

T. Boone Pickens lists his massive Texas ranch for \$250 million

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Oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens has listed his longtime Texas ranch, which spans 100 miles and includes an airport, for \$250 million. (Mesa Vista Ranch | Inset: Bloomberg)

Oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens' 65,000-acre ranch, which he's been assembling piece by piece since 1971, is on the market for a whopping \$250 million.

Spanning over 100 miles in the Texas Panhandle, the property known as the Mesa Vista Ranch combines homes, lodges and luxury amenities with plains, man-made lakes and what Pickens describes as "the world's best quail hunting."

A private airport complete with a runway, tarmac and two-bedroom apartment for pilots greets guests.

Four homes provide accommodation. The biggest, a 33,000-square-foot lodge, sits in a tree-covered area and features a tennis court and golf course outside.



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The 65,000-acre ranch includes four homes, a two-story pub, a golf course and its own airport. (Mesa Vista Ranch)

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Inside, white oak hardwood and stone floors lead through arched doorways in the living spaces.

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Five bedrooms are spread across the interior, which also holds a library with a spiral staircase and a wine cellar.

The 12,000-square-foot “Lake House,” finished in 2008, features a cave stone exterior. The front entrance, a metal door with stained glass inserts, was once the door to Bing Crosby’s home.

Vaulted ceilings hang over the living spaces, which include a large great room and living room. Balconies across the second story give views of the tiered, manicured lawn and the lake beyond. A pool and spa sit out back.

Other residences include the 6,000-square-foot “Family House” and the 1,700-square-foot “Gate House.” For pets, a kennel complete with a veterinary lab and exercise area can house 40 dogs.

The ranch also holds a two-story pub, a chapel with a garden, and nearly 20 man-made lakes.

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Sam Middleton of Chas. S. Middleton and Son and Monte Lyons of Hall and Hall hold the listing.

Pickens said in a statement that “selling the ranch is the prudent thing for an 89-year-old man to do.”

The businessman rose to prominence after founding Mesa Petroleum in 1956, and he developed a reputation as a corporate raider in the 1980s after attempted buyouts of Gulf Oil, Phillips Petroleum and Unocal. He’s currently the chairman of hedge fund BP Capital Management.