

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Garden Cottage
Cragside
Rothbury
Morpeth
Ref: 017005



Introduction

- Garden cottage is a three bedroom cottage on two floors. Entrance porch, sitting room with steps to kitchen and bathroom. Double room with en suite shower off the sitting room.
- Located in the formal gardens of Cragside with separate private entrance.
- Change of level within ground floor – 4 steps from sitting room up to kitchen.
- Garden Cottage adjoins Park Cottage and shares the parking area, garden and laundry room with this cottage.

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 the dark, as there are no street lights.

Approach



- The cottage is located in the southerly part of the Cragside Estate and is just off the road which runs past the entrance to Cragside.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- High wooden gates at entrance to cottage with metal-hinged opener at top
- Parking outside the cottage on a level deep gravel surface

Getting in (and out) of the cottage



- One step up into porch 150mm
- Clear open width of door is 840mm
- One step up from porch into house 160mm
- Clear open width of door is 840mm
- 90-degree turn immediately in the door to the cottage which brings you in to the sitting room

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Sitting room on one level with level access to double bedroom and en suite shower room. You need to go up 4 steps (each step 170mm) into the kitchen, door at top of steps 790mm and access out to the terrace overlooking the formal gardens, via outward opening double doors 1520mm, wooden thresh 20mm high & 170mm depth, step down to terrace 140mm depth & 90mm.
- Access to main bathroom from kitchen via lobby, slightly raised wooden door thresh, door 750mm.
- Back door 703mm wide, thresh 40mm high with 2 steps to small yard, steps 80mm in depth & 30mm high and 270mm in depth & 50mm high. Yard uneven brick surface.
- Flooring is a mixture of parquet flooring in the entrance porch and kitchen, fitted carpet in sitting room, stairs and bedrooms and vinyl in the shower/bathroom.
- Circulation space around the ground floor is reasonable
- Stairs to the first floor (16 steps), dogleg staircase with 90 degree turn at mid-point with banister to the right hand side (ascending)



First floor:

- Two twin bedrooms accessed from small landing with reasonable circulation space

Kitchen



- Height of worktops are 930mm & 950mm
- Kitchen is a spacious dining kitchen with fitted units and some free standing furniture
- Free standing gas cooker and hob
- Mixer tap
- Recessed spots in ceiling & pendant light
- Washing machine, dishwasher, fridge freezer, microwave, toaster & cordless kettle
- Kitchen table 760mm high and 620mm clear knee space underneath
- Six wooden chairs with upholstered seats. Seat height 440mm

Ground floor Bathroom



- WC, basin and bath with electric shower over
- WC is 420mm high
- Bath is 670mm wide, 1650mm long and 520mm high with two integral hand rails
- Sink height is 800mm

Sitting Room



- Stairs come down into sitting room
- 2 x two seat sofas 450mm high
- 2 x winged back armchairs 440mm & 460mm high
- Multi fuel stove
- TV & DVD
- Three ceiling lights, 1 freestanding uplighter with reading light and two table lamps
- Free standing furniture includes bureau, bookcase and trolley for TV

Twin Bedrooms



Top of stairs to the left

- Beds against walls with a central aisle. Springy mattresses – 580mm high, 970mm wide, 1900mm long
- 2 wall mounted lights above beds
- Central ceiling light

Top of stairs to the right

- Bed on left - Springy mattress – 740mm high, 970 mm wide, 1900mm long
- Bed on right – soft mattress – 520mm high, 970mm wide and 1900mm long
- 2 wall mounted lights above beds
- Central ceiling light
- Wash hand basin 800mm height

Double Bedroom



- Downstairs off the sitting room opening 750mm
- Door 800mm wide
- Bed King size 1530mm wide and 2000mm long
- Height of bed 680mm
- Bedside tables at both sides of the bed
- Lamps on bedside tables
- Freestanding furniture wardrobe, dressing table and armchair
- Central ceiling light

En-suite shower room



- Door width 860mm
- WC, basin, corner shower cubicle with twin sliding doors
- WC is 420mm high
- Shower cubicle 200mm step up into it, 460mm opening
- Sink height is 800mm

Laundry Room



- This is shared with the cottage next door and has a washing machine and tumble dryer
- 1 stone step up 100mm into laundry room
- 3 steps down to equipment (uneven worn stone steps with average height of 150mm)

Garden



- There is a shared lawn area at the side of the cottage that is shared with Park cottage. There is also the private terrace overlooking the formal gardens.

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

- Chair with armrests
- Good reading light
- Large handle vegetable peeler
- Easy tin opener
- 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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- The Access for All office works to improve access at all National Trust accommodation and properties. The office welcomes comments and ideas on improving access.

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