



# 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. n

### Hunting Preserves offer the following:

- 1 The season runs from September 1 to April 30. Hunting on Sundays is allowed.
- 1 Usually the minimum hunt will be one person for a half-day hunt
- 1 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.



# Hunting Preserves in Virginia

- 1** Shenandoah  
Falls Run Farm and Shooting Preserve
- 2** Fauquier  
Shady Grove Kennel and Hunting Preserve, Inc.
- 3** Bath  
Hunters Paradise Hunting Preserve
- 4** Fluvanna  
Winter Haven Game Farm and Preserve

- 5** Spotsylvania  
Forest Green Shooting Preserve
- 6** Essex  
Blandfield Lodge
- 7** Alleghany  
Mountain View Wingshooting, Inc.
- 8** Nelson  
The Orion Estate

- 9** Nelson  
Oak Ridge Game Preserve
- 10** Goochland  
Orapax Plantation
- 11** Amelia  
Sleepy Oaks Farm
- 12** Charlotte  
Feathers-Fur & Fin Kennels Hunting Preserve

- 13** Lunenburg  
Bacon's Bird Preserve
- 14** Sussex  
Sussex Shooting Sports
- 15** Patrick  
Primland Resort
- 16** Pittsylvania  
White Oak Mountain Hunting Lodge

- 17** Charlotte  
Sandy Creek Shooting Preserve
- 18** Mecklenburg  
White Oaks Hunting Preserve and Shooting Sports
- 19** Mecklenburg  
South Bound Sporting Preserve
- 20** Sussex  
Hunts Game/Training Preserve
- 21** Isle of Wight  
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@mtviewwingshoot-  
ing.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@sleepyoaks-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: winterhngmfprsv@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 East 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 Preserve**  
471 Bowers Lane  
Edinburg, VA 22824  
(540) 325-3180  
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant,  
Hungarian partridge

## Spotsylvania

**Forest Green Shooting Preserve**  
P.O. Box 38  
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  
huntsgamepreserve.com  
E-mail: clint@huntsgamepreserve.com  
Bobwhite quail, chukar, ringneck pheasant

## Sussex Shooting Sports

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

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