

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

**Skipper's Cabin
Park Head
St Eval
Wadebridge
Cornwall**



Cottage Ref: 011107

Introduction

- Skipper's Cabin is a small, single storey, cosy cottage which was formerly a shepherd's hut. Stone built and enjoys wonderful views down to Porth Mear Cove.
- Skippers' front door to garden wall is 15.3m, Skipper's garden wall to Porth Mear Barn another National Trust Holiday Cottage is 15.5m.
- The cottage is heated by an electric eco-radiator in the main room and an electric towel and a wall heater in the wet room. There is an electric shower.
- There is a shared telephone in the locked laundry room, where there is also a washing/tumble dryer for use by guests staying at Skipper's Cabin. The laundry room is adjacent to the parking area of Porth Mear Cottage.
- The cabin is furnished for two people.

Pre-Arrival

- See the main webpage for booking and location details.
- Please contact us prior to booking if you have any specific access requirements.
- Directions provided with booking.

Approach

- From the main coastal road, there is a road leading to Park Head. The road is single track for a short distance but there are wide turning places and passing places.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is ample parking outside the cottage. The front door is approximately 18 metres from the car parking area.
- The car parking area is level.
- Due to farm traffic and other vehicles, the tracks through the site and the communal parking areas can have potholes from time to time, so guests are asked to take care when moving through the site especially in poor weather conditions, at dusk and at night.
- The key safe is to the right of the front door at a height of 1550mm. It is operated by a combination lock mechanism, where the dials need to be turned to the cottage combination code. There is a sensor light above the door. A torch is recommended, especially if arriving in the dark, as the numbers on the lock can be difficult to see.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- There is a wooden gate leading into the garden.



The gate is opened with a latch.



The flagstone path is uneven

- There are two steps approaching the cottage front door. The first step is 100mm and the second step is 160mm high.



- The clear opening width of the front door is 750mm.



- The door opens into an entrance hallway with a curved step which is 160mm high.
- The width of the hallway is 750mm.
- The light switch is on the left-hand side at a height of 1350mm.

Getting around the cottage:

- Flagstone floor with a rug in the living area.
- Kitchen/breakfast bar/living area/double bed in one room.
- A door opens from the hallway into the main room.
- The minimum clear door opening width is 670mm.
- Other than this one step from the hallway, the rest of the cottage is on one level with no steps or inclines.

Kitchen:

- The light switch is to the right of the kitchen door at a height of 1300mm.
- Track lighting with four LED spotlights giving ample lighting adequacy over the kitchen and breakfast bar.
- Height of worktop is 930mm from floor level.
- Stainless steel sink with lever taps.
- Built in single oven with grill and ceramic hob with front controls.
- Cooker hood with light and switch to hood is 1770mm from floor level.
- Microwave, cordless kettle and toaster.
- Fridge with ice box.
- Two high kitchen bar chairs with a seat height of 660mm and back height of 300mm.
- Eating area is the breakfast bar which is the end part of the from the wooden work unit knee clearance of 890mm.



Living area

- Main light switch is to the right of the kitchen door at a height of 1300mm.
- Lighting comprises central pendant, two wall lights above the bed.
- The wall lights can be operated by a pull switch which is at a height of 1400mm.
- One large electric eco-radiator under the window.
- Three windows, one with sea view and two with farmland views.
- Two tub chairs with a seat height of 490mm and a back height of 330mm.
- 22"TV with integrated DVD.



Bedroom area

- Main light switch is to the right of the kitchen door at a height of 1300mm.
- Pendant central light fitting.
- 4'6" double divan bed.
- Bed is 1900mm long and is 680mm high.
- There is plenty of room on one side of the bed; the other side is 350mm from the wall.
- The clearance below the bed is 300mm.
- Chest and two bedside cabinets
- Bedside lights on the wall above the bed.
- Built in wardrobe with hanging rail at a height of 1800mm.
- Door mirror inside wardrobe.
- Two drawer chest of drawers with shelving to the side and shelf above.



Wet Room

- Main light switch is in the hall to the right of the shower room door at a height of 1370mm.
- Electric shower, the controls are 1550mm from floor level.
- WC is 420 mm high with press flush.
- Hand basin is 830 mm high with a lever mixer tap
- Mirror, shaver point and light above hand basin.
- The room is lit with one ceiling light.
- Electric heated towel rail and separate wall-mounted heater.



Garden

- Enclosed level garden.
- Wooden garden table with a knee clearance 620mm and two armed wooden chairs.
- Chairs have a seat height of 420mm and a back height of 380mm.
- Barbecue.



Garden seating area



Garden showing position of barbecue area

Communal laundry room

- This is next to the parking for Porth Mear Cottage and Trescore
- There is an external light on a sensor
- There is also external lighting on the corner of Porth Mear Cottage
- There is a small step up into the laundry room
- The floor is covered in vinyl
- There is a washing machine, a washer/dryer and a sink
- There is a landline in this room for guests' use as the mobile signal is not good
- A WC accessible from the laundry room is for the use of staff and contractors
- The lane from Skipper's Cabin to the laundry is not lit



Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. Vibrating fire/smoke detectors are available if requested at time of booking. Please contact us if you have any other specific access requirements in this respect.
- Mobile phone signal is not reliable in the valley.
- Carpets are 80/20 wool/man-made fibres.
- Duvets and pillows are made of hollowfibre.
- Cushions are hollowfibre or man-made.

• Facilities at all cottages

In addition to the standard equipment and facilities, each cottage is equipped with the following:

- Good reading light
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- Information in alternative formats (on request)



We aim to provide these items in all cottages but please check when booking as to their availability and to check if new items have been added to the list.

In Skipper's Cabin, please pre-request a large handle vegetable peeler and an easy jar opener.

Specialist equipment

Other specialist equipment such as wheelchairs, bath seats, toilet frames etc may be available for loan or purchase from the local Red Cross loan centre. Please check this out before booking the Cottage and contact us if you require further information.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/borrow-a-wheelchair>

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/hire-a-toilet-aid>

Future Plans to improve Access to National Trust Holiday Cottages

- We are currently in the process of writing accessibility guides for all our holiday cottages and improving access over time for all our guests. All feedback is very helpful in informing us of ways in which we can improve access to all our cottages. We welcome any comments or ideas from you about access at this cottage and thank you for taking the time to do this. Please do this in the most convenient way for you. See contact details below or information on website.

About the Accessibility Guide

- This Accessibility Guide is intended to provide key information about the cottage that may be particularly relevant to guests with disabilities. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like information that is more specific and we will be happy to oblige.

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