspective of the fire that seemingly ruined them. Now, the family realized that fire, although destructive and potentially fatal, also cultivated growth, new-life, and opportunity. One family member became particularly invested in the potential of fire and growth, leading them to eventually become proficient enough in controlling fires to a mastery none of the other family had achieved before. With that dragon at the helm, the family began experimenting with controlled fires.

Soon, the experiments turned into successful endeavors. As the family found with their crops grown after the 2712 fire, other crops grown in areas that had controlled fires grew at a faster rate. With this confirmation, most of the family began honing their element, in an attempt to raise their skill level to a high enough mastery to where they could not only better control their flames, but also prevent another disastrous fire from occurring.

As the family's mastership of fire grew, in addition to their bounty of crops, so too did their notoriety. Other farming families began asking for their services. The fire dragons agreed, as the opportunity would give them the chance to practice their craft, as well as earn some coin. During some of these jobs, the family members would notice that their employers had an inefficient layout for their farm. As an example, sometimes the farmers hadn't removed the native wildlife in its entirety, and/or were only using a single field without allowing it to rest and rejuvenate its soil. After explaining the various issues to the farmers employing them, the family would offer to improve it, and they were often met with a yes.

Over the years, the fame of the fire family, who had been affectionately nicknamed Blazing Trails for their fire markings that trailed alongside their backs, boomed exponentially. The family now enjoyed wealth that their ancestors never imagined. However, the initial focus on controlled fires shifted to landscaping as smaller clans and rich clanless families employed them more and more for landscaping. As a result, Blazing Trails's craftsmanship of landscaping increased to the point where they were one of the go-to families for all of high society's landscaping needs.

Additionally, the newly found fortune and influence also enabled the family to embark upon two fields of study, with the intentions of furthering their knowledge and mastery of landscaping and controlled fires. This manifested as many family members becoming Scholars, and eventually Masters, of Botany or Fire. However, a small branch of Blazing Trails would deter from this path, and instead create a blacksmithing portion of family members. This was born from a desire to save money from outsourcing resources for their businesses, and instead develop the family's blacksmithing skills for their own purposes, such as building their own tools for farming and landscaping. In due time, this branch would evolve from producing simple farming tools to full-fledged armor to aid Warfang's Army.

In the year 2985, Blazing Trails prevented a fire from burning down a clan's farming lands in the Rich Farmlands. This act of heroism, in addition to their many well-known Scholars and Masters of Botany and Fire, and the creation of countless farming jobs for Warfang citizens through their controlled fires—helping to feed the nation to boot—swayed the Warfang Council into granting the family clanhood.

Clan Traits & Features

The most prominent trait of Blazing Trails is their warm brown scales, however, some clan members have a more orangish-tone to their scales.

The second most notable trait of the clan is that of their two sets of protruding horns from the top of their head and the upper jaw. These horns are often a dark brown color with streaks of fire crawling up them.

The trait that earned the clan their nickname is that of the fire markings that trail from the tip of their neck to the back. These elemental markings are always in the shape of flames with a brighter, darker outline, and a lighter, mock-glowing inner flame.

The final trait that makes up Blazing Trails is their mane-like frills atop their heads, backs, and tails. The tail in particular mimics a flaming flare; some members have the color of their tail frills "bleed" onto the actual tail itself.

Elements & Variants

Blazing Trails is exclusively Fire, but in recent times, there is a singular water dragon with clan status, however, this is the lone exception.

Fire (45 total)

Orange fire (26)

Yellow fire (8)

Red fire (7)

Blue fire (4)

Water (1 total)

Deep blue (1)

Trade

Blazing Trails is most prominently known for their landscaping trade. Nowadays, they are mostly sought out by clans and rich families for their services, but they do occasionally serve clanless farmers as a nod to their roots. Almost all clan members pursue this path through years of study, with the ambition of becoming Masters of Botany or Fire. Masters of Botany dedicate their lives to the science of flora, striving to invent new techniques to better cultivate vegetation, whereas the Masters of Fire aim to discover additional methods to incorporate fire in horticulture. Both of these pathways align to a shared goal of giving rise to gorgeous gardens with a productive and potent plant life.

Additionally, the clan also owns a massive portion of farming lands in the Rich Farmlands, which sustains Warfang. Though the clan tends to an assortment of livestock and crops, there is a preference for certain animals and plants. As a homage to the strength, endurance, and life-giving capabilities of fire, the clan specializes in raising and butchering Fireback Buffalo. Likewise, for crops, the clan focuses on primarily growing wheat, as the grain can be made into many belly-filling dishes that a hardworking farmer would need as not only sustenance, but energy as well.

There is a singular branch that specializes in blacksmithing, with a distinct focus on producing armor for the Army, but every other Blazing Trails member is expected to go into the landscaping profession.

Perhaps somewhat ironically, despite the clan's support towards the Army, almost all Blazing Trails members serve as guards for their mandatory service.

Reproduction & Eggs

Blazing Trails does permit romantic unions, but they are rather selective in the potential candidates, seeking out pure fire lineages.

While the clan does dabble in the occasional Reproduction Contract, they don't have a major interest in doing so, and instead look for acceptable arranged or romantic unions.

In reproduction contracts, Blazing Trails accepts eggs with warm brown colors that are streaked in flaming, trail-like markings, yielding any remaining eggs. However, the clan will readily welcome the remaining eggs if the other party has no desire for them. If brought into the clan, the children from these rejected eggs are raised to be caretakers and/or servants.

Notable Members

Master Firona (Patriarch)
Embarr (Unified of Fiona, deceased)

Unnamed mother of Master Firona (deceased)
Unnamed Father of Master Firona (deceased)

Unnamed sibling of Master Firona (brother)
Unnamed sibling of Master Firona (brother)
Unnamed sibling of Master Firona (sibling)
Unnamed sibling of Master Firona (sister)

Master Sunce (firstborn of Master Firona, Heir)
Unnamed child of Master Firona (daughter)
Unnamed child of Master Firona (son)
Unnamed child of Master Firona (daughter)

Aithon (cousin of Master Firona)

Feurne (grandson of Master Firona)
Kelpie (granddaughter of Master Firona)
Pegasire (granddaughter of Master Firona)
Selkie (granddaughter of Master Firona)

Status

This clan is invite-only.

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