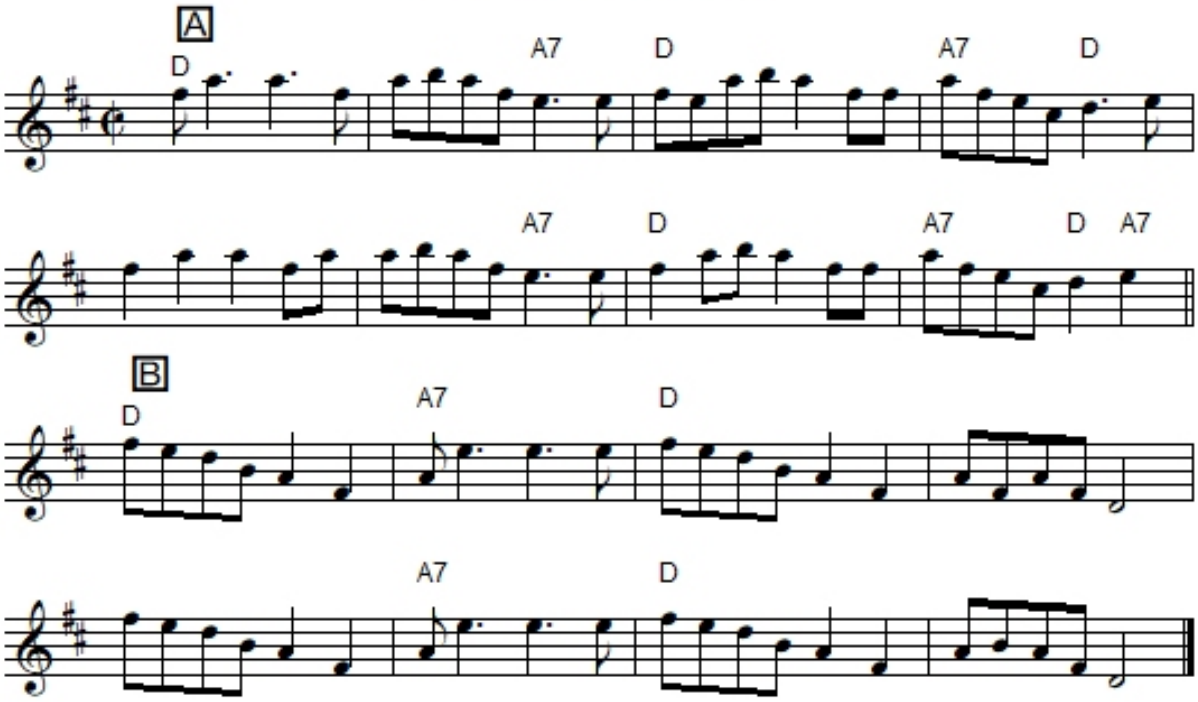
Shootin' Creek [2]



"Shootin' Creek (2)" is an American reel in cut time and D Major. The parts are played AB. Alan Jabbour collected the tune from the playing of Henry Reed (1884-1968) of Glen Lyn, Giles County, southwest Virginia in 1966 (he noted it in 2/4 time). He says it is of the simpler variety of tune popular with Blue Ridge area musicians, lending itself to performance on the banjo.

The banjo tablature is by John Letscher who says his source is mainly the Fuzzy Mountain String Band's playing.

From Jabbour's notes:

"Shooting Creek rises at the Blue Ridge, along the Floyd County-Franklin County line, and flows down the eastern flank of the mountain into Franklin County in the Virginia Piedmont. The hollow along Shooting Creek had a reputation for moonshining in the earlier twentieth century."

Another tune entitled "Shootin' Creek" has been recorded along the creek itself and in other locales in Virginia and West Virginia. It is also different from the "Shootin' Creek" recorded by Charlie Poole and the North Carolina Ramblers.

Henry Reed's "Shooting Creek" is similar enough to be compared to the other tune, but different enough that it cannot be flatly called a variant. His two sets of "Shooting Creek" vary between themselves; this one ends by descending to a low D on the D-string in the second strain, while the other (AFS 13037b01) ends the second strain on a D on the A-string, an octave higher".