

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Mill Farm Barns
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Introduction

Mill Farm Barn is a small collection of conjoined estate buildings on the Blickling Estate in a quiet rural location. It is located in an enclosed courtyard. The barn is spacious and has a walled rear garden with wonderful views over surrounding countryside. Nearby are riverside walks, woodland and open country. Blickling Hall is some 30 minutes walk away.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- Small corridor with one double bedroom that leads on to a large utility room, a bathroom and shower and the living area. The vaulted beamed sitting room has a electric stove with twin bedroom off. 2 steps lead down to the dining room, a large kitchen and a further double bedroom. There is also another shower room with WC. Oil-fuelled central heating.

First Floor:

- Not applicable.

Other

Close to the Weaver's Way footpath, bluebell woods and lake.

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 are provided with booking

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Double gates leading into the courtyard. 2 car spaces are available under cover with bulkhead lighting.
- Two entrance doors are found near to each other as seen in the photograph here.
- The main entrance is through the left hand door which leads into a corridor where the first bed-room is found.
- Both entrances have steps





Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Single entrance for both access and egress
- Rear door to garden from the kitchen
- Key safe at 1400mm to mid-point
- Step at the doorway is 200mm high in total and 480mm deep.
- The door is 700mm wide. Some reduction of clear width due to adjacent shrubs

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Clear door widths to key rooms range between 675mm - 800mm
- Corridor has a clear width of 940mm
- 2 steps between living area and kitchen/diner. 200mm and 190mm high
- No Low ceilings, beams or low door frames
- Natural illumination from large windows in the main living area, with additional standard and table lamps provided.
- Otherwise natural light is through sky-lights and Velux windows.

First floor:

- Not applicable

Double Bedroom No 1 at entry point

- Half glazed timber door with curtain with clear width of 760mm.
- Metal frame bed with space under. Size 1400mm x 1900mm.
- Height of bed 600mm to mattress top
- Natural illumination through sky-light
- Bedside tables and lamps (low energy bulbs)
- Carpeted, circulation space moderate.

Utility room

- Large room containing the main boiler, washing machine and dryer, a sluice sink and Central Heating controls. This is also a drying area.
- Work-top 900mm from floor level
- Tiled floor
- Natural light from sky-light

Bathroom and shower cubicle with WC

- Close coupled WC with height of 420mm to seat
- Wash-hand basin is set at 830mm with pillar taps.
- Bath length 1400mm. Internal width 550mm and external height 560mm. Internal depth of bath 370mm. No hand-grips
- Heated towel rail
- Shower Cubicle with slidedoor - maximum clear width 530mm - plinth to shower 290mm high. Mixer shower



Shower cubicle and WC

- Basin 830mm to rim. pillar taps.



- Close coupled WC with a height of 420 mm to seat.
- Larger shower with swing door
- Door width 530mm
- Plinth 250mm high
- Mixer shower

Twin Bedroom

- Bed widths 940mm, height 500mm to mattress top and length 1960mm



- Timber bed frames with space under
- Very good circulation space
- Bedside tables and lights
- Carpeted
- Curtains

Double Bedroom



- Door width 760mm into room
- Bed height 500mm, length 2000mm width 1600mm
- Space beside bed 690mm to chest of drawers (can be moved if required)
- Carpeted
- Bedside tables and lights.
- Good circulation space

Sitting Room



- Doorway into a larger living space
- Vaulted ceilings
- Sofas and chairs - seat height range between 400mm and 470mm height
- TV and DVD equipment
- Illumination levels are good
- Circulation is good.
- Carpeted
- Additional lighting is available on request
- Electric stove
- Curtains - easy pull
- 3 sets of double electric sockets

Mobile phone coverage in this area is poor
No Wi-fi

Kitchen/diner

- Door to kitchen 800mm width.
- Vinyl floor
- Height of worktop is 910mm
- Electric combined grill and oven. Halogen hob. Easy to see and use controls
- Microwave
- Dishwasher
- Fridge/freezer
- Cordless kettle
- Toaster
- Pillar taps



- Dining table with 6 chairs. Height of table 760mm. Height under 620mm to bottom of table plinth.

Garden

- Small garden to the rear - enclosed
- Grassed area
- Garden furniture

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.

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
- 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 NT 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. It is reviewed annually. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like more detailed information and we will be happy to oblige.

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