

One Hundred Essential Missouri Fiddle Tunes

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Where tunes are concerned, Missouri fiddlers go for quantity as well as quality. Even the average fiddler in Missouri can be expected to play over 100 tunes. Better players can render several hundred pieces from memory. The ability to play continuously for a long period of time without repeating a tune is an important hallmark of a master Missouri fiddler.

For a tune to qualify for the list below, it had to be one that I played (which is a significant limitation in itself), and it had to be either of Missouri origin (to my knowledge) or be very commonly heard in the state. See how many you recognize. If you want to be a true traditional Missouri fiddler I encourage you to add those you don't know to your repertoire.

Hoe-downs

1. Aunt Mary's Hornpipe-D
2. Bert Co. Breakdown-A
3. Big Horned Cattle-A
4. Black Sally Goodin-G with E string tuned down to D
5. Brickyard Joe-G
6. Caton's Hornpipe-G
7. Climb Upstairs the Monkey-G
8. Clyde Durst's Tune-C
9. Comin' Down From Denver-A
10. Cyril's G Tune-G
11. Dance Around Molly-A
12. Dark & Curly Hair-C
13. Dick Sand's Hornpipe-A

14. Dry & Dusty-D
15. Duncan's Hornpipe-A
16. Eighth of January-D
17. Fever in the South-G
18. Fiddler's Hoe-down-D
19. Fiddler's Hornpipe-Bb & F
20. Fire on the Mountain-A & D
21. Five Miles Out of Town-D
22. Forked Deer-D & A
23. Garfield's Hornpipe-Bb
24. Gilsaw-D
25. Grand Picnic-D
26. Grey Eagle-A
27. Grey Eagle in C-C
28. Happy Jack-C
29. Hell Among the Yearlings-D
30. Hell on the Wabash-D
31. Hooker's Hornpipe-G
32. Irish Cobbler-G
33. Irish Hornpipe-D
34. Irish Reel-D
35. Jack Danielson's Reel-A
36. Jim Clark's Hornpipe-D

37. Johnny Bring the Jug Around the Hill-A
38. Johnny Don't Come Home Drunk-D
39. Joseph Won A Coated Fiddle-D
40. Jump Fingers-C
41. Kansas City Rag-G
42. Lantern in the Ditch-D
43. Lazy Kate-A
44. Liberty-D
45. Long John-G
46. Marmaduke's Hornpipe-D
47. Mississippi Sawyer-D
48. Missouri Mud-D
49. Money Musk-A
50. Oklahoma Redbird-Bb
51. Old Countryman's Reel-Bb
52. Old Hen Cackle-G
53. Old Dubuque-D
54. Old Fort Smith-G
55. Old Joe-C
56. Old Melinda-C
57. Opera Reel-D
58. Pacific Slope-A
59. Polk County Breakdown-A

- 60. Rocky Road to Jordan-D
- 61. Salty River Reel-A
- 62. Sleepy Eyed Joe-A
- 63. Soldier's Joy-D
- 64. South Missouri-D
- 65. Spotted Pony-A
- 66. St. Joe Hornpipe-Bb
- 67. Talk To Dinah-A
- 68. The Threshing Tune-C
- 69. Thunderbolt Hornpipe-Bb
- 70. Turkey Knob-A
- 71. Walk Along John-G
- 72. White Man (Bell Cow)-D
- 73. Zack Wheat's Piece-D
- 74. Zigzag Hornpipe-F
- 75. Zinger-A

Waltzes

- 76. A & E Waltz-A & E
- 77. Canary Waltz-A
- 78. Clark's Waltz-A
- 79. Cook's Waltz-G
- 80. Does Your Mother Come From Ireland-Bb
- 81. Forty Years Ago-D

- 82. Four States Waltz-F
- 83. Mother's Waltz-G
- 84. Ranger Waltz-D & G
- 85. Rose Waltz-C
- 86. Shamus O'Brien-Bb & Gm
- 87. Shenandoah Valley Waltz-D
- 88. Stars & Stripes Waltz-C
- 89. Vee Latty's Bb Waltz-Bb
- 90. Westphalia Waltz-G

Other Pieces

- 91. Art Wooten's Quadrille-Bb
- 92. Cyril's "G" Schottische-G
- 93. Echoes of the Ozarks-Bb
- 94. Ford One-Step-C
- 95. Huckleberry Blues-D
- 96. Jefferson & Liberty Quadrille-D
- 97. Little Red Barn Quadrille-A
- 98. Old Spinning Wheel-Bb
- 99. Put on your Old Grey Bonnet-Bb
- 100. Quadrille in "G"-G

