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Niantic, Inc. just rolled out a new update for Pokémon GO that is changing the game experience for many players, as well as the way they interact with Gyms and other features.

The End of the First Year



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With Pokémon GO's first anniversary coming up July 6, the game

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first real world fan convention for the game, while other in-game events pop up in between.

However, the biggest update has just taken place, which may change the way some players experience the game. This June, **Pokémon GO** shut down its gyms entirely and returned a few days later with several new features. New gyms are popping up in previous PokéStops, and players are able to collect new items, as well as leave as many as six Pokémon at a Gym with their team. In addition, the Pokémon defending a Gym now keeps a “motivation” stat, which represents the Pokémon’s morale. Motivation increases with berries and decreases with defeats in battle.

Raid Battles

The last major part of the update includes a new Raid Battle system. This is a cooperative gameplay update that is currently available in only some areas, but that allows players to team up and fight against powerful Raid Bosses. Raid Battles take place at Gyms in some areas. At the moment, this new feature only extends to players who are at level 35 and higher, but there is still more to come.

Players expect more updates to roll out from **Niantic** this summer. In the meantime, Pokémon trainers can experiment with the recent Gym features and the Raid Battles if they have enough game experience.

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