Secondary Notes On The E String

In this lesson, we'll map out the secondary notes on the two E strings of the guitar: F#, G#, A#, C#, D#.



We've learned...

- That there are 12 different notes on the guitar that just repeat over and over
- That there are 7 primary notes and 5 secondary notes for a total of 12
- The 7 primary notes on the E string are E, F, G, A, B, C, and D
- There are sharps (or flats) between every primary note, except between notes B and C, and the notes E and F

Do This...

Pick up your guitar for this next part and follow the steps below and physically find each note.

If we take the E string, for example, we know that there is an E on the open string and again at the 12th fret. If use what we've learned so far we should be able to find where all the secondary notes fall on the E string:

- There are no sharps between E and F, so we can deduce that the first fret of the E string is an F, therefore F# would come right after, on the 2nd fret.
- G occurs on the 3rd fret, so we know that G# is on the 4th.
- Next, locate the A# note.
- We WON'T look for a B# note. It doesn't exist! B is on the 7th fret of the E string and C is on the 8th.
- C# comes right after C on the 8th fret, so that would mean C# would be on which fret?
- Now, all's left is the D# note. Can you find it? Here's a hint: it's not on the 10th or 12th fret.