

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide (July 2023)

Meadowside,
91, Itteringham Common
Norfolk
NR11 7AP

Ref: 010005



Introduction

- Meadowside is a characterful semi-detached cottage situated in a riverside setting in the tiny Norfolk hamlet of Itteringham Common on the 4500 acre Blickling estate.
- The cottage has an enclosed garden, with paved seating area with additional access through a gate to a private stretch of riverbank alongside the meandering River Bure, the perfect place for a spot of fishing or evening drinks.
- The cottage has a open fire with night storage heating included.
- The road to the cottage is long and windy, with the drive on a slight gradient.
- Once within the compound of the cottage gardens, there is a gravel path leading to the Front door, with one internal step.
- The Cottage is arranged as follows:
Lobby, to the right is the bathroom with shower over bath, to the left is the Kitchen/dining-room with enclosed winder staircase leading too one double bedroom, one twin bedroom. Two steps up from kitchen leads to sitting room.

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
- Please bring torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here.

Approach

- The approach to the cottage is along a long uneven winding country road, in places with large puddles if there has been recent rain.
- The drive is quite a narrow entrance with slight gradient, however expanding out after passing the wooden gate.



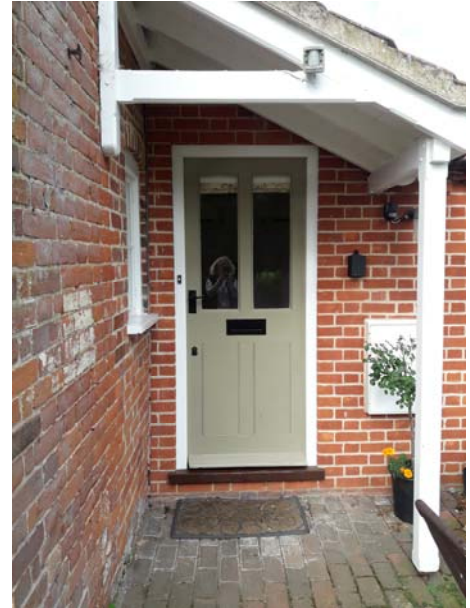
Arrival & Parking Facilities

- The road leading to the property is winding with sharp corners.
- There is gravel parking available for two cars through a gate 3100mm wide. The parking area is outside the cottage next to the hedge.



Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The rear entrance door is 770mm wide with a 1960mm high threshold
- Immediately inside the entrance door is a lobby which is 1630mm x 1300mm.
- The inner doors, kitchen to the left and bathroom to the right, are at right angles to the entrance door and are 774mm and 740mm wide respectively.



Getting around the cottage

Ground Floor

- Level tiled flooring in the hall through to the kitchen – natural pavement tiles are slightly uneven
- Level vinyl flooring in the bathroom
- Two steps up from the kitchen into the sitting room, (one tiled and one carpeted) the steps are 130mm high with a tread depth of 300mm followed by the second step at 180mm high
- Fitted carpet in the sitting room
- Sitting room door clearance of 770mm.
- Internal door widths vary from 740mm to 770mm

Sitting Room

- Door has a 770mm clear opening width
- Views onto the front garden
- Room has a 2-seater sofa with seat height of 450mm and two wing-backed armchairs with seat height of 430mm
- One floor standing lamp, one table lamp and one overhead ceiling lamp.
- Open fire



Diner/kitchen

- Height of worktop is 920mm by 60mm depth
- The door is 774mm Wide
- The kitchen has fitted units with a freestanding microwave, cooker with electric hob, fridge with ice box, washing machine. Sink has cross head pillar taps. Toaster and cordless kettle
- Circular wooden dining table seats 4 people with height of 760mm with a clear knee space of 700mm underneath.
- The chairs are wooden with seat height at 460mm



Bedroom

Twin Bedroom

- After 11 steps the Twin bedroom is to the right
- Door is 690mm wide
- Looks across the river to the meadows at the rear of property.
- 1150 mm circulation space between the bed nearest to the door and the bottom of the bed.
- 860mm between the two single beds.
- Twin divan beds 600mm high x 1940mm long x 940 mm wide. No clearance under the beds.
- Small bedside cabinet 740mm high with bedside lamp.
- Chair with seat height of 430 mm
- Wardrobe with single door width 650mm



Double Bedroom

- Another 3 straight steps up with height varying 190mm-240mm
- Door entrance 730mm
- Room size 3620mm x 3990mm
- Double bed 650mm high x 2000mm long x 1550mm wide. No clearance space under bed.
- 1350mm wide circulation space by bed on the door side and 1400mm clear space at the foot of the bed.
- Wardrobe, chest of drawers and chair with height of 440mm.
- Small bedside chest of drawers with table lamp each side both with height of 760mm
- Window height 600mm.

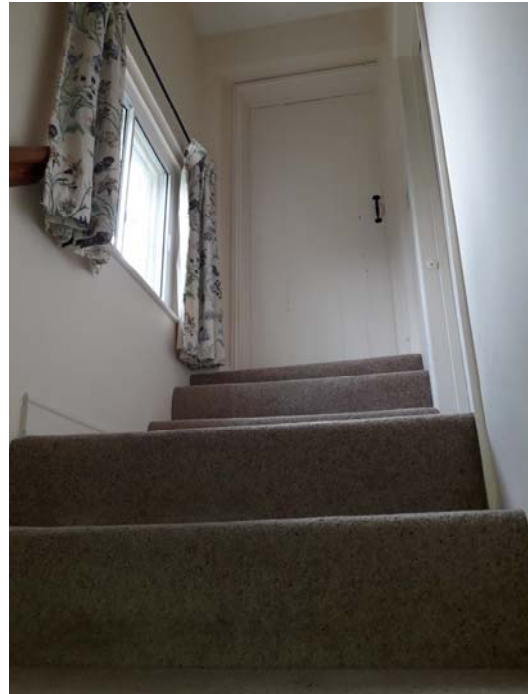


Bathroom

- The Bathroom is 2200 mm wide and 1850mm long
- Bathroom door is 740mm wide opening in towards the bathroom
- Bathroom comprises lavatory, basin and bath with shower over bath (opposite end to taps).
- The WC is 420mm high
- The basin is 780mm high
- The internal bath area is 1400mm long x 600mm wide and 590mm high and has integral rails either side
- There is a 1600mm x 1100mm circulation space beside the bath.

Telephone/Other Rooms

- Landline on windowsill at height of 820mm in sitting room
- Stair door clearance 760mm wide, with low height door head.
- 11 steps forming a right angle winder staircase are steep with narrow wedge shaped treads at the turn with a further 3 steps from a half landing outside the twin bedroom to reach the double bedroom. Height of steps varies between 190mm -210mm.
- Single wooden handrail on left hand side



Garden

The garden is hedged for privacy and the river Bure runs along the bottom of the rear garden, which is accessed through a gate from the main garden. However, the river is not fenced so small children will need to be supervised.



Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- Dogs welcome at Meadowside – the garden is enclosed with wire fencing.
- 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.

Facilities at all cottages

The National Trust aims to expand the list of accessible /equipment/items available at each cottage and these may include

- Cordless kettle
- Hollowfibre bedding
- Chair with armrests
- Good reading light
- Large handle vegetable peeler
- Easy tin opener
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- Non-slip place mat
- Easy jar opener
- Information in alternative formats (on request)

Please note that we cannot guarantee that all items will be available at the time of your visit. Please enquire at the time of booking regarding any particular requests.

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.

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/standard.asp?id=89425>

Future Plans to improve Access to National Trust Holiday Accommodation

- We are currently in the process of writing accessibility guides for all our holiday cottages and bunkhouses 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. 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 accommodation 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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