

Caribou

(French Canada)

The caribou (KAH ree boo) is an animal from northern Quebec (Keh BEHK, in French); European deer family – wild deer

From Gatineau (Gatineau /Hull/Aylmer) – South west of the Province of Quebec – with influences from Quebec’s North Shore area - Les Escoumins.

Mixer - Style - Breakdown and solo jig - Jig that can be done flat footed to better represent the stamping of the animals.

Formation: Circle of men outside facing center; circle of women inside facing out

Part 1

GLIDE steps (chassés) to the R, on R, 2 series of & 1 & 2 & 3&.7 & 8 steps
Last 7 & 8 steps are transition, bringing weight on left foot

Part 2 – (couple hold as you feel comfortable)

SWING - on the R 2 series of &1 & 2 & 3& 7 & 8 steps
Finish in open position, partner on the L, making a circle

Part 3*

In: step 1 – 2 – 3 - touch, out: step 1 – 2 – 3 - touch

Straight in but short and not complete for Men 1 - 2 - 3 - touch

Women, turn under man’s left arm, ending face to face on the touch

Men back up to original place in the circle 1 - 2 - 3 touch... **Women** stay in place

Part 4

JIG* (Men first – Women respond)

Men: (123) (123) (123) 1 1

Women: repeat

Repeat, or do a variation -

Men: (123) 1 (123) 1 1

Women: repeat

* Either R or L foot can be used and use the ending “count” to readjust.

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