National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide
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Cottage Ref: 011093

Powders Cottage
Frenchman's Creek
Helford
Cornwall
TR12 6JZ

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Introduction

Powders Cottage is a large 1930's wooden bungalow nestled into a wooded cliff at the head of a creek. It is set in a uniquely private rural location far from the road. The views to the front over the Helford River and Frenchman's Creek are spectacular. The close proximity to the river and the sloping banks mean that children must be supervised at all times at this location. The lower path leading to the quay gives immediate access to very deep water when the tide is in and a very sharp drop onto the beach if the tide is out. As of August 2026 the Quay has been closed for access due to instability of the structure of the quay.

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

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- The cottage is down a rough single lane farm track at the end of a single lane road with occasional passing places. The farm track is hard packed earth at the beginning but changes to twin tarmacadam paths with grass centre, about halfway down the track. The surface of the track is very rough with some deep potholes which can be filled with water after heavy rain. Drivers must proceed slowly and with caution to avoid damaging their vehicles. The large parking and turning area is hard packed earth and stone. The parking area is located in front of the wooden garage with Powders cottage positioned below. There is an unprotected drop to one side so care must be taken when manoeuvring a vehicle.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The combination safe containing the front door key is on the front wall of the garage, to the right of the door. It is recommended to bring a torch to set the correct lock combination on arrival. Key to be returned to safe on final departure. There is a push on/off light switch beside the safe which operates the low level lamps illuminating the complete pathway down to the cottage – this switch is 2-way with another switch just inside the cottage front door. The downward sloping pathway is grass and compacted granite chippings and approximately 2metres wide by 50metres long. This is followed by a, curving, downward stairway of 800mm wide stone slabs. There is a rustic wooden handrail to one side and each of the 20 steps is roughly 400mm deep and 200mm high. This stairway ends at the level area surrounding the cottage. There is a step, 150mm high, up to the part glazed wooden front entrance door which opens inwards into the Kitchen. There is outside lighting which is part of the pathway illumination system.









There is a grassed area to the side of the path, just before the stairway, which is where the rotary dryer is.



Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

Kitchen – Single aspect.

- 680mm wide main entrance doorway from front of cottage.
- Wooden floorboards flooring.
- Six recessed ceiling down-lights. One under shelf strip-light.
- Window, with deep sill, to front aspect (1,600mm W x 900mm H).
- Kitchen floor cupboards with drawers under 900mm High worktops.
- Two tier shelf. Top shelf 910mm above worktop.
- Large, wooden, crockery cupboard (1,100mm W x 450mm D x 2,100mm H).
- Fridge, Dish washer, Microwave oven, Toaster and kettle.
- Electric cooker with ceramic hob.
- One central heating radiator.





Twin Bedroom

- 710mm wide doorway from kitchen.
- Wooden floorboards and rug flooring.
- Ceiling light on 2-way switch. One table lamp and two wall lights.
- One central heating radiator. Two convector heaters and a de-humidifier.
- Window, with deep sill, to front aspect (1,700mm W x 900mm H).
- Window, with deep sill, to side aspect (500mm W x 900mm H).
- Part glazed (700mm W) side door, opens outwards, to exterior. (Threshold 200mm H down to 160mm H stone step).
- Bedside table (610mm W x 300mm D x 660mm H).
- Two single beds (each 1,000mm W x 2,000mm L x 600mm H).
- Built-in wardrobe (1,100mm W)
- One wooden chair with rush seat (440mm seat H).
- One chest of drawers “2 over 2” (890mm W x 480mm D x 940mm H).
- Solid wooden door to en-suite.





Twin Bedroom En-suite

- 700mm wide doorway from bedroom.
- Wooden floorboards flooring.
- One central heating radiator.
- Electric towel rail.
- Three recessed down-lights. Light/shaver socket above mirror.
- Window, with deep sill, to side aspect (500mm W x 900mm H). Fitted wooden folding blinds
- One wooden “kitchen” chair (450mm seat H).
  W.C. (420mm seat H).
  Wash basin (800mm H).
- Bath (690mm W x 1,680mm L x 540mm H).
- Shower (non electric) over bath. Safety glass side panel. Vertical, wall mounted, grab rail.

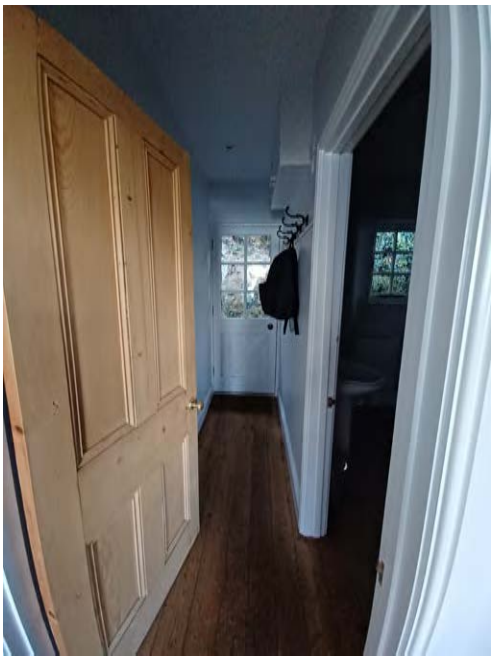
- Wooden floor cabinet (520mm W x 300mm D x 790mm H).





Inner Lobby

- 740mm wide doorway from kitchen.
- Wooden floorboards flooring.
- Two recessed down-lights.
- Part glazed door (680mm W), opens inwards, to rear exterior. (Threshold 200mm to exterior).
- Four, wall mounted, coat hooks.
- Solid wooden door to laundry/cloak room.



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Laundry/Cloak room

- 740mm wide doorway from inner lobby.
- Wooden floorboards flooring.
- One central heating radiator.
- Two recessed down-lights.
- Window, with deep sill, to rear aspect (500mm W x 700mm H).
- W.C. (420mm seat H).
- Wash basin (800mm H).
- Freezer
- Washing machine and Tumble dryer under worktop (900mm H).
- Central heating boiler.





Lounge/Dining room

- Open entrance from kitchen (760mm W).
- Wooden floorboards and rugs flooring.
- Two central heating radiators. Log burning stove with raised slate hearth.
- One ceiling light and four wall lamps (all on one 2-way switch). Two standard lamps.
- Window, with deep sill, to side aspect (1,000mm W x 1,000mm H).
- Window, with deep sill, to front aspect (1,000mm W x 1,100mm H).
- French doors (1,200mm W), open inwards, to front exterior. (Threshold 150mm H down to 230mm H stone step).
- Pine dining table (800mm W x 1,540mm L x 580mm knee H).
- Four pine “kitchen” chairs (460mm seat H).
- Pine drop leaf side table (440mm W closed x 900mm L x 740mm H).

- Wooden octagonal occasional table (600mm Dia x 770mm H).
- Wooden storage box (540mm W x 1,050mm L x 550mm H).
- Wooden cabinet (800mm W x 290mm D x 1,100mm H).
- 2 x Two-seater settees (440mm seat H).
- Pair of cushioned, wicker arm chairs (440mm seat H). One matching stool (440mm seat H).
- TV and DVD player
- Solid wooden door opens inwards into the double bedroom







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Double Bedroom

- 700mm doorway from lounge.
- Wooden floorboards and rugs flooring.
- Two central heating radiators.
- Two ceiling lights (2-way switch). Three wall lamps. Two table lamps.
- Window, with deep sill, to side aspect (1,000mm W x 1,100mm H).
- Two windows, with deep sills, to other side aspect (1,000mm W x 1,100mm H) and (2,400mm W x 1,100mm H).).
- Window, with deep sill, to front aspect (1,650mm W x 1,100mm H).
- Built-in wardrobe (560mm W).
- Pair of bedside tables (350mm W x 300mm D x 660mm H)
- Wooden rush bedroom chair (440mm seat H).
- Pair of wicker easy chairs (440mm seat H).
- Wooden child's "kitchen" chair.
- One chest of drawers "2 over 2" (900mm W x 450mm D x 880mm H).
- Wooden, contemporary, four poster double bed (1,640mm W x 2,100mm L x 600mm H).
- Solid wooden door opens inwards, into en-suite.
- Occasional table (910mm W x 420mm D x 460mm H).



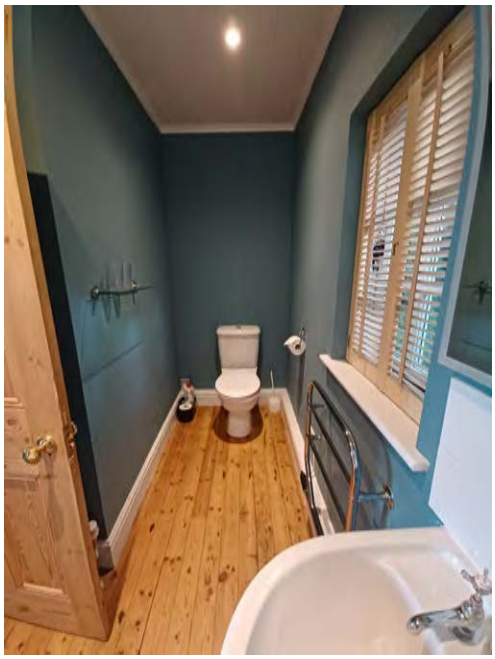




Double Bedroom En-suite

- 700mm wide doorway from bedroom.
- Wooden floorboards flooring.
- One central heating radiator.
- Electric towel rail.
- Three recessed down-lights. Light/shaver socket above mirror.
- Window, with deep sill, to rear aspect (500mm W x 1,000mm H). Fitted wooden folding blinds
- One wood and raffia chair (440mm seat H).
- W.C. (420mm seat H).
- Wash basin (800mm H).
- Bath (680mm W x 1,680mm L x 540mm H).
- Shower (non electric) over bath. Safety glass side panel. Vertical, wall mounted, grab rail.
- Wooden table (590mm W x 300mm D x 700mm H).





Garden

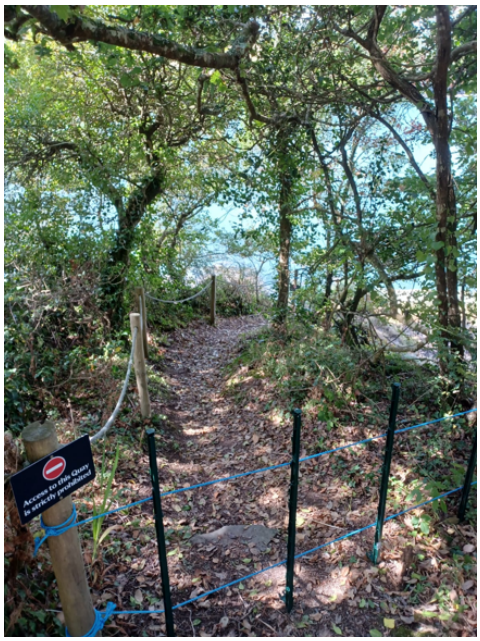
The “garden” is mainly the natural land around the cottage. There is a paved area complete with garden furniture. There is a small lawn with rotary area available on the left hand side of the path as you approach the cottage. There are various, narrow, natural pathways down to the shoreline and a small private quay. As of August 2026 access to the quay is strictly prohibited due to instability with its structure. The area is roped off.













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

In addition to the standard equipment and facilities, each cottage is equipped with the following:

- Cordless kettle
- Chair with armrests in dining room and living room.
- 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)

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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