

Wild Texas Ranch

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Hallsville, Tx

305 D K Ellis Rd

Longview Tx 75602

Hayloft

History

The History of the Wild Texas Ranch dates back into the 1800's. Many barns and buildings have been on the property over the years, but have remained in the family the entire time. The land has been farmed and hunted over the years. Cheryl's Uncle Bud maintained the property for many years and ran a bait shop. In the past it has been used to raise cattle, and horses, and even pigs. The road that you came in on just outside the gate was named after Cheryl's dad, D.K. Ellis who passed away some years ago.

CEDAR CABIN

The Cedar Cabin <Next Door> was built in 2009. We tore down an old barn that was over 100 years old and falling in and replaced it with this cabin. You will see some of the documents hanging on the wall that we found in the old structure. The purpose of the cabin was just for guests as we have a large family 5 grown kids and they often visit.

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The ceiling is made from the rusty metal from that old barn. The walls are 1" thick cedar. We had a disagreement over what to do with the floor, so we decided to keep it rustic, stain it, and clearcoat it. Everyone seems to love it. Originally, we were going to make it one big open room but decided to make a small bedroom. The bed frame there belonged to Cheryl's Grandmother and was refinished for this cabin.

We dislike traveling and not having enough pillows. You will find more pillows and bedding about the cabin.

Additional Towels are in the small linen closet next to the toilet.

People continue to leave unique items and we love it. All are treasures and each has a meaning to us.

Many of the items in the cabin were found on this property and are very special treasures to us. Please enjoy them.

CHECK OUT TIME

10 AM. Please text "Hayloft" to 903-738-9741 when you leave. Don't forget to sign our guest book and leave us a great review on "BnB", "HomeAway", or VRBO. We will do the same for you.

BICYCLES ARE AVAILABLE

We do have bikes available if you want to use them. They are located in the guest Pavilion North of the Cedar Cabin. You are welcome to them, of course for free. If they have been pre reserved, they will be

marked. Otherwise, you are welcome to use them, along the trails, or in the neighborhood. Please return them with you are finished.

CHILDREN

Please make sure children are supervised at all times. Children under the age of 16 are not allowed in or near the water without adult supervision. Unsupervised children near the water will be sent back to your cabin. They are welcome to fish only with supervision.

DEER

There are 2 herds of that call the Wild Texas Ranch home. Watch toward the pond and you will see the deer sparring early in the mornings, later in the afternoon you will see them to the south west in the distance, where we have a deer feeder. We do not allow hunting of any kind here. We are a known preserve. There is hunting all around here and the neighbors all know we don't allow it here. We are not against hunters and hunting, but with so much of it around us, we decided to give the deer a place to go. At times we have had people mistakenly wander onto the property and we are very quick to help them find their way out.

DIGGING

Please do not dig anywhere on the property, or allow children to dig. We have water, sewer, and electrical lines everywhere. You may

however, scratch the surface leaves and dirt for fishing night crawlers and worms.

OUR DOGS

We have a couple of dogs. They all are out often. All are extremely loveable and friendly. They will be friendly to your dogs too, but please let us know if your dog might not be friendly to ours. They are all “fixed” too. Please do not feed them or let them inside. We don’t want them bothering you or getting bad habits with future guests. If they bother you, please let us know and we can arrange to keep them inside.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

There are Outlets downstairs GFCI. You can use them for your boat charger or etc. or whatever you need them for. There is also outside Water, 50amp Power and even Sewer dump if you need it.

ELECTRICAL USE

Please respect the electricity use. Use as you need to. Please turn out lights and adjust AC and Heat when not in use. If you leave them on excessively or when no one is there, you can expect us to come by and adjust them for you.

ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING

We have 50 amp and 30 amp plugs for charging your vehicle when available. Please let us know if you need access to it.

ENTRY ROAD

The road that you came in on, just before the gate entry, is the original wagon trail called old US Hwy 80 and was always a dirt road/trail. It led across this property and many fishermen traveled this road westward to the lake approx. 1 mile west of us, but is now blocked off by new homes.

People used to stop at Uncle Bud's house until he passed away in the early 1900's and buy bait from his bait shop there on their way to the lake, at the place where you see the rough cabin just outside of the gate is a replacement and a memorial of a cabin that originally was there. In April of 2016 the original cabin burned. The wood was very old and an ember from a cleanup pile landed and the house and bait shop burned to the ground in just minutes.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Yes, we have one. It is "The Wild Texas Ranch" We welcome your thoughts and posts. Please "Check-In" there too.

FIREPIT

The Firepit is available for you to use. We do not furnish the wood. If you find some wood nearby you are free to use it. Please do not cut any trees on the property. If you find a tree or wood on the ground, you are welcome to make use of it. We often have firewood available for donation of \$5 select approx 8-10 pieces depending on size. When available it is in the cove at the Pavillion (See Map), there is a donation box to drop your money in. There is a wagon in the Pavilion you are free to use for firewood only if you want to go on a search for the free loose wood on the ground. Please return the wagon so others may use it. There are stores nearby that sell it by the bundle, and often we may have left you some, if none is in the pavilion, we do not have any available, sorry. Please leave the Firepit and the area around it clean after use, unburned wood is ok to leave. Please also use safety around the Firepit and extinguish the fire when you are done. Do not move the chairs or accessories away from the paver-stone area. Do not allow unsupervised children around the Firepit. Children are **“not allowed to play on or near”** the firepit at any time, even when there is no fire burning. Utmost safety must always be used. When we are under a burn ban, or at certain other times, we may have a burn ban sign up or have the firepit wrapped up tightly and ask that you not use it during these times. We may also close it and wrap it up should there be any misuse or dangerous use.

FIREWORKS

Sorry we do not allow fireworks due to all the active wildlife on the property.

FOOD – BEVERAGE ITEMS

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We provide some coffee makings in your cabin and bottled water at times (See note on water). Other items you have may have been left by previous guests. Please check any items for expiration date and consider use or not if opened. If you have any questions on date or otherwise, please dispose of.

GAME

Our very own game here at the Wild Texas Ranch, just for our guests that stay at the Cedar Cabin or the Hayloft. It's a Scavenger Hunt Style game except you don't remove anything, just spot it. You travel the trails on the property and spot the items on the list. Then enter the answer about the item. Answer more than 75% of the questions and you are entered in the drawing for a return stay to The Cedar Cabin, or the Hayloft, just go to www.waltcadeauctions.com/game.htm and follow the instructions. Winners are notified by email.

GATE

You are welcome to close and even lock the gates. Your cabin area is fenced and you are welcome to contain your pets there. We cannot assure you that it is escape proof, so please consider this. It's up to you if you want to leave the gate open or closed. Please secure the gate at all times where it doesn't swing freely in the wind or come lose. When you check out, please close and lock the gate. You are

welcome to use the back walk gate to explore our pond or the trails as you like. **Do not give out your gate code.** If someone other than you, uses your gate code, or you give it out to a guest of yours, we will stop them as we are not used to have strangers come thru our gate. Go to the gate and punch in yourself

GRASS AREAS

Please avoid driving on any grass areas. Yes, we know the driveway can become wet, sloppy and often has ruts. Please Just drive slowly. We are constantly working on the grass to keep it nice and working on the driveway to get it better, but it catches a lot of water.

GRILLING

We have a grill at the ground level under the trees. It is placed there for your use. There is also a small grill around the dam on the far side by the picnic table. Please make sure you extinguish all fire and leave the area clean.

GUESTS

We have no problem with you having friends or guests over. We just ask they not be overnight guests unless prearranged. Any guest must adhere to all the rules just the same as any registered guest. We suggest they leave at a reasonable time.

GUEST BOOK

Please sign it. Your host, Cheryl loves it and checks it after every guest. We would be pleased to have you sign and make a comment.

HAYLOFT CABIN

In January 2021 we purchased our “Hayloft Cabin”. After over 10 years of trying, we finally convinced the owner to sell us the “gutted out” cabin. At the time of purchase, it was in near ruin, and down to the studs with no wiring or plumbing. There were horrible burn piles everywhere. We had the cabin put together with raw cedar and each piece was custom cut throughout. It is a 2 Bedroom cabin right out of the Wild West. It once was an old barn with a huge area below for tractors & hay. It features themed cowboy style amenities. It has a huge porch area and a walkaround catwalk surrounding the other 3 sides, and including sliding glass doors on the front and back. A stay in the Hayloft is yet another unique experience.

HOIST

The swingout hoist is not for guests. Please do not tamper with it. It is there for maintenance and service. You should find it locked and un-accessible.

ICE MACHINE

We do have an ice machine. If we are here, and you need bagged ice either while you are here or when you leave for your ice chest, we are happy to let you fill up, just ask.

INTERNET WIFI

Login: hayloft Password: funontheranch

Note: Our internet is very fast, but is still Starlink, and is from satellites. The weather may dictate the quality of service. If you experience slow speeds or buffering, be patient as our experience is good with them overall. PS: We depend on good internet service so we are always monitoring it.

ITEMS LEFT BEHIND BY OTHER GUESTS

If you see items left behind by other guests, usually marked with their name and bagged or boxed up, this may be because they are repeat guests and have marked their items for an upcoming return stay. We don't mind if they are regular repeat guests.

MAIL / UPS / FEDEX

Our Mail Address for you is Cheryl Cade c/o Cabin, 305 D K Ellis Rd, Longview, Tx 75602. (Even though you are at address 249). We will be glad to bring it up to you. USPS is provided by a rural carrier. If it's a package they will leave a note in the box to go to the Post Office to

pick it up. Often takes a couple of days before it gets to the Post Office. USPS and FEDEX will leave packages on the ground at the gate. If it's raining you should watch for them. If we see them, we will slide them inside your door if it's raining and we see them first. We usually have our packages and mail sent to our office in town.

METAL DETECTORS

Metal detectors are not to be used anywhere on the property. No digging of any type is allowed on the property.

NEAR BY

If you are looking for groceries or restaurants nearby, Just go back to Highway 80 (at the railroad tracks), Turn right (East) and about 2 miles on 80 you will find a Family Dollar, a Dollar General Store, Brookshires Grocery Store, with gas, and beyond that is a convenience store, a McDonald's, a Whataburger, Bodacious BBQ, Miss Minnie's Café, Classic Donuts, Main Street Coffee House, Domino's, then a, Sonic, Dairy Queen, Gino's Italian Restaurant, Soto's Mexican Restaurant, Milano's Pizza, 2 Pizza Places, and much more all right there together. Also, there is a local favorite nutrition drink place, & BAM Nutrition. If you Turn Left (West) to loop 281. Go South on the loop to the interstate or North to Longview's popular eateries and the Mall.

RESTAURANT DELIVERY

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As of this time, we know that Milano's Pizza will deliver here and Door Dash. Maybe others.

PAPER PRODUCTS

Paper products such as paper towels, toilet paper and coffee filters will not be replenished.

PARKING

Park as needed down below anywhere out front. Just do not block the rollup doors in case we have to get into them. Please do not work on cars on the property. If you have a trailer, (RVs are an extra charge, see RV section), you should have plenty of room to turn around. Please do not park under the side canopy. It is for Tractors & Equipment. Do not park under the canopy.

PAVILION – GUEST PAVILION

This is where you will find guest items for you to enjoy. Life vests, Fishing Equipment, Firewood for donation and much more. Please return items borrowed from this area back to their place.

PETS

Your pets are welcome (limit 2)! Please clean up after them. If your pets are not friendly to ours or vice versa, let us know and we will keep ours away. For the record, our dogs chase cats 😊. They will love your dogs and they love kids. Please do not leave your pets unattended in our cabin. If they are locked up in there unattended all day or extended periods of time, we might have a problem. Short absences while you run to the store are ok. You are 100% responsible for your dog and it's actions. Any pet exhibiting aggressive behavior will be requested removed. Please **DO NOT allow your pets on the furniture. Inside or outside furniture.**

POND

The Pond built in 2001 is to the North and approx. 1 acre and attracts ducks and geese and is fully stocked with Bass, Crappie, Bream, Blue Gill, and Catfish. Our feeder goes off during the day to keep them fed. Walking onto the pier the catfish will come up to the sound of your feet.

Some of the old catfish on the bottom and are harder to catch will come in at 10lbs or more. You are free to catch and release. Bring your own fishing equipment. If you need a pole, and we are home, just ask, we will try and accommodate you. Bait? Worms or even bread. They will bite anything. 😊 If you want the “big’uns”, do some bottom fishing and cast about the middle where the spring runs, and be prepared to wait. You do not need a fishing license to fish here. Please ask any unregistered guests to also respect our “Catch and Release” policy. If you use any of our fishing equipment, you can expect us to charge you for any damages.

The fake ducks are there to attract real ducks. The ducks and geese stop in as they fly over often. Also, we have some coyotes and fox here and they get the real ducks. We just can't stand to lose real ducks. So, we amuse ourselves with the plastic ones.

The pond is deep in some places up to 15 feet. It is spring fed with a natural artisan underground spring.

There are a couple of boats. You are welcome to use them. One is a paddle boat and the other is an aluminum row boat. Please make sure everyone uses a life vest. Please position the boats upside down and clean when you are finished.

We keep the pond clear of snakes by removing them, but please watch for them just the same.

Enjoy an evening on the pier or under the redneck umbrella made from an old Satellite Dish.

There is a picnic table on the other side of the pond and you are welcome to enjoy a snack or a cookout there. One of the trails is directly behind the picnic table. It's peaceful and you will enjoy the walk around the dam area and a break at the table.

POOL

Yes, we have a pool at the owner's house next door. For the safety of our guests, it is not a part of the cabin rental.

PROBLEMS or ISSUES?

Of course, phone us if it's an emergency. But if it's something we can do to improve, just leave us a note where we can find it and we will make sure we correct it.

RV SPACES - RV PARKING

Are available at the rate of \$50 per day + \$10 for each guest per day. Fee is due if unit is on property regardless of hooked up or not. These fees are due on arrival for the length of the stay.

SECURITY CAMERAS

Cameras are located on our cabin gate areas only.

SMOKING

Please do not smoke inside the cabin. Feel free to smoke out on the deck or anywhere on the property. Of course, we ask you use the ash trays and pick up your butts. Please use extreme caution as the breezy winds can cause sparks to ignite. Consider a bit of water in the bottom of your outside ash trays. Do not flip ashes or butts over the railing.

SPEED LIMIT

Please respect a low speed, limit on the driveways of 5MPH. We have Grandchildren and often have other guests along with our pets. Our

pets will move out of the way if you just maintain a good slow speed too.

SUNRISE

Watch straight out your front door balcony deck to the east for some amazing sunrises during your morning coffee. Our morning sunrises are not to be missed.

TABLE GAMES & BOARD GAMES

We may have left some board games for you to enjoy. Please help us keep the games together and intact. Should you find a piece missing, please leave us a note so we can replace the pieces or remove the game.

TELEVISION

Antenna Tv will deliver over 30 Channels most of the time. Weather often determines the quality of the reception. You may also use your live streaming devices with our internet service or login with your account to our smart TVs. Antenna Tv will deliver over 30 Channels most of the time. Weather often determines the quality of the reception. You may also use your live streaming devices with our internet service or login with your account to our smart TVs.

TRAILS

We highly recommend you take a walk on our many trails. We do use the trails on the property for walks and our own 4 wheelers, so any activity will be the family or friends that might be here with us. All the trails are great for hiking too.

These trails will all lead you around our property and should return you back to the cabin or where you can see the cabin. Old fences surround the property so it would be obvious that you are at our properties edge. Heavy foliage will also keep you far away from most fences anyway. There is also a deep creek that will keep you far away from fence lines as it surrounds our property, but we have property on both sides of the creek.

Deer hide along the trails, along with lots of other wildlife. Most trails are very wide and we try and keep them clean for easy walking.

They hunt in every direction of our property but they all know we preserve the wildlife here and much of the wildlife remains on our property. If you hear gun shots, they know we have guests walking the trails, so you are safe.

We are in the process of mapping and identifying the trails. You will find them by either going around the back of the pond, or walking due east, or walking past the Uncle Bud's Cabin outside the gate. All of the property south of the entrance gate and across the dirt road is also ours.

Watch for snakes, however, we are very active on the trails and we try to keep them maintained so seldom do we see them, but watch for them carefully.

Bicycles are welcome along the trails. If you have motorbikes or off-road vehicles, we require you meet with us before your use them for a discussion of our safety procedures. No such vehicle should be operated on our property without speaking to us first. In some instances, we may not allow them at all depending on other things happening at the time on the property. Our off-road vehicles are not for guest use, Sorry.

TRASH / GARBAGE

We have bags under the kitchen sink for your small trash cans. There are some big bags there also. If you have a buildup of trash just bag in the larger bags and place in the can at the bottom of the steps. We would appreciate it if you would make sure your garbage is bagged tightly for us to handle it. We pick-up the trash usually on Sunday and Thursday. We do not have trash pickup here so we must haul it away. Please household trash only, as we pay for the disposal.

TREE CUTTING

In 2015 we found many trees we diseased, so a decision was made to have a major timber clearing and the growth is coming back nice and clean. The smaller trees you see in groves are the remaining trees from our Christmas tree farm. We once had 4 groves here. Most are

Virginia Pines and Leland Cypress. We wholesaled them and finally gave away to those who wanted them in our final year.

These remaining ones are the ugly ones that were unwanted. It's nice to walk thru them especially in the cooler months and get that green pine smell especially at Christmas. There are a few trails through them.

TOWELS & LINENS

Additional towels, linens, and bath cloths are available on the shelves beside the toilet.

UTILITIES & AIR CONDITION

Please turn off lighting when not in use. Especially if you are away. Please also conserve AC and Heat when not in use. Set thermostat to (78 degrees AC) in the summer & (69 degrees Heat) in the winter upon checkout. Please DO NOT open doors & leave the AC or Heat running. If you want to leave the sliding glass doors open, PLEASE shut AC/Heat OFF.

VISITORS or ADDED GUESTS

We are very apprehensive of people that come into our gated area. So, if you invite guest's please make sure they understand all the rules. We need to know if you are having guests, so please let us know

who they are. Unknown guests on our property are subject to our questioning, and we don't want to embarrass them. All overnight guests must be registered and paid for as additional guests thru Air BnB, Homeaway, or VRBO. If you have more guests that you originally paid for, please go in now and add the fee of \$10 for each night of your stay for each additional guest. If we come to collect it is \$25 each night.

WILDLIFE

We have lots of wildlife, Deer, Fox, Coyotes, Turkey, Bobcat, Armadillo, Raccoons, Squirrel, Lots of Rabbits and Wild Hogs. The Hogs usually only travel the creek bed and seldom come up near the house. Hogs, if cornered, can be very dangerous. We have not seen them out during the day. They are very skittish, so doubtful you will ever see one. We are working to keep them controlled & eliminated. You will walk up on cameras and traps along the trails. We are trying to keep the Hog population under control. Our dogs keep most everything chased away at night. You are very safe here.

WINERY

We do not grow grapes here on this property, but we do produce, "world class award winning" wines. We are currently producing several that are number one in the world. Winning in each of the last 3 years. These wines are not for sale locally and available only in

upscale restaurants. We are number 1 in the world in several International Wine Tasting Competitions. With our permit we are limited to 2500 cases production per year. The “Star Cabin” is the small cabin behind the “Cedar Cabin”. It is used for our wine storage and fermenting.

WHATS GOING ON AT THIS RANCH? Not much but, here are a few answers to any curious questions.

Big Metal Shop - is simply our workshop and more storage.

Down below your cabin - is storage, we keep vehicles there and often get to them. You might hear sounds as the doors open up. We have an RV that is stored below you. We take special care not to disturb you.

Gate Access – Rarely will anyone be coming onto the property other than you. When they do it is usually our grown kids or a very close friend. They are instructed not to bother you. But should you need anything and see them, just ask anyone on our property, if they can’t help you, they will contact us. As you may have noticed it is a dead-end road with almost no traffic.

Maintenance - is done constantly, most of any activity is us just taking care of things.

Other Buildings – We also have a small greenhouse, pool storage building and a garden shed.

What We Do – We are very busy Auctioneers and gone more than we are home. Yes, we are the ones on the hit TV Show “Storage Wars Texas” Check us out on A&E Network and the FYI Network, History Channel, Quest, and of course Netflix.

INFORMATIONAL & EMERGENCIES

Electrical – Our panel for power is right next to your front door, and a master one below the cabin and not accessible. Just call us if you think something needs attention. If we lose power, there are several flashlights in the cabin and also some LED lights. The power company is Upshur Rural Electric. They get notification of power failure and they are usually right out. We are the last customer on their line and they usually start here checking and work their way back. So, no need to worry. Our water is on our well water so in case of power failure we will have no water either.

First Aid – We have basic first aid items. If we are home and you need simple, not emergency items, please let us know before you run to the store.

Icy Conditions – There is a small barrel of rock salt by your door. It is great for icy weather to put on the steps. These steps will be very dangerous when frozen. Please use extreme caution.

Wet and Muddy Conditions – After lots of rain it does get really muddy here. It can be very sloppy. We apologize in advance for this. In addition, we are last on county lists for road service. We catch all the water from the entire neighborhood. The county gets to us, but it's usually slow.

Phone Numbers – Emergency 911

911 Address is 249 D K Ellis Rd, Longview, Tx - Harrison County

Harrison County Sheriff 903-923-4000

24 Hour Animal Hospital [\(903\) 759-8545](tel:9037598545) 812 Gilmer Rd, Longview, TX

Ambulance 903-247-8255

Fire 903-668-3232

Christus Good Shepherd Hospital 903-315-2000

North Park ER 903-297-5667

Cheryl Cade 903-738-9741

Address here is 249 D K Elis Rd, Longview, Tx 75602 (Harrison County)

Steps – They can be very steep. Hold on as you go up and down. Hold on to children. Warning, if we lose power these steps will be very difficult to navigate in the dark.

Water Related – We are on a water well. It is spring fed and artisan. It is great to drink and pure with no chemicals in it other than natural. After heavy rains, often our well water will appear orangish. It is from the iron in the water. Absolutely safe to use for bath or shower, we drink it, but you might want to use bottle water. Also, if the water appears off color, you may want to refrain from washing clothes.

Hot water in this cabin is an “On Demand” Hot Water heater.

In case of any emergency, call us, but in case you need it, our water shut off is located in the cute water well structure looking south from

the cabin. It is a simple easy to see red valve you can shut off with your hand. There are 2 valves, both must be turned off.

PRIVACY

Your privacy is important to us. We love having you here. We will not bother you nor disturb you. You come and go as you wish and enjoy the property. If you need us, call Cheryl at 903-738-9741.

Even if we are home, we often are not where we can hear a knock, so phone might be the best contact method. We are gone more than we are home. Walt and Cheryl are the only other people that live on the property, unless our children or grandchildren are visiting.

WEBSITE

Our website is www.WildTexasRanch.net . These rules and other great information are there. You can also book there your next trip and save the booking fees on the commercial platforms.

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