

HUNTER'S PARADISE

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Located in the middle of a hunter's paradise right outside of Bradley, Arkansas and situated on the waterfront of Lake Erling, lies Belle Terre Hunting Estate. It is a one of a kind refuge and provides an incredible opportunity of solitude and outdoor sportsmanship for the Pruett family. This beautiful high-fenced private property, which includes over 1,900 acres, is home to an abundance of deer, turkey, waterfowl and many other species, and with its location on the lake, it's also a fisherman's dream come true.

The lodge at Belle Terre includes four separate guest suites for big family gatherings and is equipped with all the luxuries you could possibly want. The lodge and a separate one-bedroom house are beautifully decorated and showcase the incredible styling talents of Texarkana local designer, Kyle Barrett.





The walls are decked out with deer, hunted on property, as well as countless big game mounts scored by Dwight Pruett during his numerous guided African hunts over the years. There's also a 12' 11" alligator hunted in the first year of Arkansas' September alligator season adorning the massive stone fireplace. Warm colors, blue pine interior walls, and 100-year-old reclaimed pine flooring all come together around the massive trunk of a Ponderosa Pine, brought from Washington state to anchor this cozy yet spectacular family gathering space. Beautiful art, rugs and furnishings, along with state-of-the-art kitchens make this outdoorsman's dream into an indoor retreat as well.

The property includes a sporting clays and skeet range equipped for day or nighttime shooting with six shooting stations and a rifle range with a covered shooting area. The property and all its fencing, and the farmed plots of land, are





traveled and maintained with tractors and equipment purchased locally from Texarkana Tractor Supply and Polaris Langdon RV and Trailer, and stored in the large equipment barn and shop located on the property. There is a detached outdoor kitchen, fully equipped for over-the-top cookouts, a locker room building for hunting gear storage and a pier and boat lift for fishing. Comfortable covered porches surround the buildings and provide a place to put your feet up and rest after a long day of hunting or fishing, and the sounds of bullfrogs and cicadas are the soundtrack to the sunsets enjoyed from under their awnings.

No luxury has been spared on this outdoor retreat. Whether for family getaways, weekends with hunting buddies, or oasis from the rest of the world altogether, Belle Terre is the perfect place. From its design and function to its character and charm, this is definitely not your ordinary cabin in the woods. 🌲

