

National Trust - Coach House Loft Accessibility Guide (April 2022)

Coach House Loft
3 Chapel Road
Wisbech
Cambridgeshire
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Ref: 011020

Introduction

A converted coach house overlooking parkland, just five minutes from the harbour.



Coach House Loft is part of a converted coach house to the rear of Wainman House, next door to Peckover House & Garden. This light and airy first floor apartment boasts rustic exposed beams and a secluded inner courtyard with south facing outdoor seating area.

This cottage has Air Source Heating.

The cottage sleeps 4 + cot, one double bedroom and sofa bed.

Entrance lobby with utility room/ Laundry facilities on ground floor, staircase leading to first floor apartment

Double bedroom leading to dressing room

Bathroom, with bath with mixer shower tap

Three steps up to open plan kitchen, dining and lounge area

This cottage has sloping ceilings and exposed beams.

The door openings range from 711- 863 mm wide and 1765 -1993 mm high.

The light switches are set at varying heights, ranging between 1117 mm and 1600 mm from floor to switch.

Pre-Arrival

See main webpage for booking and location details

Please contact us prior to booking if you have and specific access requirements

Directions provided with bookings

Approach

Coach House Loft is situated within minutes of the centre of Wisbech, follow the signs for Peckover House, North Brink (one way system) go to the traffic lights turn right, and keep right at the next junction. Stay on this road until you see an archway on your right with grey doors marked National Trust Cottages; this is the entrance to Coach House Loft and also Stable Lodge and Wainman House parking.



Entrance archway from Chapel Road



Inside the archway – keysafe for Coach House Loft is to right of grey doors

Arrival & Parking Facilities

Once in the archway, a light will come on, you will see key safes (at 1498 mm to the centre of the key pad) situated either side of the locked grey doors for both Coach House (on the right) and Wainman House (on the left). Open the grey personnel door (with a step through height of 355 mm) to access the main door lock (padlocked at a height of 1117 mm) the parking is clearly marked for Coach House. If you do have a larger vehicle i.e camper van size, there is additional parking in the larger public car park, Chapel Road car park, just along from this entrance on your left.



Inner courtyard - Personnel door
(showing step through) and padlock fastening

Getting in (and out) of the Coach House Loft

The vehicular entrance is a tight turn, give plenty of time and space to get in and out as you are entering/exiting a busy road with limited visibility on exiting.



Inner courtyard parking area showing turning area at top and parking bays (raised timbers)



View of archway opening to access Coach House Loft entrance door - shown from car parking bays within the courtyard.

The entrance door for the Coach House Loft is on the left within the next opening at the top of the gravel car parking area. Half round sections of timber are secured with pegs to mark the parking bays, these sit proud of the gravel at approx. 76 mm height.

Getting around the Coach House Loft

Entrance door to Coach House 863mm wide into ground floor partitioned hallway with light switch to right, for outside/hallway light.



Ground Floor entrance door to Coach House Loft - from parking area



Entrance lobby

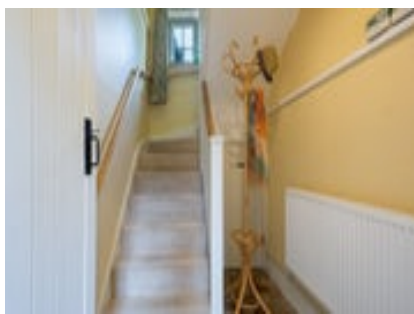
Ground Floor and staircase

Door to your left to utility/laundry room, light switch inside door to your left. Door to your right leads you to and inner lobby and stairs to first floor apartment: 5 carpeted steps to 180 degree corner 203mm height, 241mm depth. 4 triangular tread steps round the turn and a further 5 steps to upstairs landing serving bedroom and bathroom. There are then a further 4 steps to door 178mm riser, 228mm depth leading to open plan kitchen/dining and lounge, the light switch is directly on your right inside the door.

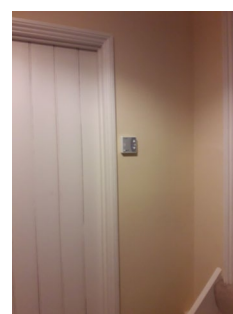
The Air Source Heating control panel can be found wall mounted to the left of these steps. The light switch for hallway is on the right of the steps.



small Utility/Laundry room



Inner lobby/base of stairs



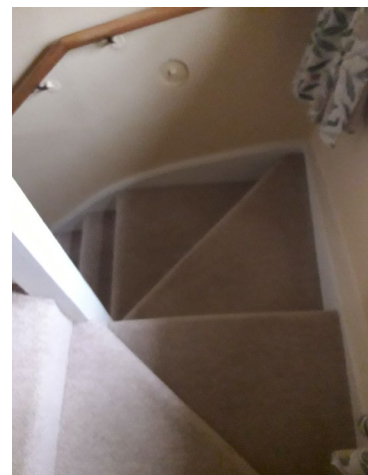
Air source heating control panel location

Utility/Laundry Room

Located on the ground floor to the left of the entrance door. Raised wooden threshold of 76mm onto a stone tiled floor, floor mounted washing machine (door opening height approx. 685 mm), vacuum, brooms. A tumble dryer (door opening height approx. 1574 mm) sits on top of double base unit with a counter height of 914 mm (beneath this is a locked caretaker cupboard).



Staircase up from top landing with 4 stairs up to main living area
Bathroom door to left, adjacent to bedroom door.



Staircase showing turn descending

Sitting Room

Due to the nature of this first floor apartment there are low ceilings and exposed beams throughout.

There is a chest of drawers 724mm height, a three-seater settee and a chair all at 470mm seat height. A coffee table 457mm height, with a large rug underneath which is approx. 12mm thickness. TV table 546mm height with a 32inch TV on top. there are 3 table lamps and a floor standing reading lamp 1422 mm. There are directional spotlights throughout the lounge and kitchen/dining area.



Sitting room with beams and sloped ceiling



Kitchen showing sloped ceiling and roof lights



Dining area – showing sloped ceiling, kitchen beyond and door to stairs on left

Diner/kitchen

The kitchen/dining area is open plan, with wooden painted floor. Kitchen units with wooden work top at 900mm, housing a built-under electric oven and hob with extractor fan above. A one and a half stainless kitchen sink with grooved, circular handled mixer tap. An under counter fridge (with icebox) and a dishwasher. There is wooden dining table 762mm height and 4 chairs with rush seating at a height of 457mm, with a jute rug beneath.

Bedroom

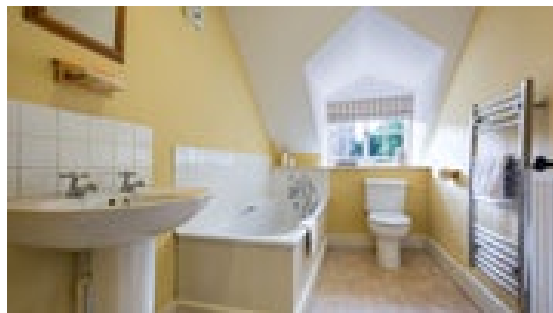
Top of landing stairs door to left leads to Double Bedroom, Light switch on left inside door. Metal frame (head and foot) King size bed 712mm height to top of mattress, bed side cabinets at 609mm height, with 3 lamps at a bulb height of 330 mm. Dormer window overlooking Chapel road with cill height of 832 mm.

Dressing/Shower Room

Off the main bedroom, a corner shower cubicle 900 x 900mm with tray height step of 150mm. A double size wooden wardrobe height from floor to rail is 1625 mm with 2 drawers beneath. Chest of drawers 724mm height, with lamp height of 330 mm and mirror height of 457 mm. Floor mounted Cheval mirror, Small reading chair with seat height of 889 mm near dormer window overlooking the parking area, cill height of 406 mm



Bedroom (from window) showing door to dressing room



Bathroom with shower mixer tap

Bathroom

Off the landing, door straight ahead, adjacent to double bedroom. Pull switch inside on your left – pull cord is 1295 mm off the floor.

The basin 813mm height is on the left as you walk in, with a mirror 1372 mm height and shaver light above. There is a high-level corner cupboard mounted to the left of this.

Bath 543mm height with shower mixer tap, tiled area around bath and sink splash backs.

Toilet seat at 407mm height and heated towel rail 991mm at highest point.

Garden

A small bistro set comprising a metal table (736 mm) and chairs (seat 431 mm) is provided outside the cottage.

Additionally, all guests have access to Peckover Garden, during their stay at the cottages, in and out of hours. A key for the garden door is provided on the main cottage key set.

Additional Information

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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