

National Trust Accessibility Guide (Sept 20)

East Lodge

Lyme Disley Stockport Cheshire SK12 2NR Ref: 009020



Introduction

East Lodge is a former game keeper's cottage located on the eastern edge of Lyme's historic deer park. Built in 1904, the cottage enjoys an elevated position with stunning views of the historic Cage banqueting tower, the Cheshire plain and Manchester city centre.

The cottage is a 2 storey building. The first floor has 2 bedrooms (double and a twin) and a bathroom, all accessed via a staircase. The ground floor has a sitting / dining room, kitchen, porch and utility room. The cottage has a private garden and gravel courtyard area to the rear, the grassed lawn is on a raised area accessed from the courtyard via 7 steps.

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.
- Please bring torch if arriving in the dark.

Approach

- The cottage is accessed via the vehicle visitor entrance to Lyme (1 mile north of Disley on the A6 road). Proceed from this entrance to the main mansion house where keys to the cottage can be collected until 5pm from the Estate Office. From the main house take the road towards the Stables building, passing by it on your right and proceeding up the road. After 200 metres the road turns into gravel single track road. Proceed along this track for about 800 metres to the edge of the park where you will find the cottage and guest parking.
- The ground surface around the cottage entrance and parking area is gravel.
- For guests arriving after 5pm, keys can be collected from the black key safe on the gatepost in front of the parking area.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- The guest parking area can accommodate 2 vehicles and is for the sole use of cottage guests. The parking area is 50 metres from the cottage entrance along the gravel track.
- To access the cottage you have to pass through a boundary gate. There are 2 gates, 1 for pedestrians (550mm wide) and 1 originally used by farm vehicles (2700mm wide). Should either be locked (e.g. if the Park has closed for visitors in the evening) a key on the cottage set will open them. If these were locked on entry, please relock after you passed through them to prevent deer escaping.
- Once through the park gate open one of the iron railing gates in front of the cottage to access the front door (840mm wide and 2450mm wide). Both iron gates are never locked.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The front door is 770mm wide with a 60mm high stone threshold
- Immediately inside the front door is a lobby which is 1100mm long
- The inner door is at right angles to the front door and is 760mm wide with a 90mm high stone threshold. This door leads into the living room

Getting around the cottage

- Once inside the cottage, guests have level access to the sitting / dining room, kitchen and utility room.
- The ground floor is tiled throughout, with a large rug in the sitting room.
- The 1st floor is accessed via a set of carpeted stairs starting in the corner of the sitting room behind a door (760mm wide). There are 14 steps; each one is 760mm wide, 200mm high and 220mm deep. Please note these are steep stairs, we recommend you using the bannister at all times.

- The first floor has 3 rooms all of which are accessed directly from the top of the stairs. The 1st floor flooring is comprised of exposed wooden floorboards with rugs in each bedroom.

Ground Floor

Sitting Room

- The Sitting room is 4300mm x 4000mm.
- This is the first room you enter through the front door.
- 2 x 2 seater sofas (410mm and 480mm high seat)
- Small wooden dining room table (690mm surface height).
- 4 wooden dining room chairs (460mm high seat).
- Wood burning stove fireplace with fireguard and companion set.
- Lighting is through a ceiling unit and 2 x free standing lamps and 2 table lamps.
- There is a book case and 1 small side table (550mm high).

Kitchen

- The Kitchen is 2700mm x 4000mm
- This room is accessed via the living room through a door (730mm wide)
- The kitchen has fitted units with built-in cooker and electric hob, fridge and dishwasher. Height of worktop is 920mm
- There is also a kettle, microwave and toaster.
- The sink has lever taps.
- The kitchen is lit via a central ceiling unit and task lighting beneath the wall cupboards.

Utility Room

- The utility room is 1800mm x 1800mm.
- The room is accessed via the kitchen through a door (730mm wide) into a small porch area (back door route) and then through another door (730mm wide).
- This room has a washer / dryer machine, iron, outdoor chairs, small supply of fire wood and coal, rubbish bags and other items.

1st Floor

Bathroom

- The Bathroom is 4000mm x 1800mm.
- Bathroom door is 670mm wide.
- Bathroom comprises lavatory, basin and bath with shower over bath.
- The WC is 420mm high; the basin is 800mm high with traditional propeller style taps.

- The bath is 550mm high x 1500mm long x 650mm wide, has integral rails either side and taps with lever arms. There is 1000mm circulation space beside the bath.
- The shower has a glass partition on one side.

Twin Bedroom

- This bedroom is 3400mm x 2900mm.
- Accessed via the top of the stairs the bedroom door is 770mm wide.
- Twin divan beds 600mm high x 1900mm long x 1000mm wide.

Double Bedroom

- This bedroom is 4000mm x 4300mm.
- Super kingsize bed 620mm high x 2000mm long x 1800mm wide.
- Wooden chair with arms, wardrobe and chest of drawers.

Garden Garden bedside tables with table lamps each side.

- Sheltered courtyard area with gravel surface to rear of cottage, via the back door (750mm wide, with a 45mm stone step), or via a wooden gate at the side of the cottage (1040mm wide).
- Metal table (720mm high surface) and 4x chairs with arm rests (410mm high seat)
- The grassed lawn is on a raised area accessed from the patio via 7 steps (650mm wide x 200mm high x 230mm deep); there is a metal hand rail.

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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Access for All at the National Trust

- 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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