

Mp3 The Grass Less Traveled - Leaving Pike's County



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playing in The Grass Less Traveled, he was a member of the String Bandits. In addition to Dougs phenomenal guitar playing and songwriting, he provides tenor vocals for that High Lonesome Sound. Dave Kyle is a born and bred North Carolina boy. He was raised in Winston-Salem and plays 5-string banjo for The Grass Less Traveled. Dave has been playing banjo for 35 years and has been involved in many popular Bluegrass groups. His musical influences range from Earl Scruggs to the Beatles, and so too does his musical repertoire. Dave brings to the band a wonderful diversity and his unique vocal style makes him a true original. His hot banjo playing, brings fire and life to the group, and is always a crowd favorite.

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