

National Trust Cottages Access Guide

Cider Cottage
Buckland Abbey, Garden and Estate
Nr Yelverton
Devon
Ref: 012042



Introduction

- Cider Cottage is located adjacent to a tenanted property on the Buckland Abbey estate, it is a two storey building.
- The road and paths to and around the cottage are uneven and bumpy, with some gravel and paving slabs in places.
- The area from the parking space to the cottage is fairly flat, but to get around the estate itself there are some inclines.
- The cottage has oil filled radiators and a wood burner in the living room.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

- Hallway with stairs to first floor. Ground floor: utility room, living room and kitchen/diner. First floor: Master bedroom (king size bed) with ensuite shower room, second bedroom (twin or double on request), main bathroom with shower over bath.
- Please note that currently there is restricted mobile signal at the cottage, but there is a landline.

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.
- There are motion sensitive lights immediately around the cottage if guests arrive after dark, but bringing a torch is advisable.

Approach

- The driveway down to the cottage is rough and uneven with one speed bump. During opening hours there is public access to the area so drivers should be extra vigilant of pedestrians.



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Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is space for one car in a bay on the left, adjacent to the Cider House garden gates, as guests reach the end of the driveway (approx 20m). However for loading and unloading luggage, cars can be pulled up to the cottage gate (next to the double garage).
- The area around the parking bay is rough and uneven, and there is a gravel path to the cottage door with some paving slabs.
- There is a latched gate at the entrance to the cottage (930mm wide).
- The key safe is located next to the front door. Guests with limited dexterity may find the use of this difficult – please notify us if this may be a problem and we will make alternative arrangements.
- The door is opened by turning the Yale key and door handle at the same time.



Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The front door is 820mm wide with a 20mm high metal threshold. There is a slate paving slab outside the door which can become slippery when wet.



Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Immediately inside the door is a hallway which is 900mm wide at its narrowest point, and the carpeted staircase to the first floor comprises 12 steps which are 220mm high, and has a handrail on the right hand side as you go up. There is a stair gate at the foot of the stairs.
- Doors to the utility room and living room are at right angles to the hallway, and the kitchen/diner door is straight ahead.
- There is vinyl floor covering in the hall, utility room, living room and kitchen/diner.
- The back door leads to an area to the rear of the cottage which is the property of the tenant next door, so we ask that guests use this only in an emergency. A key is provided on the cottage set. Outside the 760mm wide back door are 9 concrete steps leading to a grassed area.
- Lighting levels throughout the cottage are very good, although the entrance hallway is the darkest area as it has little natural light. A variety of overhead lighting and free standing and table lamps are provided throughout, as well as a high power rechargeable torch.
- All doors are 800mm wide and have handles as opposed to knobs.



First floor:

- The landing is an 'L' shape, to the right of the staircase and then back on itself. The main bathroom is at the top of the stairs and the doors to both bedrooms come off of the main landing itself. The ensuite shower room is approached from the master bedroom.
- The two bathrooms have vinyl floor coverings. The rest of the first floor has fitted carpets.
- Circulation space in both the hallway and the landing is relatively tight.

Kitchen/Diner

- Door opens into the hallway.
- The kitchen has fitted units with a built in single electric oven, hob, fridge and dishwasher.
- There is a microwave, kettle and toaster provided.
- The cleaning cupboard is on the left adjacent to the kitchen door, and the back door is on the left and straight ahead.
- Height of worktop is 925mm.
- Sink has a mixer tap with twist handles
- The dining table seats 4-6 people and is 785mm high with a clear 645mm knee space underneath.
- The chairs are wooden with a wooden back rest and padded seats. The seat height is 470mm.



Sitting Room

- Door opens inwards.
- A three-seater sofa and a wing backed armchair are provided for guests with seat heights of 430mm and 460mm respectively.
- There is a wood burner with a fire guard, a small nest of tables, standard lamp, table lamp and television unit.
- The TV has a 800mm screen and a DVD player and iPod dock are provided.



Utility Room

- Door opens inwards.
- An under counter freezer, washing machine and tumble drier are provided.
- The work surface is 930mm high.

Twin Bedroom

- Door opens inwards
- Twin beds are 660mm high, 1900mm long and 840mm wide, and can be joined to make a small double on request.

- There are two small bedside tables with lamps and a chair (same as dining room).
- The door to the inbuilt cupboard opens into the room.
- The gap between the wall and bed is 700mm, between the beds there is 300mm and the second bed and window wall is 800mm, with 115mm at the foot of the beds.



Master Bedroom

- Door opens inwards
- Bed is 1900mm wide, 1900mm long and 660mm high.
- There are two small bedside tables with lamps, a chair (same as dining room) and a chest of drawers.
- The door to the inbuilt cupboard opens into the room.
- There is a gap of 550mm between the drawers and bed, 800mm between the bed and window, and 900mm at the foot of the bed.
- Door to en suite opens into the bathroom.



Main Bathroom

- Door opens inwards
- WC, basin and bath with shower overhead (electric).
- The WC is 410mm high
- Basin is 820mm high
- Bath is 560mm high, 1460mm long and 600mm wide (wider at shower end in a 'P' design). There are no hand rails.
- An electric towel heater is provided.
- There is approx 2.25m² of clear floor space.



En Suite Bathroom

- WC, basin and shower in glass cubicle (mains).
- The WC is 420mm high
- Basin is 820mm high
- There is 1.06m² of shower space and a glass door to enter the cubicle which opens both ways.
- An electric towel heater is provided.
- There is approx 1.8m² of clear floor space.



Garden

- The area immediately outside the cottage is gravelled.
- A paved path (slightly uneven) leads to a small patio at the rear of the garden.
- Outdoor furniture with fold up chairs and a glass table (700mm high) is provided.
- There is a lawn area, and flowerbeds around the circumference of the garden and between the gravelled area and grass.

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
- 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 access 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 Access Guide

This Access Guide is intended to provide key information about the cottage that may be particularly relevant to guests with disabilities. It is reviewed annually. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like more detailed information and we will be happy to oblige. Phone: 0844 800 2070

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Access for All at the National Trust

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