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Millpond Plantation was constructed in the California Spanish Revival style and much of the furnishings come with the home's purchase price. Opposite page: On the property is an 85-acre lake, as well as a duckpond stocked with trophy fish and imprinted ringneck ducks.



HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS

There's this place about four hours south of Atlanta where you can throw an absolutely epic weekend party for a few couples or a hundred or so of your closest friends—and it's for sale.

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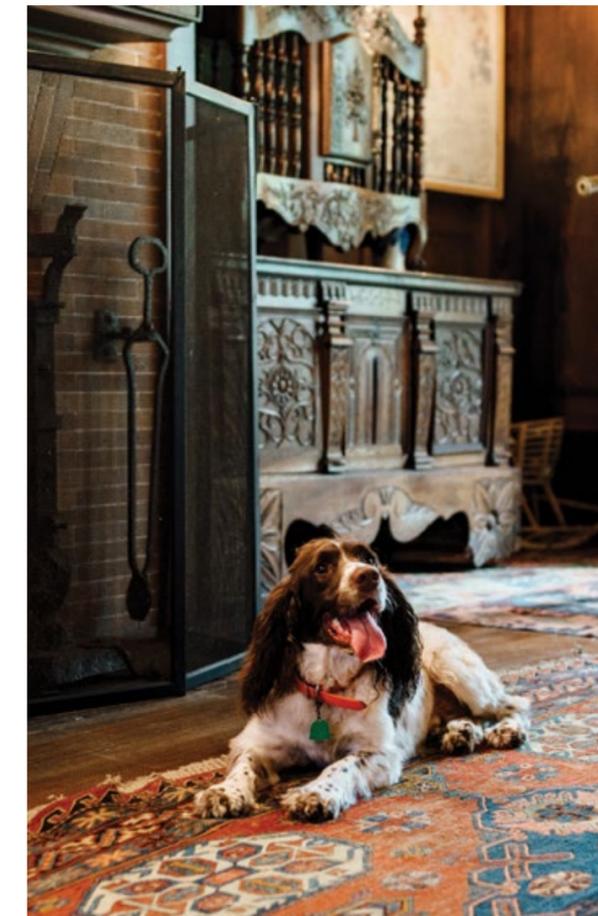
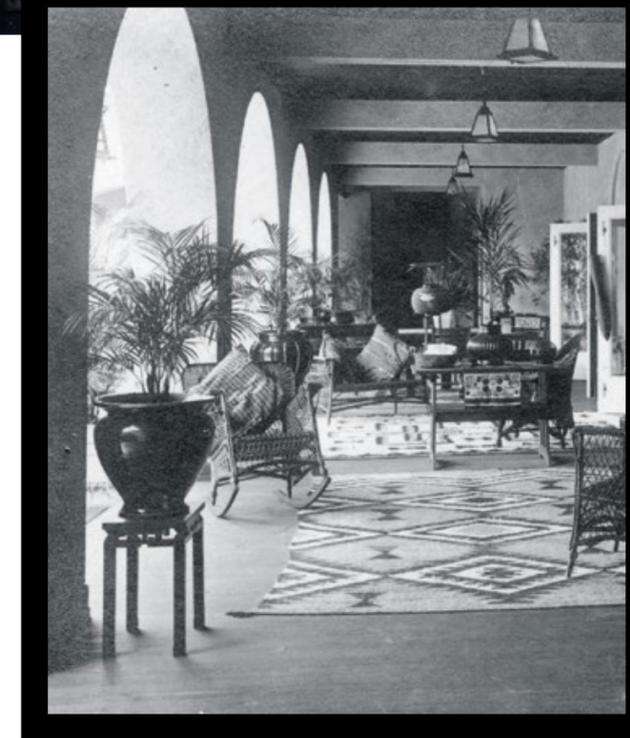
illpond Plantation is 3 miles south of downtown Thomasville, in the Red Hills region of Georgia. The property includes 3,267 wooded acres, give or take, and a 38,000-square-foot main house—11 bedrooms, 10 ½ baths—with a huge atrium that has a retractable glass roof and all sorts of plant

life. (You can pick a lemon for your cocktail.) Five guesthouses are on-site for those lower down the invite list.

Millpond Plantation can be yours for \$25 million. That price includes 30 bird dogs, plus horses, mules and wagons.

Bring your shotgun. The property's *raison d'être* is quail hunting, which is something of a religion in these parts. The family owners of Millpond Plantation have been hosting hunting parties since the estate was completed in 1910. "We don't do it much differently than my great grandfather," says Tod Sedgwick, who owns the property with his three siblings and cousin. "We go out with mule-drawn wagons, some of us are on horseback, with a bunch of dogs and a hunt master, a guide."

Of course, lavish lunches, dinners and cocktail parties ensue. "Quail is always on



Clockwise from top: The estate's loggia creates a feeling of indoor/outdoor living; a hunting dog lounges in the study; a historical photo of the loggia. Opposite page, from left: Exterior shot of the Millpond Plantation and its grand ivy; aerial view of the property.



Clockwise from top left: The billiard room leads out to the atrium; the dining room; a hunting party goes out in an antique horse-drawn wagon; the quaint outdoor fireplace; the grand atrium sits in the center of the estate. Opposite page: The study has original wood ceiling beams and floors.



the menu,” says Thomasville native Ben McCollum, owner of The Wright Group, which is brokering the property. Quail season runs from November to February. It’s not known if bird hunting was on the mind of Jephtha Wade, one of the founders of the Western Union Telegraph Company, when he purchased the land in the early 1900s. Thomasville was a big

resort town at the time, largely because that’s where the railroad ended. Rich northerners like Wade, from Cleveland, would come down for the warm climate and to take in the pine-infused air. Wade hired a prominent northern architect to design his getaway estate. Instead of the stately columns found on most plantation homes of the period, Millpond’s

Spanish Revival style features ivy-covered stucco and a barrel-tile terra-cotta roof. The property has stayed in the family from the get-go—five generations if you count Sedgwick’s grandchildren. He says putting Millpond up for sale was a heart-rending decision. The property has long been designated as a conservation area. Sedgwick and family

are comfortable knowing that Millpond Plantation will never be carved up into subdivisions. “It will leave a big hole in our lives,” adds Sedgwick. “But the family is spread around the country.” This way, they can pass it on to someone who can love it for the next five generations. *Ben and Eric McCollum, The Wright Group, 229.226.2564, wrightbroker.com* ■