

Housesteads cottage accessibility Guide



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Address: housesteads, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 6NN

Ref: 017011

Introduction

Housesteads Farm is a three-bedroom cottage on three floors which includes one ground floor single bedroom and bathroom with shower over bath, wash hand basin and WC. There is also a cellar. First floor with one super king bed and a twin room. Heating is provided by an oil tank along with open fire and multi fuel stove for additional heating. Located next to Housesteads Roman Fort on the World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Wall. The only residential dwelling for miles around.

- The ground floor is all on the same level.
- There is a museum run by English Heritage in the building next to the cottage, which is open in the daytime, all year round.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- Entrance porch, hallway with door to kitchen, bathroom, single bedroom, sitting room and staircase up to second floor (door down to cellar in the kitchen).

First Floor:

- Two bedrooms (1 twin, 1 double) and shower room with toilet and wash hand basin.

Cellar:

- Stone staircase leading down into the cellar where the vacuum, clothes airers and boiler are stored.

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.
- Bring torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here. Although there is an outside light with a PIR sensor which will be activated as you drive in.

Approach

- The cottage is located at Housesteads Roman Fort, on the Hadrian's Wall and Housesteads Estate. It is accessed by a winding track approx. 2 miles long, off the military road B6318.
- There is a farm gate at the start of the track and a cattle grid mid-way. At the top of the track turn left and the cottage is directly in front of you.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is a farm gate into the courtyard area, which must be kept closed at all times as there is livestock in the surrounding area.
- Parking is anywhere within the gate as you enter the yard.
- Courtyard area mixture of concrete and cobbles.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Single stone step into porch 6cm high and 24cm deep with a wooden thresh.
- Front door width 87cm wide and 199cm high.
- Onto natural slate flooring which runs throughout porch, hall, bathroom, and kitchen (with a naturally uneven surface).
- Door from porch into hallway is 99cm wide and 199cm high.
- There is a wooden bench seat 44cm high.
- There is a plastic tray for boots/shoes.

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- The ground floor accommodation is mainly on the level with a slight ramp down into the sitting room and a flush wooden thresh into ground floor bedroom. 2 ceiling lights in hallway.

Stairs:

- Stairs to first floor (14 stairs) winder staircase, with handrail right hand side ascending with integral emergency lighting in top step.
- The stairs are 26cm deep and 18cm high. The bottom ones curl around and get narrower on one side.
- Small landing with access to bedrooms and shower room.

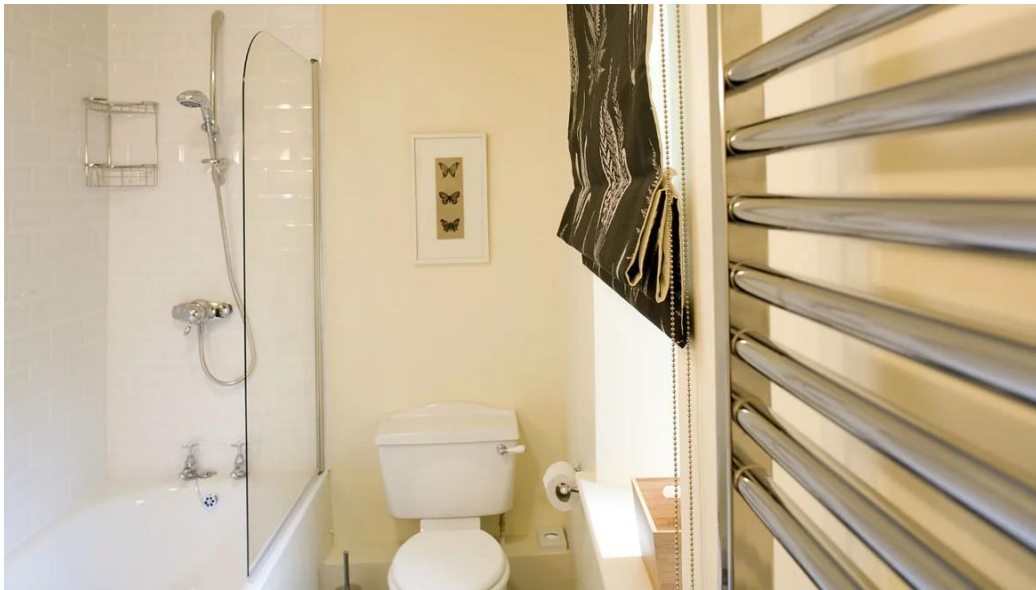
Kitchen



The kitchen leads off from the hallway. The door is 88cm wide with a head height of 198cm.

- Height of worktop is 92cm.
- Kitchen is a spacious dining kitchen with fitted units and integral electric oven & hob.
- Mixer tap.
- 2 ceiling lights.
- Washer, dishwasher, fridge freezer, microwave, toaster & cordless kettle
- Kitchen table is 77cm high.
- 1 wooden bench 45cm high and 4 wicker chairs 44cm in height.
- 2 wooden armchairs 44cm high.
- Inglenook fireplace with raised hearth and multi fuel stove.

Ground floor Bathroom



The ground floor bathroom is off the hallway opposite the kitchen. The doorway is 88cm wide with a head height of 199cm.

- Door to bathroom is 82cm wide and 199cm high.
- WC, basin and bath with electric shower over & glass shower screen.
- Bath is 70cm wide, 167cm long and 70cm wide.
- WC is 41cm high.
- Basin is 82cm high.
- Heated towel rail.
- 2 wall mounted lights above hand basin.
- 1 ceiling light.
- Natural slate flooring.

Sitting Room



The sitting room is at the end of the hallway. The door is 87cm wide with a head height of 199cm.

- Slight wooden ramp inside doorway to sitting room.
- Wooden floorboards with rug.
- 2 armchairs, seat height 38cm.
- 3 seat sofa, seat height 38cm.
- 2 coffee tables, chest of drawers & TV table.
- Flush stone fireplace with open fire.
- Standard lamp and table lamp.
- 1 ceiling light.

Single Bedroom (ground floor)



The single bedroom is to the right-hand side of the hallway. The door is 87cm wide with a head height of 199cm.

- Doorway into room 87cm wide and 199cm high.
- Bed 190cm long and 95cm wide.
- Mattress height 55cm Medium/firm mattress.
- Upholstered armchair seat height 40cm high.
- Bedside table with lamp, chest of drawers & towel rail.
- Central ceiling light.

Twin Bedroom (first floor)



The twin bedroom is to the left-hand side of the upstairs landing. The door is 85cm wide with a head height of 194cm.

- Freestanding drawers & towel rail.
- Fitted wardrobe.
- Upholstered armchair 43cm high
- Window seat 64cm high.
- Twin beds placed against walls with plenty circulation space between.
- Bedside table with lamp.
- Central ceiling light.
- Beds are both 192cm long, 95cm wide and mattress height 50cm medium/firm mattresses.

Double Bedroom (first floor)



The double bedroom is to the right of the landing. The doorway is 85cm wide with a head height of 193cm.

- King-size bed 203cm long, 145cm wide and mattress height 53cm Medium/firm.
- Bedside tables 73cm high with a chair 46cm high.
- Lamps & plenty circulation space down either side of bed.
- Freestanding drawers and dressing table, towel rail,
- Fitted wardrobe.
- Room has ample circulation space.
- Central ceiling light.
- Window seat 64cm high.

Shower Room (first floor)



The shower room is on the left-hand side of the upstairs landing. The door is 67cm wide with a head height of 195cm.

- Nonslip flooring.
- Wash basin height 81cm high with crystal taps.
- WC 42cm high.
- Shower cubicle 48cm opening.
- Roof light & central ceiling light.
- Limited circulation space.
- Heated towel rail.
- Small wooden unit.

Cellar



The cellar leads off from beside the kitchen. The door is 72cm wide with a head height of 198cm.

- A stone staircase with 11 number of steps. The steps are generally 25cm high and 28cm deep but are worn in places and uneven. The first step down is 30cm.
- Bench seat 45cm high.
- Vacuum, drying racks etc.
- Two banisters on the side of the wall.

Garden



- Lawn area to front of cottage with varying degrees of sloped areas, with gravelled seating area to side of cottage access via a small wooden gate beside parking space.

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.
- Furniture and appliances are changed when required, pictures here may show previous presentation
- Upstairs sash windows open wide, so care should be taken when using the window seats

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 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>

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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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