

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

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2 Castle Cottages

Tattershall Castle
Sleaford Road
Tattershall
Lincolnshire
LN4 4LR



Introduction

- 2 Castle Cottages is a two storey cottage located in the grounds of Tattershall Castle at Sleaford in Lincolnshire. The cottage offers a comfortable base from which to explore the Lincolnshire Wolds, one of the most rural counties in England, which is rich with areas of outstanding natural beauty and historic market towns.
- The Cottage is arranged as follows:-

Ground Floor:

- Entrance Hallway, Kitchen, Boiler Room with Washing Machine, Sitting /Dining Room with Gas Fired Stove.

First Floor:

- 1 Double Bedrooms with 5ft bed.
- Bathroom with freestanding slipper bath and large separate shower cubicle.

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

Approach & Parking



- The parking for the cottage is located on a private driveway (second image) in the area immediately after the hedge line on the right hand side.
- Access to the cottage is via the pedestrian gate on the left in the 3rd image above and then the entrance doorway is located at the rear of the cottage.
- The pedestrian gate is 800mm wide.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage



- Stone paved pathway runs along the front and side of the cottage around to the entrance door at the rear (Castle side) of the cottage.
- Width of entrance door is 870 mm
- Key safe is located to the side of the entrance door and the spin dial mechanism is located at 1440mm from ground level.

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- The ground floor accommodation has a change of level between the kitchen and the sitting room. The steps between the two areas are 90mm and 140mm high.
- Vinyl floor coverings to the kitchen, boiler room and entrance lobby.
- Carpeted flooring to the sitting / dining room.

First floor:

- There are 2 steps leading to the staircase measuring 120mm and 130mm high and 13 treads to the main staircase to first floor with hand rail to one side.
- There are changes of level between the bedroom and the bathroom area. The width of the steps into the bathroom is 610mm and the treads steps are 760mm and 190mm high.
- Floor surfaces are carpeted with the exception of the bathroom which has a vinyl floor covering.
- Internal doors widths vary throughout and range from 670mm wide to 720mm wide.



Kitchen



- Single aspect room with views towards Tattershall Castle and Guard House.
- Downlighters throughout.
- Height of worktop is 930mm
- Electric oven with induction hob over.
- Microwave, integrated fridge with ice box, cordless kettle and toaster. Integrated dishwasher.
- Pillar Tap to sink area with lever handles.

Sitting / Dining Room



- A spacious double aspect room with views over the garden.
- Sofa with seat height of 430mm and winged armchair with seat height of 460mm
- The dining table is 720mm high and the 2 x dining Chairs have a seat height of 500mm. There is 230mm space between the seat of the dining chair and the underside of the dining table.
- TV with 39" Screen and DVD Player
- Two central ceiling pendants with 3 lamps to each and 3 No. table lamps.
- Gas fired flame effect stove.

Double Bedroom



- Single Aspect bedroom with view towards Tattershall Lakes and the garden area to the front of the cottage.
- King size antique brass bedstead with firm mattress measuring 1560mm wide x 2030mm long
- Bed height is 740mm from floor
- Bedside tables with lamps to each side of bed. Central ceiling pendant with 2 lamps.
- Large wardrobe with mirror to front and one drawer.

Bathroom



- There are 4 No. steps down into the bathroom and these are between 190mm and 760mm high and have a hand rail to each side.
- Downlighters which work off a sensor when the door opens
- Slipper bath which is 640mm high at its lowest point.
- Shower cubicle with tray which is 80mm high and entrance measuring 660mm wide.
- Shower controls are 990mm from base of shower and the
- WC with seat height of 460mm
- Wash hand basins are 860mm high
- Wall hung mirror above wash basin

Garden / Outdoor Seating Area



- Pleasant garden and patio area to the front and side of the cottage. The rear of the cottage looks directly onto Tattershall Castle and Guard House.
- Patio table and 2 armchairs which have a seat height of 390mm.

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.
- Mobile phone signal to the cottage is variable and it is advised that you check with your individual network provider.
- There is currently no Wi-Fi at this site.

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 NT 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 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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