

Maytag Plantation, an Alabama Sporting Icon, on the Market for \$11.1 Million



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One of Alabama's most storied sporting estates is now available.

The historic Maytag Plantation, a 1,579-acre recreational retreat in Union Springs, has been listed for \$11.1 million.

The plantation traces its origins to the 1920s, when L.B. Maytag of the Maytag appliance family acquired the land as a private retreat. It later became known as Sedgefields Plantation, expanding into a 12,000-acre estate that helped establish Union Springs as a national hub for quail hunting and field trials.

The property played a central role in shaping bird dog competitions, including the creation of the National Shooting Dog Championship and the National Amateur Free-For-All in the 1950s.

Union Springs continues to host prestigious field trials each February, drawing handlers and dogs from across the country.

Maytag Plantation became a destination for some of the nation's most prominent figures. President Dwight Eisenhower, entertainer Bing Crosby, baseball Hall of Famer Bill Dickey, and Walmart founder Sam Walton all visited the property over the years.



Known for its hospitality, the estate hosted gatherings that contributed to its reputation as one of the South's signature destinations.

At the heart of the property is the 70-acre Maytag Lake, regarded as one of Alabama's premier private lakes. The estate features a seven-bedroom lodge with 6.5 bathrooms, a rustic-inspired bunk room, and a detached three-car garage.

Outdoorsmen will find exceptional opportunities for trophy deer and turkey hunting, as well as fishing in the lake and two additional ponds.

With rolling terrain, high-quality soils, and a century of habitat management, the property remains ideal for quail hunting. It is also bordered by three-quarters of a mile of Cubahatchee Creek.

For Jon Kohler of JON KOHLER & ASSOCIATES, which is listing the plantation, the property represents more than acreage.

"Every state has its signature recreational property—the place, the vision, the people that helped shape our outdoor traditions," Kohler said. "In Alabama, this is that place."

The estate continues to host community-centered events, including wish-granting hunts for children with critical illnesses, keeping alive its tradition of service alongside sport.



All told, the Maytag Plantation remains one of the South's truly most iconic properties.