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For those who hail from Arkansas, or even for those who have been here long enough that their roots are starting to plant themselves here, the appreciation of living in the Natural State is often lost. After living here for a while, the beauty of our surroundings often fades into the background. We are no longer phased by the excitement of being nestled in the Ozarks or the Ouachita's and looking out over the Buffalo River or Beaver Lake rarely garners the response these stunning sites deserve.

On the rare fall day that we take a moment to appreciate the beauty of the trees, or the spring afternoon when we watch the sun hitting the lake as it sets below the horizon, it is then that we start to see what we are taking for granted.

It is these very natural elements, which escape us that visitors come to Arkansas seeking out. From wherever in the world they call home, many come to Arkansas to enjoy the beauty and take in sites that can't be found elsewhere. One such place, hidden in the lush greenery and Ozark Mountains found around Mountain Home, is Anedodi Lodge.

Sitting on 12 acres of land outside of Mountain Home, with breathtaking views of Lake Norfolk, Anedodi allows visitors to not only relish in the beauty of the Natural State, but take their time and savor it. With three bedrooms and three bathrooms, this lodge is the perfect weekend getaway location for Arkansans, or vacation spot for out of state travelers.

Even better than the location is the way this unique lodge was built. Vacationing with a conscience is not only possible at Anedodi but also a must. From the bed linens to the headboards, this lodge sets itself apart from the plethora of other lake destinations in Arkansas by striving to be green in many facets of its operations.



Built with local resources as much as possible, this lodge is eco-friendly from the ground, up. When building the lodge, the owners paid special attention to size. The lodge sleeps roughly ten people, which is perfect sizing so that it does not use excessive electricity for heating and cooling. Recycled and recyclable materials were also important when building the lodge, and used whenever possible.

The good news is that the comforts of home were not jeopardized for the sake of going green, either. Plush furniture perfect for lounging with a good book can be found scattered throughout the lodge and the grounds, including pool and deck furniture made of recyclable

all-weather wicker. A natural palette is used throughout the house from the walls to the décor, giving off a sense of serenity, which of course is only aided by the gorgeous views of Lake Norfolk.

A game room featuring a pool table, table tennis, baby grand piano and Wii will keep guests entertained, but with all there is to do outside of the lodge, should only be necessary on the occasional rainy day. Anedodi—a Cherokee Indian word for ‘adventure’— provides just that. From fishing and hiking to biking and climbing and everything in between, outdoor activities are abounding in the surrounding areas. If you’d rather stay on Anedodi grounds,

the pool provides guests with endless entertainment. Daybeds and hammocks can too be found littered throughout the grounds, offering relaxation to those who seek it.

All of this is to say that for those looking for a place to get away without feeling guilty for the effects an extensive trip might have on our earth, or even for those who are simply searching for a luxurious and serene escape, Anedodi is just the place. After all, picturing yourself curled up on a daybed, watching the sun set over Lake Norfolk sounds like just the place to take in the beauty of the Natural State and appreciate just how lucky we are to call Arkansas home. ●●●