

A Note Road Map

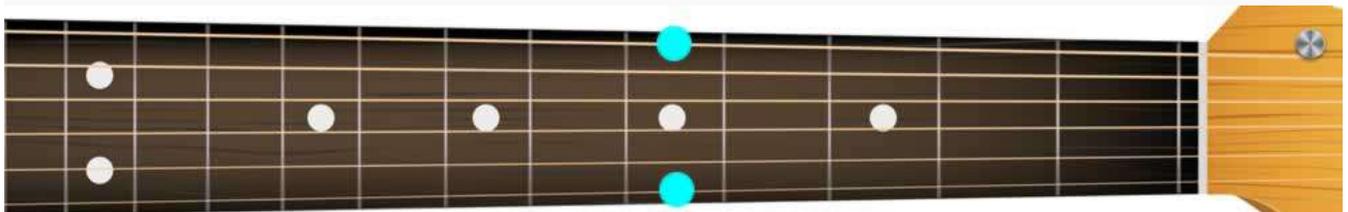
Let's locate our A notes! Two of them are already present in our open A chord. Do you know which ones they are?



The obvious first choice is, of course, the open A string. You'll find another A note an octave higher on the 2nd fret of the G string:



The E strings have an A note on their 5th frets:



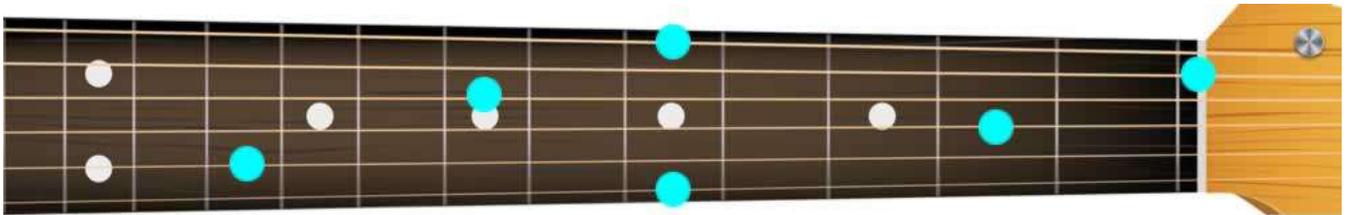
You can use octave patterns to find the A on the D and B strings. It's on the 7th fret of the D and all the way up on the 10th fret of the B string:



So, we end up with:

- E String – 5th Fret
- A String – Open
- D String – 7th Fret
- G String – 2nd Fret
- B String – 10th Fret
- High E – 5th Fret

Again, it's one thing to simply memorize it, but it's much better if you spend time finding them with your guitar in hand. If you can only remember where the A notes on the E strings (plus, open A) you can use that knowledge and, some of the tricks we've talked about, to find more. Once you think you've got it down practice playing each A note on each string in quick succession. Here they are again. All instances of the A note:



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