

# Russell Creek

West Cascades Fiddle Camp 2014

Violin

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Bob Huffman is a guitar player from District 7, OOTFA. He turns 94 this August. Bob has a phenomenal memory for tunes he learned as a young boy. This is one of them.  
Donna

Russell Creek runs into Cow Creek near the town of Riddle, Oregon. During the early months of 1939 my Dad and I occupied a cabin on some property on Russell Creek owned by Oakie Collins, the Janitor of the Riddle School who was also a luthier . . . he made fiddles. He agreed to make one for my dad in return for our cutting and piling 28 chords of wood on his property. We spent a couple of months in Oakie's cabin playing music on that fiddle and an old guitar that we borrowed from Oakie. And then it was "off to California" for a summer picking fruit. We took the fiddle along. I learned the tune from my dad, but not the title, so I called it "Russell Creek" for want of the original title (if it ever had one).  
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