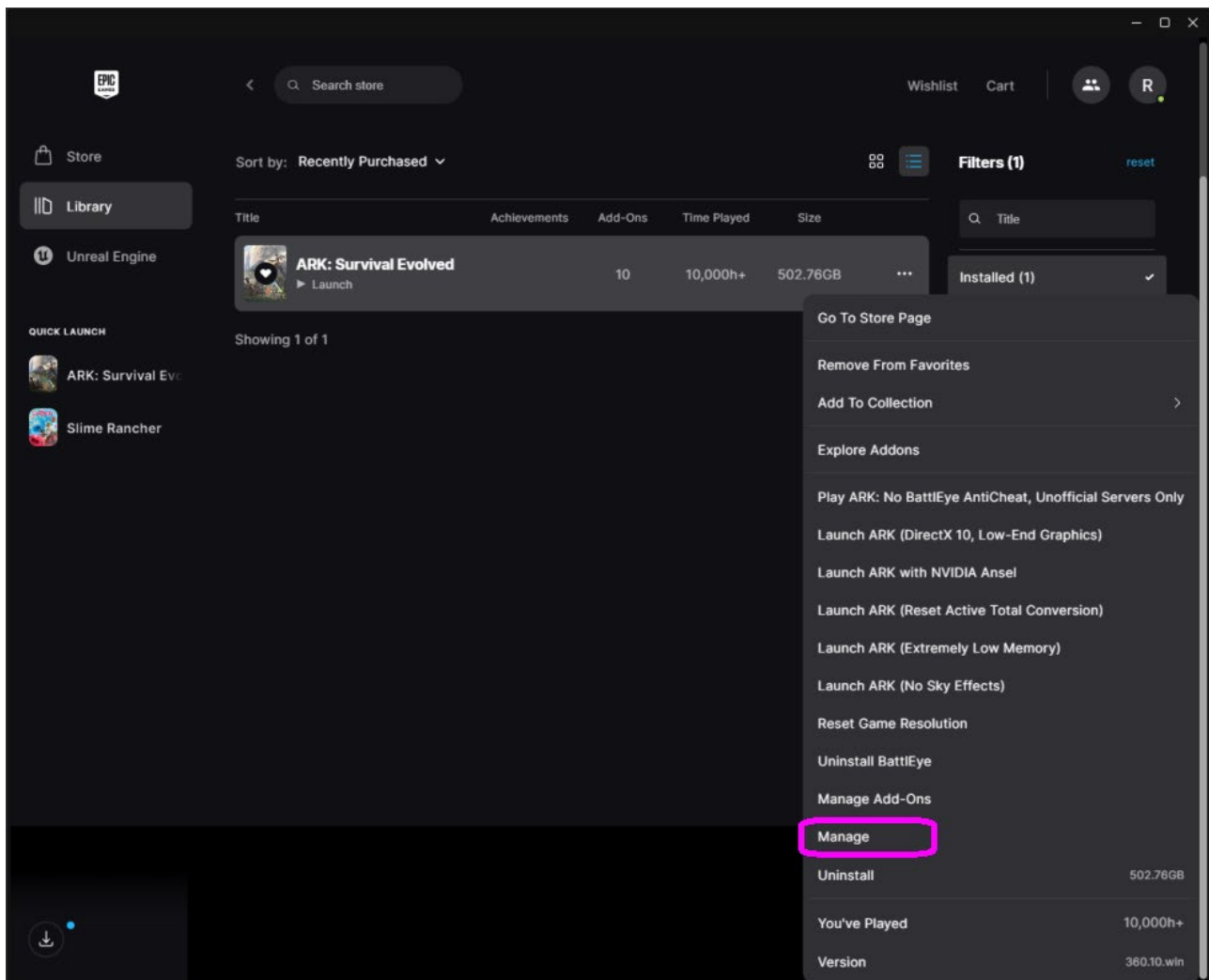
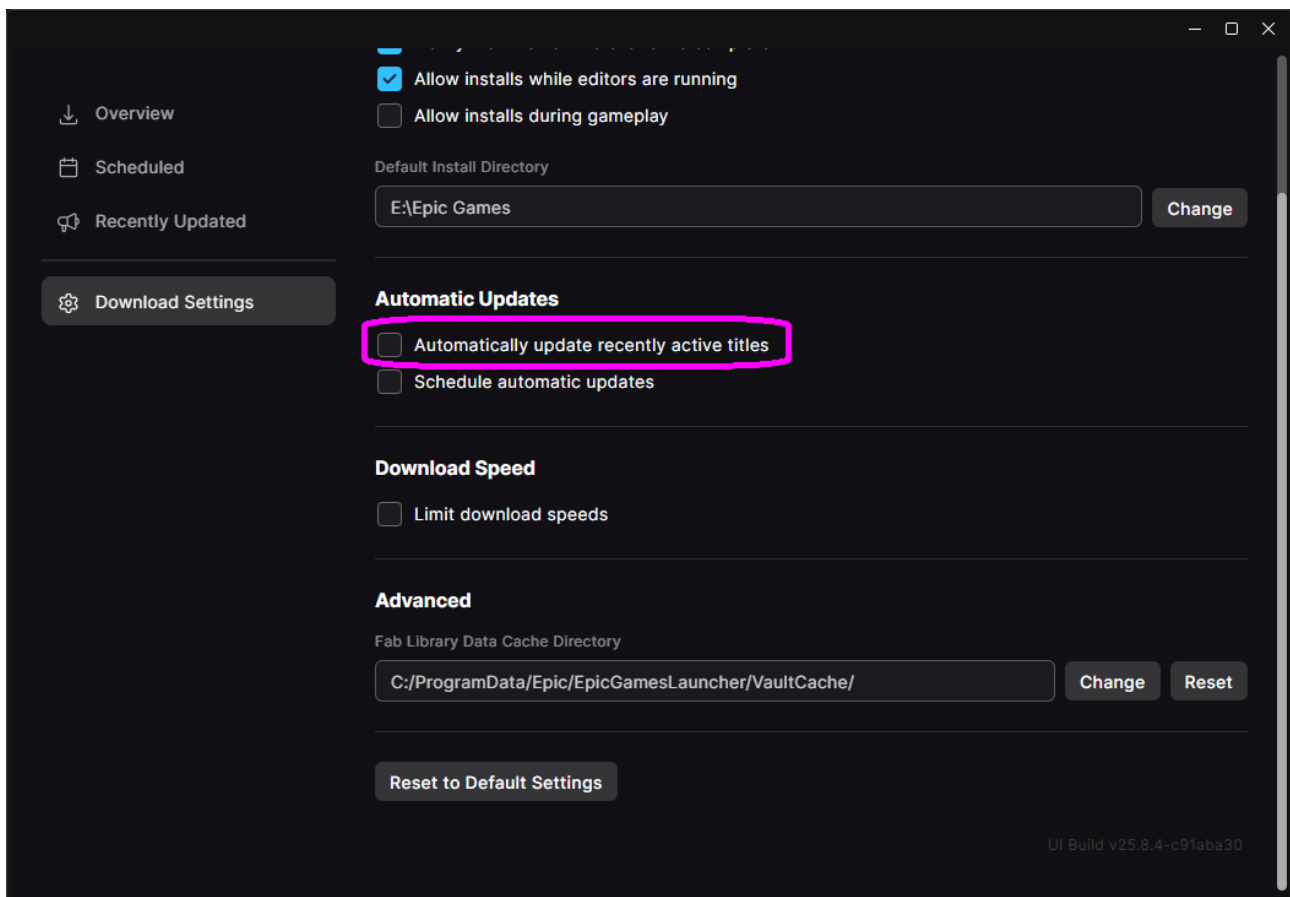
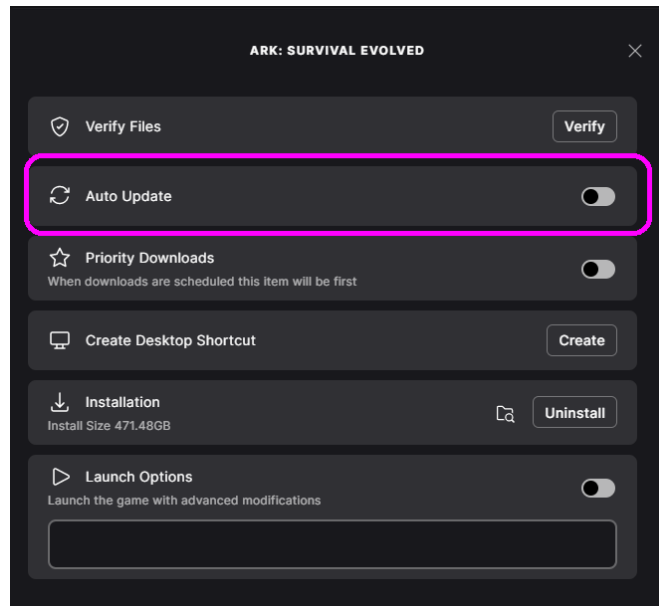


Pre-Aquatica rollback and cares for Epic users

Read and follow this guide carefully to avoid any issue.

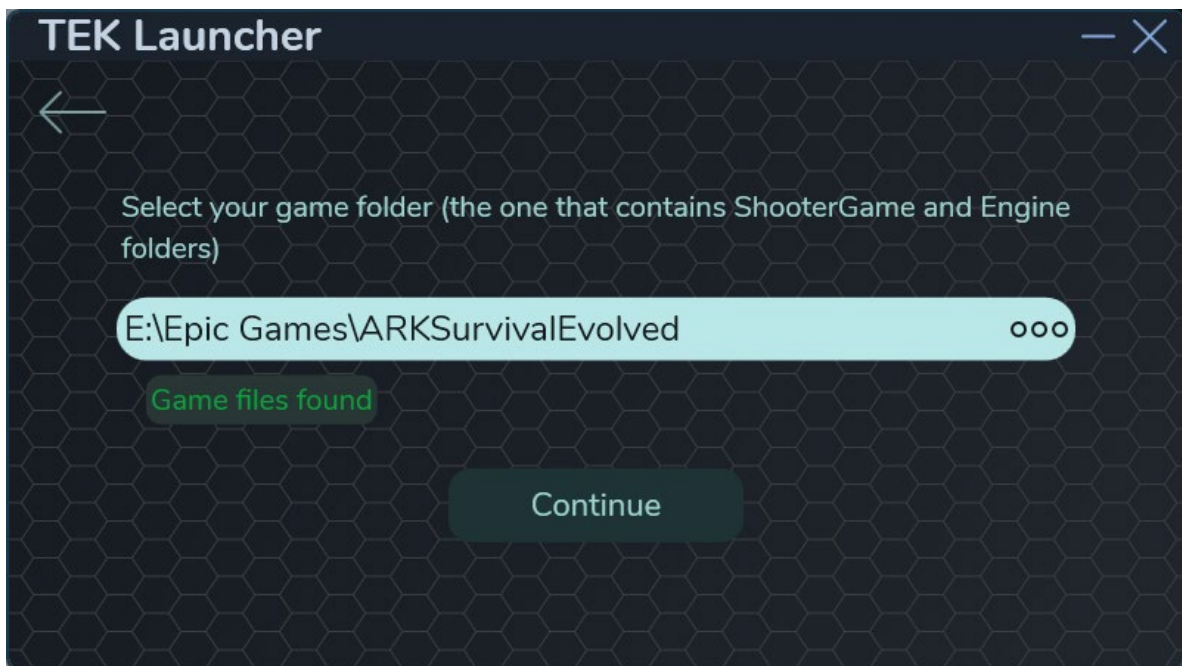
1. You may want first to make a backup of saved content (`\Epic Games\ARKSurvivalEvolved\ShooterGame\Saved`), copy the folder on your desktop. This will allow you to keep most of your settings as well solo/local host saves and mini-map and explore notes progress.
2. If you didn't already update your Epic installation in the Epic Games Store launcher, you will need to download and install such update. Note: this process can be slow and will revert any eventual compression applied with CompactGUI.
3. Once done, **you must disable the automatic updates for ARK in Epic Games Store**: go to your library on left, find ARK: Survival Evolved, click on the three dots . . . on the right, then **Manage** and toggle off Auto Update option. If this option is missing, find on the bottom-left of the Epic launcher the **Download Manager** icon, then click on it, on the left of the new window click **Download Settings**, then on the right toggle off the **Automatically update recently active titles**. Close all the windows and exit from the Epic launcher.



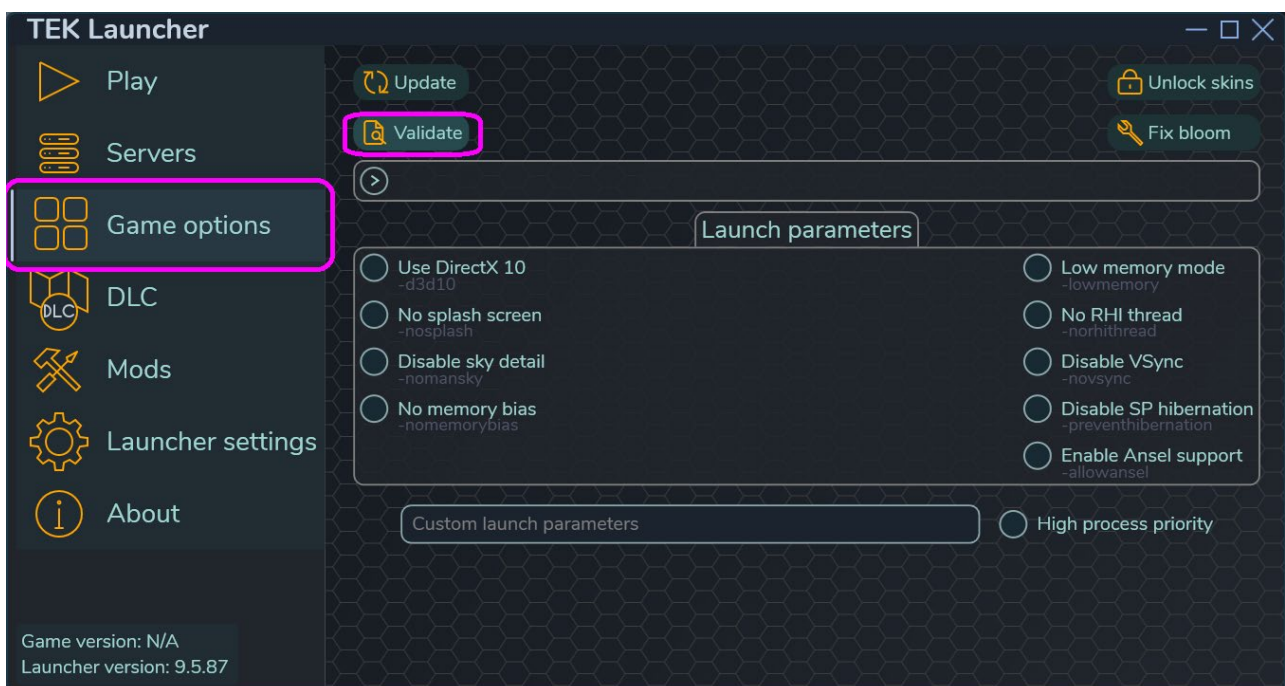


4. Download and install the **.NET 9 Desktop runtime**:
<https://dotnet.microsoft.com/download/dotnet/thank-you/runtime-desktop-9.0.8-windows-x64-installer>
5. Download and install Steam if you don't have it already (its presence is necessary for the procedure to work correctly): <https://store.steampowered.com/about/>

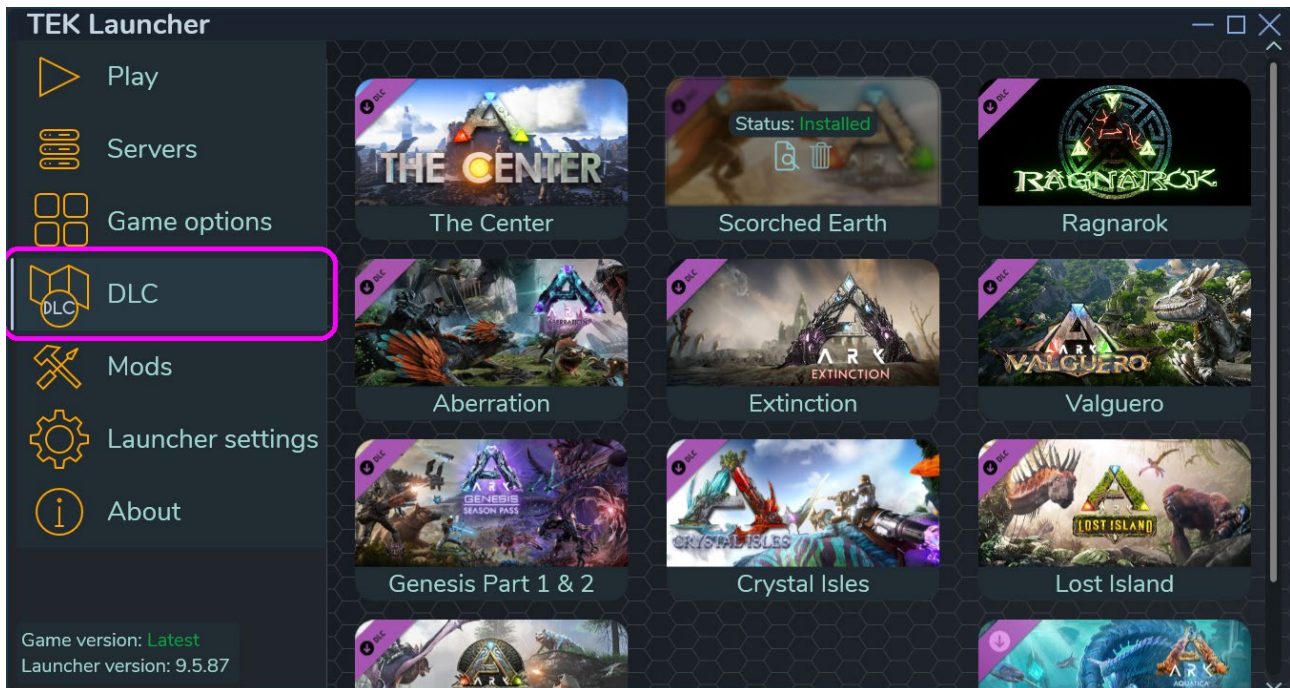
6. Download **Tek Launcher** (TekLauncher.exe) :
<https://github.com/Nuclearistt/TEKLauncher/releases/latest>
7. Be sure your Epic version is already updated from step 1, **close Epic Games Launcher** including the tray icon on bottom right of task bar, **then run TekLauncher** (it requires admin permission).
8. Chose the option that you have the **game already installed** and select your actual path of the Epic installation of ARK



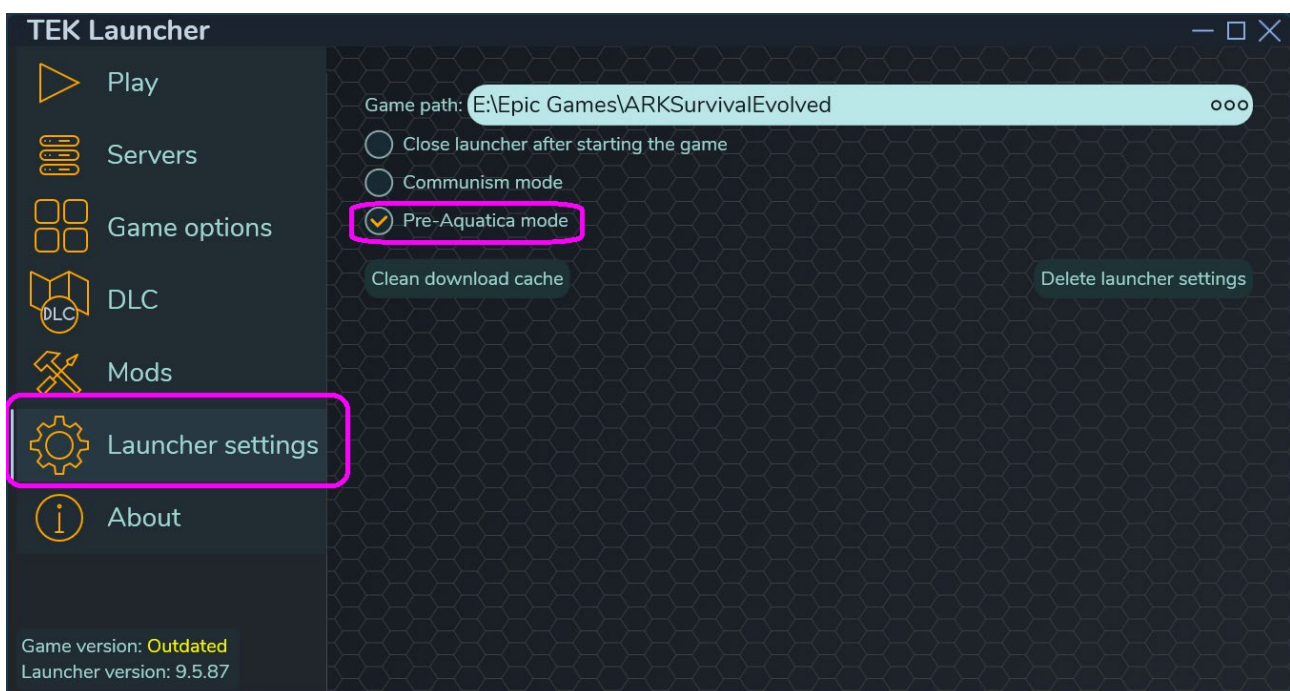
9. Go to Game Options on the left, then click Validate. This will take just a couple of minutes.



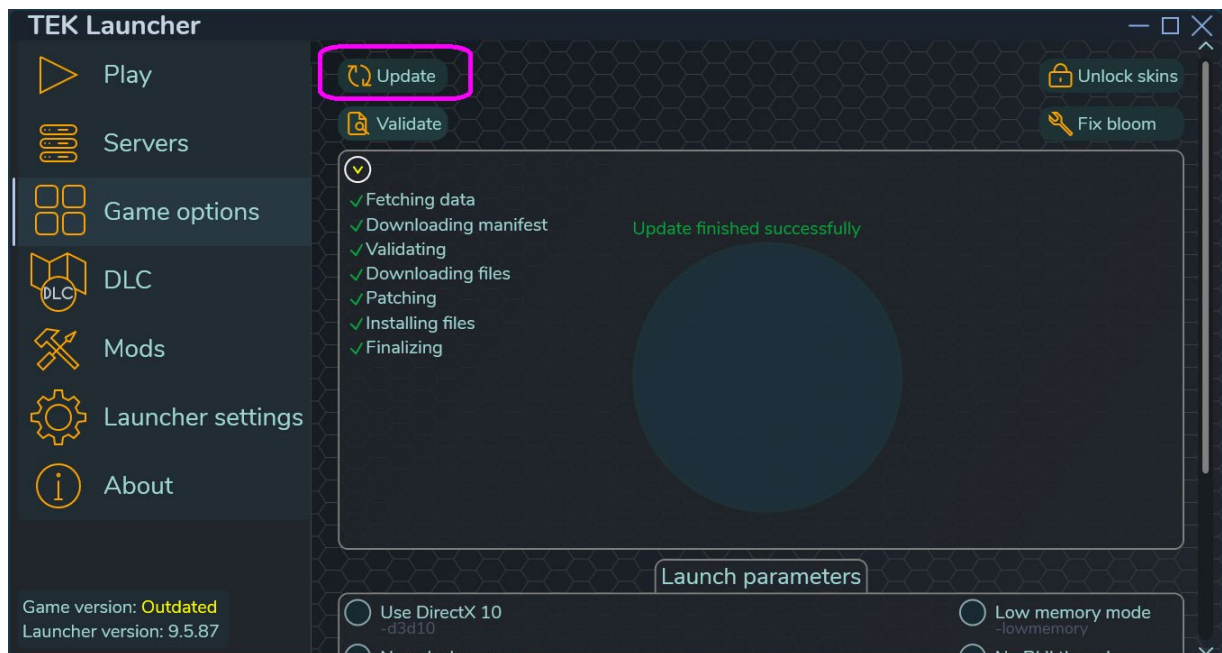
- Go to **DLC** on the left and **for each DLC** you have already installed, separately click on the left icon that appears when you hover the mouse cursor on top of them. A window about validating each DLC will show up.



- For each DLC** wait the validation process to be finished. After a DLC validation is finished, you can close its little window.
- After you validate all your DLCs, go to **Launcher Settings** on the left and select the **Pre-Aquatica mode** option.

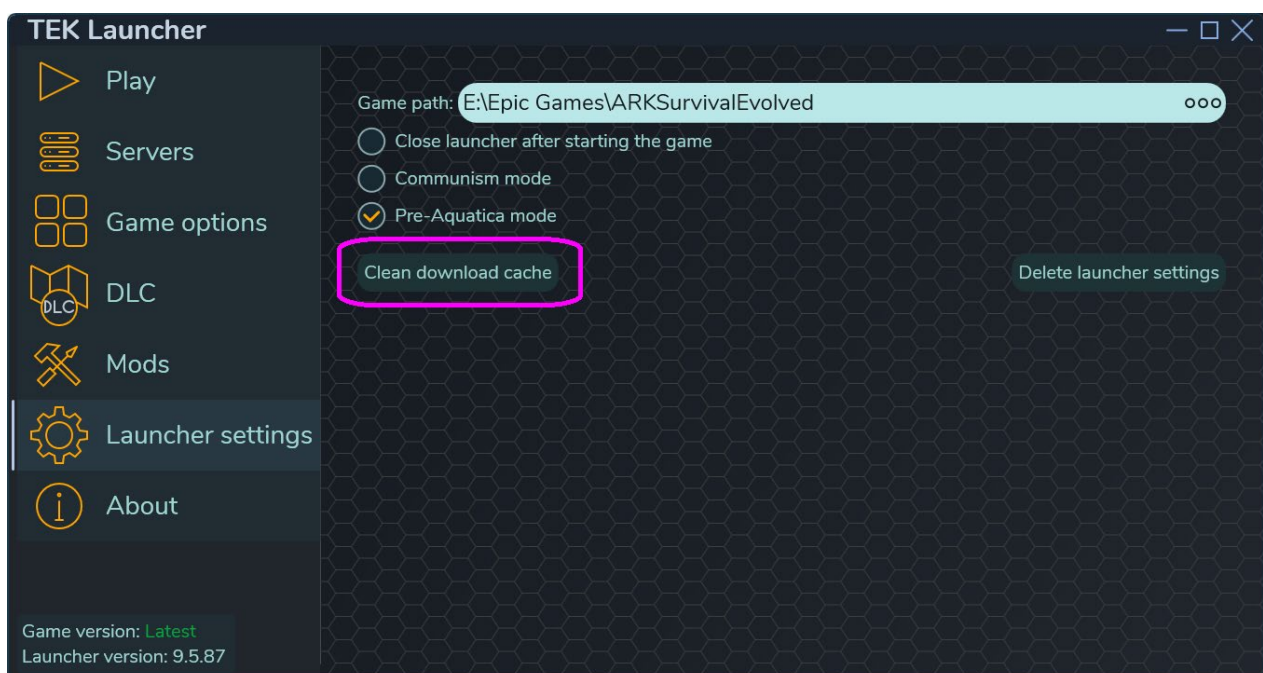


13. Go back to Game Options on the left and click Update. Tek Launcher will start the rollback process for the core game (The Island only). This process will take some minutes.



14. After the process is complete for the core game, go again to DLC on the left: **for each DLC** you already validated on previous step click on the left icon that appears when you hover the mouse cursor on top of them. A window about downloading/updating each DLC should show up. **In case you get an update error** (happens often with free map DLCs), go back to to Launcher Settings and click on Clean download cache, then go back to DLC and click on the **middle button** when you hover over the failed DLCs, this will restart the validation of the DLC and download the required files.

Note: do this step one DLC at a time. Once a DLC update finished successfully, close the small DLC updater window and do the same for the next DLC. This entire procedure may take a while, especially with many DLC installed.



15. Once all the DLC are updated to Pre-Aquatica, close Tek Launcher. **Do not start the game through Tek Launcher.**

Now, go into `Epic Games\ARKSurvivalEvolved\ShooterGame\Binaries\Win64` and rename `steam_appid.txt` in something like `steam_appid.txt.old` or `_steam_appid.txt`, this will avoid the game to launch through Steam if you have Steam opened in background.

If your settings or map or explorer note has been reset, restore the backup files you did in step 1.

You can eventually reapply now any compression with CompactGUI.

16. You can play now ARK: Survival Evolved thorough Epic Games Launcher.

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