

## What level Mountain Dulcimer Player are You?

The levels below give a very basic description of what players at that level should know and be able to do. Knowing where you fit is helpful when signing up for classes or talking with other players.

**New Player:** no previous dulcimer experience.

**Beginner:** has a little experience with the dulcimer, but needs more help with the basics.

**Advanced Beginner:** familiar with basic strumming and fingering, can play simple melodies and a few basic chords in DAA and/or DAD tuning.

**Novice:** starting to make 3-finger chords, ready to try a different tuning and a few left-hand techniques.

**Novice Plus:** can play 3-finger chords, learning to use a variety of strumming patterns, flat and/or finger picking, and tuning variations.

**Intermediate:** has experience playing in several different tunings, familiar with chords and different right and left-hand techniques. Exploring various tunings and embellishments.

**Advanced:** is comfortable playing in a variety of styles and tunings; the accomplished musician, ready for more challenging techniques and repertoire.