

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Garden Cottage (006019)  
Croft Castle  
Herefordshire  
HR6 9PW



### Introduction

- This Gothic style Cottage is located within its own walled garden within the estate of Croft Castle. Guests have access to beautiful views and excellent walks in the surrounding countryside.
- The cottage is connected up to the main properties biomass boiler system for hot water and heating and accommodates 6 + travel cot. The house has a private garden at the back, and direct access to the walled garden at the front.
- Due to changes of level on the approach and a narrow entrance at the entry point this cottage may not be suitable for wheelchair users.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

**Ground Floor:** porch, kitchen/dining area, sitting room, bathroom and separate shower, single bed-room.

**First Floor:** Three bedrooms, 1 double with 5ft bed, 1 twin and 1 single and a separate lavatory

### 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 and other details are provided on booking
- Arrival in daylight is highly recommended

### Approach

- Unmade estate access road. Very little traffic.

### Arrival & Parking Facilities

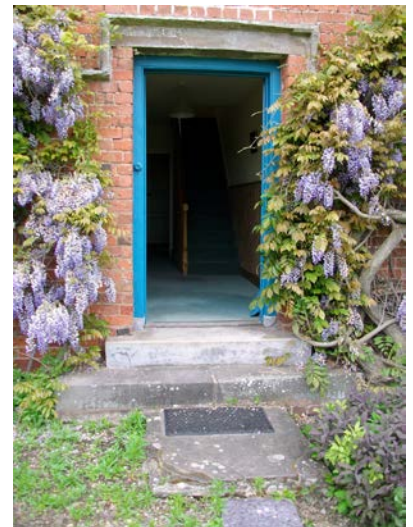
- Arrival is down Croft Castle's main drive. The access road through to the tea room is tarmac, and then the road is unmade from here on. You pass through a working farm; therefore the lane can be muddy, particularly in bad weather. There is also two gates to open and close to get to the cottage.
- Parking space is located just outside the garden fence of the cottage (25m to front door)
- The small wooden gate is signed 'Garden Cottage' Width of the gate is 830mm.
- 3 irregular height steps along the route of the path – range 170 – 230mm. Handrail is provided.

- Further 4 irregular height concrete steps at the end of the path. 180 -210mm. A handrail is provided.



## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Formal front door to the Cottage is located at the front of the house which opens into the gardens of the Castle. 2 steps of 200mm.
- Secondary entrance with large porch (2100 x 1400mm) with threshold of 70mm. Porch contains a plumbed in washing machine. This is the entrance that guests use.
- Door width 790mm – inward opening door. Coir mat.
- Threshold down into kitchen of 50mm.
- Front door clear width is 960mm and leads into the Hall



## Getting around the cottage

### Ground floor:

- Door from Hall into kitchen is 850mm.
- Leads to Sitting Room and Kitchen. Good circulation space
- No inter-room changes in level or thresholds
- Corridor width <900mm



Stairs to first floor -13 risers at 190mm. There is a banister/handrail to one side at 900mm and carpeted stairs. This area is well lit.

## First floor:

- 3 bedrooms
- Separate WC
- No inter-room changes in level or thresholds.

## Kitchen/Diner



- Height of worktop is 900mm
- Large pine kitchen table at 760mm. Small fascia under.
- Marmoleum floor covering
- Good circulation
- Electric oven and hob. Drop-down door. Hob has controls to the front with clear numerals.
- Fridge/Freezer, washing machine and dish-washer.
- Good natural light. Spot-lights and hob-light

## Ground floor Bathroom and Shower- room 2800 x 2350mm

- Very large room with WC, basin & bath with shower attachment on taps
- Bath 550mm high. Straight bath no moulding. Integral hand-grips. Pillar cross-taps. Reasonable circulation around the bath.
- Sink at 800mm. Pillar taps
- The WC is 430mm high. Close coupled unit.
- Flush-floor shower cubicle 800 x 880mm. Mira shower at 1500mm to centre. 1400mm to riser bar.





- Heated towel rail.
- Wall mounted heater
- Good illumination levels

## Single Bedroom Ground Floor

- Divan bed with height to top of 570mm
- Bed-site light (low energy bulb)
- Reasonable circulation space next to the bed.



## Sitting Room

- 2 x 2-seater sofa with straight arms at 460mm to seat
- 2 x wing arm-chairs with straight arms at 470mm to seat
- Good levels of illumination – large windows
- Table and standard lamps (Low energy)
- Good circulation space
- Carpeted (close weave)

## Twin Bedroom First Floor

- Divan beds - 600mm to top 2m (L)
- Bed-side lights to each side (Low energy bulbs)
- Good illumination.
- Bed-room seat
- Carpet
- Good visual contrast between furniture and walls



## Double Bedroom First Floor

- Metal frame bed at 540mm to top of bed 2m (L)
- Bed-side lights (Low energy bulbs)
- Full length mirror
- 2 bedroom chairs
- Carpet

## Single Bedroom First Floor

- Single divan bed at 550mm high 1.9m(L)
- Bedside light (Low energy bulbs)
- Mirror
- Carpet



## Lavatory on first floor

- Standard WC, close coupled and height of 420mm.
- Small sink with cross-taps

## Garden

- Slightly sloping site. Mostly lawn with shrubs and trees and some borders. Enclosed but easy access to nearby parkland. Garden furniture available.
- Garden table with a height of 740mm and six chairs with a seat height of 460mm.



## 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
- Hollowfibre bedding
- Chair with armrests
- 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 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>

- Hereford Shopmobility – Maylord Orchards Car Park HR1 2DT **01432 342166**
- Help My Mobility – Leominster **0845 8387085**

### **Future Plans to improve Access to NT Holiday Cottages**

We are currently in the process of writing access statements 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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### **Access for All at the National Trust**

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