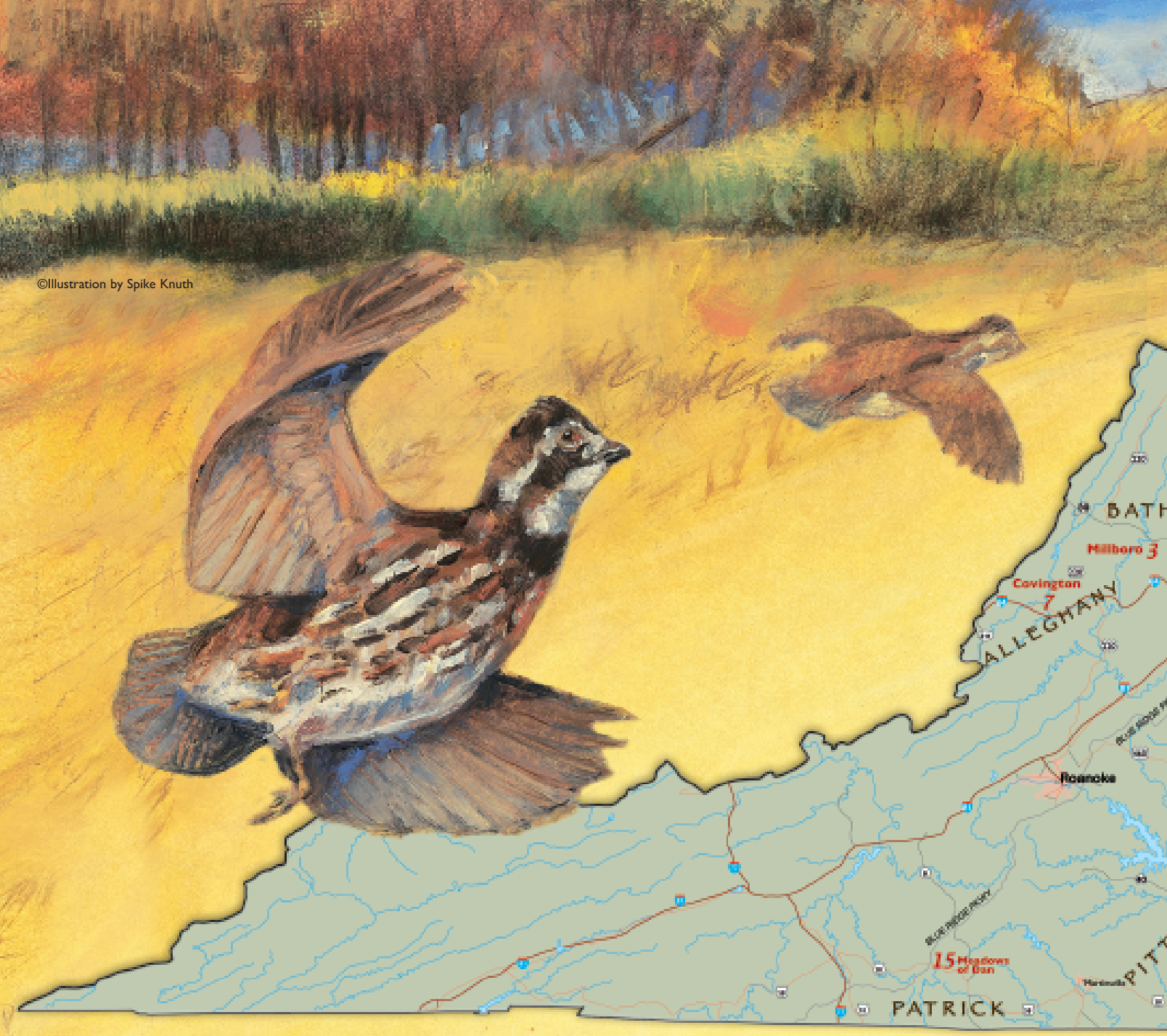
Upland Game Bird Trail

Perhaps no state in the country is more proud of its hunting traditions than Virginia, and no form of hunting in Virginia is more traditional than quail hunting. Native son and famous author Havilah Babcock often wrote about chasing the "Prince of Game Birds" when he was a youngster, through the fields of Appomattox. It is no secret that *Colinus virginianus*, more commonly known as the bobwhite or quail, has had a tough go of it lately. Tales told by our grandfathers of staunch alabaster pointers and setters standing firm on point in some bean field or thicket seem like ancient history to some of us. However, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has been diligent in its efforts to bring back the quail population. It also has been helpful in showing quail hunters where in Virginia they can still step back into time.

Virginia is fortunate to have many private hunting preserves throughout the state that offer a chance to hunt "the way it used to be." Preserves also take the pressure off natural quail and can act as an excellent training ground for a young pup. Most hunters agree that a bird dog learns much faster when it has the opportunity to see a large number of coveys. The preserves are strategically placed so one can take a son or daughter hunting and also take advantage of other points of interest along the scenic byways of our state. One could, on a crisp fall morning, enjoy an early morning pheasant hunt and tour the wine country of the Blue Ridge the same afternoon. You can have your dogs pointing quail, then take the family to relive the history of Williamsburg and Jamestown during the same weekend. There are a number of hunting preserves near such noteworthy venues as Monticello, Montpelier, the Homestead, Lexington, and Charlottesville.

Virginia's hunting preserves offer a variety of opportunities and services for the sports-minded. Your family can hunt at preserves offering additional resort-like amenities such as tennis courts, skeet and sporting clay ranges, golf courses, fishing spots, and fine dining. Some locations may provide overnight accommodations and others, just the basic no-frills hunt. Several preserves offer the outdoors person a chance to hunt birds not usually found in Virginia, such as pheasant and chukar.

Finding a good hunting preserve in Virginia is like discovering a good Virginia wine—you don't have to pay a fortune to enjoy one. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries can help you research the kind of hunt you want to experience. Whichever type of preserve you choose, a *good preserve* should offer strong flying birds at a reasonable price. □



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Hunting Preserves offer the following:

- *The season runs from September 1 to April 30. Hunting on Sundays is allowed.*
- *Usually the minimum hunt will be one person for a half-day hunt*
- *Although many hunting preserves offer trained bird dogs and a guide for a fee, most allow you to bring your own dog if you choose.*

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Sportsman Hunting Preserve

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Alleghany

Mountain View Wingshooting, Inc.
4601 Hayes Gap Road
Covington, VA 24426
www.mtnviewwingshooting.com
E-mail: Wingshooter@mtnviewwingshooting.com
(540) 691-5155
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant, Hungarian partridge

Amelia

Sleepy Oaks Farm
13111 Reed Rock Road
Amelia Court House, VA 23002
sleepyoaks-farm.com
E-mail: contactus@sleepuoaks-farm.com
(804) 561-4764
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

Bath

Hunters Paradise Hunting Preserve
6760 Deerfield Road
Millboro, VA 24460
(540) 996-4134 or (540) 969-6561
www.greenvalleyhuntersparadise.com
E-Mail: huntersparadise@tds.net
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant, Hungarian partridge

Charlotte

Sandy Creek Shooting Preserve
205 Sportsman Lane
Red Oak, VA 23964
(434) 735-8669
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

Feathers-Fur & Fin Kennels Hunting Preserve
1975 Highway 59
Keysville, VA 23947
(800) 643-2606
E-mail: fffkennels@pure.net
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

Essex

Blandfield Lodge
10001 Patterson Ave, Suite 100
Richmond, VA 23238
Quail Hunts: (540) 229-8045
Waterfowl Hunts: (804) 731-3562
www.blandfieldplantation.com
Bobwhite quail, ringneck pheasant

Fauquier

Shady Grove Kennel and Hunting Preserve, Inc.
11986 Lucky Hill Road
Remington, VA 22734
(540) 439-2683
www.shady-grove.com
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant, Hungarian partridge, dove

Fluvanna

Winter Haven Game Farm and Preserve
1420 Indiana Avenue
Woodbridge, VA 22191
30 Miles South West of High Point Marina, Lake Anna
Day: (703) 725-7926
Evening: (703) 494-2081
www.winterhavenpreserve.com
E-mail: winterhngmfmprsv@aol.com
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

Goochland

Orapax Plantation
3831 River Road West
Goochland, VA 23063
(804) 556-2261 or (804) 556-6585
www.orapax.com
E-mail: contact@orapax.com
Bobwhite quail, ringneck pheasant

Isle of Wight

Sportsman Hunting Preserve
30304 Outland Drive
Carrsville, VA 23315
(757) 620-4184
www.sportsmanshuntingpreserve.com
E-mail: sportsmanship@aol.com
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

Lunenburg

Bacon's Bird Preserve
2978 Bacon Fork Rd.
Kenbridge, VA 23944
(434) 676-3859
E-mail: baconfw@longwood.edu
Bobwhite quail

Mecklenburg

White Oaks Hunting Preserve and Shooting Sports
18014 Highway 49 North
Skipwith, VA 23968
(434) 374-2025
www.whiteoaks.ws
E-mail: andrewjones@whiteoaks.ws
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant, Hungarian partridge

South Bound Sporting Preserve
1029 Drycreek Road
South Hill, VA 23970
(434) 447-8363
www.southboundpreserve.com
E-mail: quail@southboundpreserve.com
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

Nelson

Oak Ridge Game Preserve
2300 Oak Ridge Road
Arrington, VA 22922
(434) 263-6695
www.oakridgeestate.com
E-mail: info@oakridgeestate.com
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

The Orion Estate
P. O. Box 8027
Charlottesville, VA 22906
www.OrionEstate.com
E-mail: info@OrionEstate.com
(434) 263-6622
Bobwhite quail, ringneck pheasant

Patrick

Primland Resort
4621 Busted Rock Road
Meadows of Dan, VA 24120
(866) 960-7746 or (276) 222-3800
www.primland.com
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant, Hungarian partridge

Pittsylvania

White Oak Mountain Hunting Lodge
455 Easts Store Lane
Chatham, VA 24531
Toll free (888) 432-4868
www.whiteoakbirdhunt.com
E-mail: revrusty@gamewood.net
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant, Hungarian partridge

Shenandoah

Falls Run Farm and Shooting Preserves
471 Bowers Lane
Edinburg, VA 22824
(540) 325-3180
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant, Hungarian partridge

Spotsylvania

Forest Green Shooting Preserve
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Partlow, VA 22534
(540) 582-2566
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

Sussex

Hunts Game/Training Preserve
5142 Hunt Road
Jarratt, VA 23867
(804) 691-8809
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E-mail: clint@huntsgamepreserve.com
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

Sussex Shooting Sports
570 Southpark Blvd.
Colonial Heights, VA 23834
(804) 834-3801
dancessportinggoods.net
E-mail: dancessportinggoods@yahoo.com
Bobwhite quail, ringneck pheasant

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