

## Cronkhill Access Statement



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### Introduction

Cronkhill is an Italianate villa designed by Regency architect John Nash. It stands proudly on a hillside with stunning views across the Attingham Estate. Built around 1802 for Thomas the 2nd Lord Berwick's land agent Francis Walford. In later years it was home to Richard the 5<sup>th</sup> Lord and Thomas and Teresa the 8<sup>th</sup> Lord and Lady who lived at the villa for two years after they were married in 1919 before moving to Attingham in 1921. Cronkhill facilities are comprised of the house which has ground floor rooms open to view, stables, orchard and lawned garden area in front of the house.

This property is tenanted and only open for 6 days a year by pre-booked ticket

Assistance dogs are welcome only

Mobile signal is good on-site

## Arrival & Parking Facilities

Booking is by pre-booked timed tickets only

For wheelchair users arrangements can be made on arrival for the use of a drop-off point nearer the house, with car parking back on the field until pick up following your visit, this is by pre-arrangement only by emailing [cronhill@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cronhill@nationaltrust.org.uk)

1. Cronhill is located on the road between the A458 at Cross Houses and the B4380 Atcham road (please note the lanes are narrow on the approach)
2. Parking is on the grass in front of the property on a slope, grass length may vary throughout the year
3. You will be greeted inside the front door to the house
4. There is no induction loop available at the Welcome table
5. We have no regular staff or volunteers with fluency in British Sign Language.
6. There is no designated accessible parking

## WCs



1. There is a small W/C
2. Entrance is 74CM wide
3. Uneven Stone slab lip
4. Tiled flooring
5. There are no baby changing or accessible facilities. The nearest is at Attingham Park National Trust SY4 4TP.

## House

### Cronkhill House

1. Entrance to the house is by a gravelled path
2. Flagstone floor to enter the house these can become slippery when wet. Care to be taken when entering the house
3. There is a small lip to the entrance door
4. The entrance door is Manual and in-ward opening but left open
5. Druggets are used to protect the carpets underneath, please be aware that these can move causing a potential trip hazard. There are preventative measures in place which includes taping down edges and staff will monitor regularly throughout the day and adjust as necessary
6. The areas are lit with natural light, fluorescent ceiling lights and lamps
7. There is space to turn a wheelchair however some areas are narrow – However the visitor route is one way
8. There is no visitor seating indoors
9. There are no WC's inside the house
10. Access for powered wheelchairs or powered mobility vehicles inside the House is dependent on how busy the house is. Constraints are as for manual wheelchair users
11. There is no audio guide
12. To keep our tenant's privacy, we ask for no indoor photography to be taken
13. There is no braille guide available
14. There are no wheelchairs to borrow
15. All doors are 91cm wide
16. There is one floor of the house to see which is level access
17. There are no designated quiet areas, however the last time slot of the day sees less visitors, these are subject to visitor numbers and movement

## Catering

1. No catering facilities at Cronkhill

## Grounds

### Grounds, Lawn, Orchard and Pond





1. There is a steep incline to the entrance gate from the carpark
2. A metal latched gate which is 88.9cm wide
3. Gravelled paths around the house leading to the stables and orchard area, which can be tricky to navigate at times
4. Paths can get muddy during wet weather
5. The grounds are on multiple levels, with slopes to negotiate
6. The front lawn has a slope incline and there is metal edging around the grass which is around 2 inches high
7. The front lawn is mainly grassed surfaced which can get muddy during the winter and inclement weather
8. There are 5 historic uneven steps going down to the orchard
9. Due to the historic nature of the house and grounds there are no handrails on any of the steps
10. There is a large water feature (pond) towards the back of the property currently not fenced off care should be taken
11. There are further steps in the orchard area which lead to a private area
12. No seating in the grounds
13. There is currently no interpretation within the grounds however we have a member of staff or volunteers who will provide information and assistance as required
14. Loggia (an architectural roofed area which is attached to the house looking out onto the lawn) there are two steps leading down onto the gravelled path
15. Stables - The area in and around the stables are cobbled which are uneven
16. There is a ha-ha (brick wall) at the front of the lawn and caution should be observed as this means there are steep, sudden and hidden drops

(The point of the ha-ha was to give the viewer of the garden the illusion of an unbroken, continuous rolling lawn, whilst providing boundaries for grazing livestock)



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