

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

House by the Dyke

House by the Dyke
Chirk Castle
Chirk
Wrexham
Clwyd
LL14 5AF

Ref: 008030



Introduction

- The cottage can accommodate 5 persons only. A cot and highchair is available at this property.
- Air source heat pump heating throughout the property.
- Parking for upto 3 cars in front of the property on gravel area.
- A maximum of two dogs are allowed at the property. No other pets are permissible.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor

- Entrance porch, three bedrooms (one double with a five-foot sleigh bed, one single and one twin bedroom. Lounge with patio doors open out onto the terrace, kitchen, utility room, dining room with double doors leading into conservatory.

Pre-Arrival

- See the main webpage for booking and location details.
- Please contact us prior to booking if you have any specific access requirements.

Approach

- House by the Dyke is located within the beautiful grounds of Chirk Castle which is seven miles south of Wrexham and clearly signed off the A483.
- Follow signs to the visitor center and car park.
- Drive on past the visitor centre. Just before you reach the car park take the left turn towards the castle entrance, then take the very next right, which slopes downwards.
- There is a sign on the gate of this entrance "House by the Dyke". This takes you down a drive to the holiday cottage where parking is available outside the cottage front door.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Parking is available outside the cottage front door.
- There are security bollards at the entrance to the drive at Chirk Castle. These are closed between the hours of 7:00pm and 7:00am daily to prevent unauthorised access to the estate so guests at Chirk Farm Holiday Cottage are strongly advised to arrive before 7:00pm. Should you arrive and the gates are closed, please phone our holidays team (open until 9:00 pm Monday - Friday and until 7:00pm on Saturday) who will be able to open the gates remotely on your behalf.
- Once you have arrived at the holiday cottage there is an infra-red 'zapper' on the key ring with the cottage keys.



Entrance and Parking area

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Access into the property is via a wooden step of 2cm.
- The front door has a clear opening width of 83cm.
- The back door has a clearance of 42.5cm at the bedroom external door
- The front of the cottage is gravel surface

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Ground floor is at all one level, vinyl floors in main areas, carpets in bedrooms.
- Door widths in the property are kitchen 86cm, WC 70cm, kitchen to utility 70cm, utility 72cm. The dining room is open onto the corridor, walkway width of 126cm.

Kitchen

- Height of worktop is 91cm, sink 94cm.
- Electric double cooker with ceramic hob at 89cm.
- Fixed ceiling light with diffuser cover.
- Electric toaster and kettle.



Dining area

- Table height 77.5cm, chair seat height at 45cm.
- Additional wicker-style armchair seat height at 49cm.



Sitting Room

- One three-seater sofa with a seat height of 47cm.
- Two armchairs with seat heights of 47cm and 49cm.
- Wood burning stove in fireplace.
- Double patio doors out onto terrace area.
- Good natural light, plus table lamp.



Master Bedroom

- The bed is 63cm high x 185cm wide x 130cm long.
- Wooden sleigh king-size bed.
- Two bedside tables with a point lamp on each at 65cm.



Twin bedroom

- Two single Divan beds.
- Two sets of drawers at 102cm and 67cm high.
- Two bedside tables 65cm tall.
- Bay window.



Single bedroom

- Doorway 70cm wide.
- Single divan bed at 64cm high.
- Bedside table at 65cm tall.
- Set of drawers at 89cm tall.



Bathroom

- Acrylic bathtub with shower over bath, tub height 54cm.
- WC height of 44cm.
- Basin at 43cm.
- Distance between bath and basin 18cm.
- Separate WC at 44cm with basin at 84cm.



Utility

- Washing Machine Dryer.
- 91cm worktop.
- Sink 94cm.
- Cupboard space.



Utility

Sunroom

- 3 cm Step out on to decking through double door with banister rail
- Seating area



Garden

- 16cm step up to decking to the right of the front door with banister rail. 3cm step into sunroom.
- Patio area with seating.
- Four steps with heights between 18 and 24cm facing the sitting room.
- Steps to the side of patio range from 7 to 36cm.
- Wall height 43.5cm.
- Two steps up to the sitting room are 18cm.
- The seating height is 43cm, and table height is 77cm.
- 16cm step up to decking area to the right of the front door as facing.
- Bannister is 111cm, 3cm step into sunroom.



Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages.
- Any pets other than assistance dogs cannot be accommodated here.
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate the building. Vibrating fire/smoke detectors are available if requested at the 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 fibre 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 specific 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.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/borrow-a-wheelchair>

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/hire-a-toilet-aid>

Future Plans to improve Access to National Trust 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 extremely 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 to 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 the 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

- 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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