

Peel Cottage Accessibility Guide



Peel Cottage (Formerly Peel Bothy)

Address: Peel cottage, twice Brewed, Hexham, Northumberland

Ref: 017009

Introduction

Peel Bothy is a wheelchair accessible single storey detached cottage located in an elevated position close to Hadrian's Wall with stunning views over the surrounding countryside.

- The cottage faces south.
- The cottage has oil-fired central heating with radiators in all rooms and a wood-burning stove in the sitting/dining 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
- Bring torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is a farm gate at the entrance to the cottage which has a traditional sprung gate latch.
- The sign for the cottage is on the gate.
- The parking area is immediately outside the cottage and off the road.
- The parking area has a surface of loose stone chippings.
- The access to the front door is via a reasonably shallow stone paved ramp with handrail to one side.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Level access through the front door apart from a metal rain bar with a 3cm upstand.
- The front door has a clear opening width of 83cm and is 200cm high
- The front door leads to a small entrance lobby and the sitting room.

Getting around the cottage

- Level access throughout the cottage
- Quarry tiled flooring in the sitting/dining room and kitchen
- Vinyl flooring in the bathroom
- Corridor from kitchen to bedroom and bathroom is 74cm wide at the narrowest point.
- All internal doors are 75cm-80cm wide and 200cm high with traditional style door latches at 120cm to mechanism.
- Circulation space around all rooms is good

Kitchen



The kitchen leads through from the sitting room. The doorway is 80cm wide with a head height of 198cm.

- Large room between sitting/dining room and bedroom with good circulation space
- Height of worktops is 91cm
- Built-in electric cooker with front drop down door at 90cm to door handle
- Separate ceramic halogen hob with controls to one side
- Electrical equipment includes microwave, fridge/freezer, toaster and cordless kettle.
- Lever taps to sink
- Recessed ceiling spotlights and one light in cooker hood over hob.
- 88.5cm clear knee space under hob
- 74.5cm clear knee space under sink
- Pull-out worktop at 74.5cm.
- Kitchen table 74cm high with two wooden chairs 47cm high.

Utility Room



The utility room leads off from the sitting room. The doorway is 76cm wide with a head height of 196cm.

- This is a separate small room off the sitting room
- Room has front-loading washing machine, drying rack, ironing board etc
- Worktop is at 91cm

Bath/Shower room



The bathroom is ensuite and leads off from the bedroom. The doorway is 80cm wide with a head height of 196cm.

- There is good circulation space in the bathroom.
- WC, basin, bath, wet floor shower area with monsoon shower
- The WC is 48cm high with hinged drop-down rails to either side
- Bath is 169cm long, 51cm high and 74cm wide. There are grabrails beside the bath.
- The bath has two internal “steps” to allow for easy access.
- The monsoon shower head is at a fixed height of 192cm. The controls are at 110cm. The shower has a lever mechanism which operates off the main water system.
- There are grabrails in the shower area and a free-standing padded shower seat with arms and backrest (see photo). The height of the seat is approximately 54cm but the seat is also height-adjustable.
- The basin is 79cm high and has lever taps.
- There is a mirror above the basin, with a shaver socket on one side and a vertical grabrail on the other.
- The light switch is outside the bathroom door to the left (as entering)

Sitting room



The sitting room is straight ahead as you enter the property.

- One wide two-seater sofa with seat height of 46cm
- One winged armchair with seat height of 46cm
- Wood-burning stove.
- CD and Radio player, TV and DVD
- One central light, wall lights, one standard lamp and one table lamp.
- Quarry tile floor with two loose thin rugs.

Double Bedroom



The bedroom is at the very back of the property and leads off from the hallway. The door is 80cm wide with a head height of 196cm:

- Double bed 152cm wide, 56cm high and 195.5cm long.
- Two bedside tables/chest either side of bed with table lamps
- Room has free-standing antique furniture – wardrobe, chest of drawers and side table
- Wardrobe has full-length mirror on door and coat hanger rail at 140cm inside
- Space to right side of bed (as facing) is 112cm and to left side is 70cm
- Stable door leading to front of cottage with 17cm step out onto driveway/parking area.

Additional Information

- No payphone
- Mobile phone reception would need to be checked but is available from some phones (if not all)
- Nearest payphone is at the National Park Information Centre at the crossroads approximately 15 minutes walk away.
- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- Dogs other than assistance dogs can be accommodated here
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves.
- Furniture and appliances are changed when required, pictures here may show previous presentation.
- Please contact us if you required any 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 and commodes 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>

The nearest centre is at:

Croft House

Western Ave

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

NE4 8SR

Tel: 0191 273 7961

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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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