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National Trust Cottages

Accessibility Guide

Ambrey Cottage (006002)
Croft Castle and Parkland
Leominster
Herefordshire
HR6 9PW



Introduction

- Detached cottage set in the hilly woodland of Croft Castle.
- Ambrey cottage has an abundance of wildlife, literally on its doorstep, located within forestry commission; it is an escape from the modern world.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- Porch and entry room, kitchen and sitting room

First Floor:

- Single bedroom, double bedroom, twin bedroom and bathroom

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
- Due to its location the cottage is powered by generator and this therefore can create noise.
- Access is through a private track through a forest, therefore we do not advise the use of low slung vehicles.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- From the main road in Lucton, you drive up a single track to School Wood entry gate. The gate has a chain with coded padlock on for entry, there is a second padlock for access for the forestry commission, and this should not be touched. The coded padlock has dial buttons on the front that you need to set to the correct code, and then a pull button to open the lock. Then the gate should be locked back up once you have passed through.





- It is then a 1.5mile drive up through the woodland to the cottage on a hard, but bumpy track. There is a cattle grid to go over and then another gate, this just has a normal gate catch on that you lift up to open the gate, again this needs to be left closed.
- Once at the cottage there is ample space for you to park, it is approximately 30 meters away from the entry door; there is also an open garage available to park under.



Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Access is down 3 steps, the highest being 160mm. There is a small metal gate on the stairs that is 830mm wide.
- The stairs lead onto a gravel path all the way around the house, past the old front door to the porch entrance. The pathway down the side of the house is downhill, approximately a 40 degree gradient.
- There is a step 210mm high in to the porch and the door access is 760mm wide.



- There is a second exit through the old front door which has a door width of 870mm and there is a 130mm stone step then a wood threshold of 70mm to step up.



Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- The ground floor is all on one level, the porch room, leads onto the entry room, this then goes on to the kitchen.



- The kitchen connects to the downstairs hallway, where the door to the sitting room is located.
- All internal doors on the ground floor are between 700mm - 790mm wide.
- The stairs lead off the hallway with flagstone flooring; the stairs are carpeted, there are 11 steps, the highest being 20mm high. The width of the stairs is 800mm. There is a banister on the right as you go up, the rail is 910mm from the floor.
- There is a built in stair gate attached at the top of the stairs.

First floor:

- Again it is all on one level, with the internal doors all being 790mm wide.
- The single bedroom, bathroom, double bedroom and twin bedroom all come off the main landing.

Utility Entry Room

- This has a sink and worktop which is 930mm high.
- The flooring is quarry tiled.

Kitchen and Dining Room

- The kitchen has quarry tiled flooring.
- Height of worktop is 950mm.
- The sink has a mixer tap for hot and cold water with separate push taps.
- There is a gas cooker with grill.
- Microwave, small fridge freezer, cordless kettle and toaster.
- The dining table is 780mm high and there are 5 chairs with seat height of 460mm.



Sitting Room

- Two sofas with seat height of 450mm.
- One armchair with seat height of 450mm.
- Television with inbuilt DVD player.

Bathroom

- WC, basin and bath with shower attachment over bath
- The WC is 430mm high
- The Sink is 770mm high
- The large bath is 610mm from the floor; it is 1670mm long, 570mm wide at the top and has a depth of 430mm.
- The bath has dial shower taps, the sink has normal turn taps



Single Bedroom

- Mattress is 900mm (3ft) wide.
- Bed height 560mm.
- There is space of 350mm on the one side of the bed.



Twin Bedroom

- Two single beds with both mattresses being 900mm (3ft) wide.
- Bed heights of 630mm.
- The narrowest space around the beds is 650mm.

Double Bedroom

- Double bed with 140mm (4ft 6in) mattress.
- Bed height 600mm.
- The narrowest space around the bed is 450mm.



Garden

- There is an enclosed garden all around the property, because the house sits on a slope, the garden is at various levels.
- The flattest piece of lawn is at the back of the house, the house is in the middle of the woodlands, so there are many walks, ect easily accessible.
- There is a garden bench provided, the table is 890mm and the seat height is 560mm.



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
- Hollow fiber bedding
- Good reading light
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- Non-slip place mat
- 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 ect 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. 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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- The Access for All office works to improve access at all National Trust cottages and properties. The office welcomes comments and ideas on improving access.

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