



BLUE GILL CABINS

The ultimate holiday getaway

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Nestled in the piney woods along the Henderson and Van Zandt county line is a place known as Blue Gill Cabins. Dotted with rustic cabins, fishing lakes, and plenty of places to find tranquility, Blue Gill is a must see.

Blue Gill Cabins was built in 2000 by Devon and Judy Weatherford. The first cabin erected was named the “A Frame.” You guessed it; it’s an A-Frame style cabin. Over the next 15 years he built 4 more cabins.

The Weatherford’s had the place for sell for several years due to Judy’s health. Blue Gill grew to be too much for them to take care of. They lowered the price several times to try and get the attention of a serious buyer. In August 2015 they found that serious buyer in Carla and Cody Gandy.

“My husband and I could not risk someone else buying this place,” said Carla. “My husband and stepson grew up there and it’s been in their family forever. So we bought it and signed the papers on August thirtieth.”

Blue Gill is on 21 acres with five cabins and four lakes to fish in. The lakes are stocked with Bluegill, Catfish, Bass, and Perch. Each cabin is fully stocked with everything you need for a getaway except food and charcoal. Each cabin comes equipped with a fire pit and three of them have hot tubs.

What better way to experience the place than staying a night there? That’s exactly what I did in order to check it out for myself. At the beginning of November I booked a single night in the cabin known as “The Feed Store.”

This particular cabin had a very rustic ranch feel to it. Feed bags used as wall décor, a bull skull here and there dotted around the cabin in the trees, the propane tank itself was painted like a dairy cow. On the outside deck sat a very nice hot tub.

It was the inside though that really made me awe at the fact that every cabin had been hand built by a single person. The open floor plan made moving around the place much easier than a cramped hotel room. Down stairs I had a king size bed. Above that in the loft was a queen



size bed. If my family were to have been with me there would have been plenty of room to move around and sleep. As advertised the kitchen and bathroom was fully stocked with necessities. All I needed to bring was food. Gas stove, dishes, coffee pot and coffee were all there provided by the management. The cabin also came equipped with satellite television.

I set out on foot to explore some of the forest, lakes, and another of the cabins, the A-Frame. This cabin had a very hunter/fisherman feel to it. A canoe sat by the waterline of the lake. A fishing pier was right off the deck front the front door. On the deck was a built in hot tub and outdoor shower to rise off after a swim in the massive lake. Inside, three separate sleeping compartments could be found, along with, again, a fully stocked kitchen and bathroom.

A huge storm rolled in and knocked out the power at one point. On the outside deck I found a few

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candles to provide light until the power came back on. Sitting in the candle light I reflected on everything around me. The peace of the place overtook me. Management checked on me asking if there was anything I needed in the darkness.

Despite the storm I had a great experience. I felt very much at home and far enough away from the bustle of the city that I felt like I was in the wilderness.



Gandy says they have many more plans for the place. Plans to build a wedding chapel, receptionist barn, and a honeymoon Hide-a-way are in the works.

Blue Gill Cabins is located at 201 VZCR 2917 in Eustace Texas. For reservations call the office at 903-479-3554, Cody Gandy at 903-288-0577 or Carla Gandy at 903-292-9753. To speak with the event coordinator, call Cathy Arnold at 903-479-3554 or 903-477-9157

