

Wings of Challenge Retreat is a Hunter's Delight



Tina Devine demonstrates safety, proper loading and use of the shotgun to Jody Taylor. Tina makes sure all rules of safety are followed to the letter, including safety glasses and hearing protection.

photo by Lance C. Bell

Tina and Ray Devine are co-owners and operators of Wings of Challenge, one of the region's most popular hunting retreats. Located just minutes from Deep Creek Lake in picturesque Garrett County, the Devines are gearing up for their fifth season and they are looking forward to treating their guests to some of the best hunting anywhere.

"Expert hunters compare us to some of the other fine hunting preserves on the East coast," says Tina Devine. "We are rated very highly and a majority of our customers are repeat customers. That's the way our business has grown over the years."

Devine says Wings of Challenge is open for everyone from beginners to veteran bird hunters. She says many hunters who have never hunted before are usually successful. "It's not unrealistic to think that you can come here for the first time and get something. In fact, first timers usually end up bagging a few birds."

The game preserve has over 380 acres to hunt, with plenty of cover planted to make hunting there more

realistic. "We have pheasant hunting at its very best and we have many different breeds of dogs—German short hair, English setters, springer spaniels and labs of all types," according to Devine. "We do have other birds like chukars, Hungarian partridges, a few quail but they are not our primary birds."

Wings of Challenge is open for hunting from October 1 until to March 31—seven days a week, including Sundays, because it is a regulated shooting area. Hunting licenses are available on site or you can use your Maryland hunting license. Devine says they provide gun rentals and deer bow hunting is allowed. And hunters can hone their shooting skills by utilizing several shooting ranges and 25 stations for sporting clays.

Come to the Wings of Challenge hunting preserve and experience some of the most incredible hunting on the East coast of the United States.

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