

## Smithy Hill

(England)

Smithy Hill was created by Tom Cook and published in his *Hunter's Moon* collection, 1987. The tune is by Brian Jenkins.

Music: 6/8 meter CD: *English Dances presented by Bruce Hamilton, Band 3.*

Note: Once through the dance is twice through the tune.

Formation: Longways set, duple, improper (1s dancing on the “wrong side” of the set).

Steps: California Twirl: Inside hands joined, ptrs change footprints and direction, M walking around W and W turning under joined hands. End side-by-side facing in opp direction.

and Styling: Swat the Flea: Facing ptr, join L hands, change places walking fwd, W passing under joined hands. End facing ptr again.

The gentle step-swing was originally “a mild setting step.”

Meas Music: 6/8 meter Pattern

2 notes INTRODUCTION.

### DANCE

- A 1-2 Circle L halfway, starting L.  
 3-4 Keeping hands, gentle step-swing L and R.  
 5-8 Repeat, finishing at home.  
 9-10 W change places R shldr.  
 11-12 M repeat meas 9-10.  
 13-16 Repeat meas 9-12 back to place. All face out and neighbors take inside hands.
- A 1-4 Lead out a double and California Twirl to face back in.  
 5-6 W R-hand turn halfway to face ptrs in a column across the room.  
 7-8 Swat the Flea with ptr and keep hands. M are now in the middle of a line of 4.  
 9-12 L shldr half-hey-for-4. Begin with L hand, then pass shldr thereafter.  
 13-16 Ptrs join 2 hands. M pull the W to progressed places, then all gentle step-swing L and R.

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