Southern Living

Thomasville's Historic Chinquapin Plantation Just Listed for \$10.9 Million

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Imagine for a second that the Palace of Versailles had a distant cousin in the South – one with a bit more modesty and an affection for the outdoors. That's basically what you'll get at Chinquapin Plantation.

Recently, this sprawling 1,318-acre plantation just

outside the charming Southwest Georgia town of Thomasville is equal parts rustic and glam. Highlights include the 18,000square-foot, seven-bedroom main house built in 1910 by Standard Oil heir John F. Archbold, exceptional wildlife, and more than five miles of Ochlocknee River frontage in the South's storied Red Hills Region.

Archbold is said to have built the house as a winter retreat where he could focus on writing, painting, and entertaining. Today, it can go toe-to-toe with some of the country's finest properties.



Chinquapin Plantation, Thomasville, Georgia

This historically significant, Mediterranean-style home was built in 1910 by Standard Oil Company heir, John F. "Jack" Archbold, and designed by famous architect A.S. Bell of New York.



Grand Entryway

The home's formal entrance features marble flooring and a dramatic, curved staircase. .



Formal Sitting Room

Bay windows and gilded wallpaper create a light-filled space for entertaining. .



Spacious Dining Room

Current owners Bob and Karen Dean recently remodeled the home to include this spectacularly large dining room.



Modern Kitchen

A neutral color scheme and state-of-the-art appliances mean the new owners won't have to change a thing.



Open Floor Plan

The kitchen opens up into the cozy living room—an ideal layout for day-to-day life and casual entertaining.



Rustic Den

Rich wood paneling, exposed beams, stone fireplaces and a handful of taxidermy trophies make for the ultimate country retreat.



Billiard Room

What kind of billiard room would be complete without a pool table?



Master Bathroom

A master bathroom with its own wooden sauna? Yes, please! .



Pool

The solar-heated saline pool and its adjacent pool house (complete with sauna) are poised for al fresco fetes.



Natural Beauty

One of the property's six ponds features a gazebo and boardwalk.



Huntar's Haven

Sure, stuffed Grizzly bears aren't for everyone, but they certainly add a rustic touch!



Master Bedroom

The master bedroom is so big it has space for its own designated sitting area, which comes complete with its own fireplace. .



Manicured Grounds

The plantation has several ponds and a unique mix of giant old live oaks draped in moss and tropical palm trees. .



Guest House

The two-bedroom guest house is styled like a Swiss Chalet. .



Georgia Landmark

Chinquapin's name is derived from the American chinkapin, a species of chestnut native to the United States, and more specifically Georgia. .