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Wray Castle Cottage
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Introduction

- Wray Castle House is a partly accessible house at the entrance to Wray Castle.
- The cottage has ample parking with the area closest to the house being extended with paving slabs to allow easy access to and from a vehicle – see photo below.
- The king bedrooms, sitting, dining room, snug and partly accessible bedroom face east with views over the Lake and towards the fells.
- The cottage comprises:
- Upstairs - 1 x king bedroom, 1 x en-suite king bedroom with WC, basin and walk-in shower, 1 x twin bedroom, 1 x bathroom with bath, WC, basin and walk-in shower, 1 x toilet with WC and basin.
- Downstairs – entrance hall with seating, utility room with washer, tumble dryer, WC and basin, kitchen with rise and fall worktop, dining room, lounge, snug, partly accessible bedroom with zip and link beds that can be twins on request and direct access outside to the veranda and to the parking area, 1 x twin bedroom, partly accessible bathroom with WC which has been set up to be accessible with rails, shower seat, wet room style shower area, low-level sink, and bath.
- The cottage is heated by electric wall heaters with supplementary heating in the bathrooms with towel rails and an electric stove style heater in the sitting room.

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Pre-Arrival Information

- See the main webpage for booking and location details.
- Please contact us prior to booking if you require further access information.
- Directions provided with booking.

Approach

- The cottage is located at the end of the access drive for Wray Castle.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is a level paving slab parking area for those who use a chair, allowing easy access to the veranda that runs around the house to the accessible bedroom. The driveway is gravel. The veranda paving stones are mainly even, but there are a few that are slightly raised.



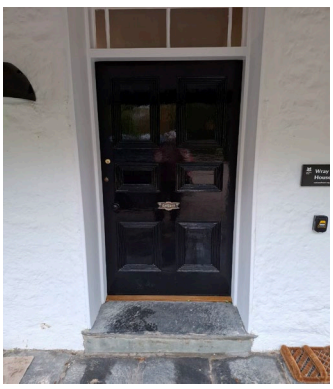




- The width of the veranda at its narrowest point is 1550mm. The lip to prevent stepping off the edge is 300mm in height. The steps down to the lawns are 3 in number. They are 200mm in height, 300mm in depth and are 1230mm wide. There are banisters to each side. The veranda outside of the partly accessible bedroom has a balustrade.
- The key safe is to the right of the front door, at a height of 1100mm and has an illuminated combination lock.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Access through front door from parking area with a step 140mm high and small lip of 20mm.
  Door has 1000mm clear opening width and opens straight into entrance hall.



- Partly accessible bedroom has access direct from the veranda, which runs to the parking area at the front. There is a lip of 40mm from the veranda through the door. Door has clear opening width of 860mm into the bedroom.



- Kitchen external access door via a lip of 40mm and then a step of 2580mm down to the side of the cottage. This gravel area runs around to the parking at the front. Door has a clear opening of 850mm.
- Rear hallway has an exit door to 2 steps down outside. The door lip is 20mm in height. The step down is 200mm in depth and 160mm in height. The second step is 200mm in height from the ground and 880mm in width.
- The door has a clear opening width of 800mm.
- The dining room has an exit door to the veranda. Door opens to 1100mm in width, leading to a step of 200mm depth and a 15mm in height.

Getting around the cottage

- Short-pile carpet in living areas and vinyl flooring in kitchen, hallways, entrance hall/rear hall and bathrooms.
- Non-slip tile flooring in partly accessible bathroom.
- All internal doors have varying widths – please see below descriptions.
- The wheelchair circulation space in the sitting, dining room, kitchen, snug and bedrooms is more than the maximum recommended.
- Electric wall sockets throughout the property are at least 45cms height from the floor.

Entrance Hall

- There is a settle with a seat height of 450mm. There is also a sideboard and a hatstand.
- Doors lead to kitchen, utility, sitting room and dining room.
- Stairs to the first-floor.

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Kitchen

- Door into kitchen has a clear opening width of 800mm.
- Height of the rise and fall worktop is variable and can be set to the desired height by the controls from between 62cms to 90cms – see Accommodation User Guide. The worktop has an induction hob and sink built into it. The sink is 14cms deep.
- Regular worktop at 900mm height.
- Pull down shelf in cupboard above the sink pulls down to a height of 140cms from floor to bottom shelf and 164cms to top shelf.





- 2 x electric ovens with “slide and hide” doors located in the cupboard range to the left. The handle to the door is 125cms from the floor. The controls are at 165cms from the floor.
- Under each oven are heat drawers that pull out to 76cms from the floor, allowinf easy transfer of heavy, hot items between the hob and the ovens.
- Integrated tall fridge, integrated under counter freezer, integrated dishwasher. 2 x toaster and 2 x cordless kettle.
- Mixer tap for the sink is located on the edge of the rise and fall worktop, allowing easy access.



- Recessed ceiling spotlights and light in cooker hood.

Utility Room

- Containing washing machine and tumble dryer. There is also a WC with basin in this room.
- Door has a clear opening width of 720mm.
- Work surface at 900mm height.
- WC height at 450mm, and basin at 840mm.

Sitting Room

- One 4-seater sofa with seat height of 55cm and arm height of 82cms.
- 2 x 1.5-seater sofa with seat height of 55cms and arm height of 82cms.
- Door opening width at 800mms.
- Coffee table at 460mms.
- Electric wall heater and electric stove style heater.
- TV on cabinet 890mm height.
- Side tables at 660mm and 490mms.
- Lighting comprises one central ceiling light, 2 table lamps and 1 standard lamp.

Snug

- Door from lounge 820mm.
- Door to partly accessible bedroom 820mm.
- Door to twin bedroom 670mm.
- 1 x 2.5-seater sofa and 1 x 2-seater sofa with seat height of 55cms and arm height of 82cms.
- Coffee table at 440mms.

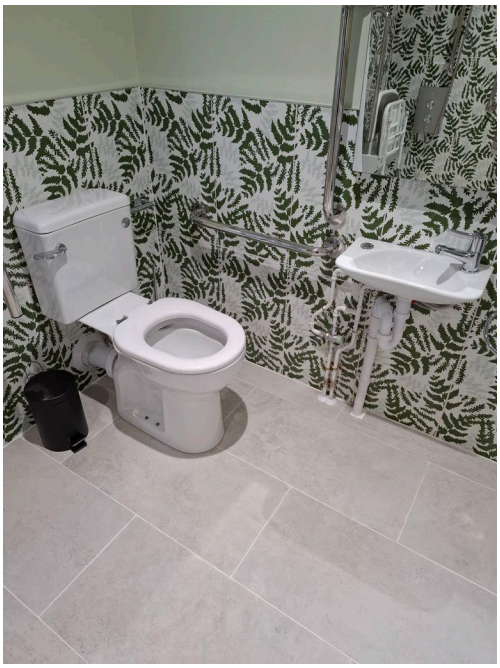
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Dining Room

- Door clear opening width of 800mm.
- Dining table leg clearance at 740mm and height at 770mm.
- Dining chairs – 2 x carvers with seat height of 480mm and arm height of 740mm, 8 x chairs at seat height of 460mm.
- Recliner chair with seat height at 370mm arms sloping from 560mm to 460mm.
- Lighting comprises 4 x wall lights and 1 central chandelier.
- Door to the veranda with opening width of 1100mms.

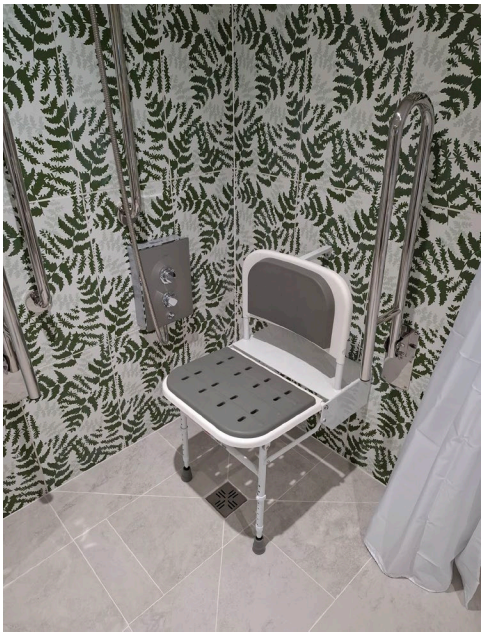
Partly Accessible Shower Room and WC

- WC, basin, and level access shower with overall dimensions of 3600mm x 3000. The flooring is slip-resistant tiles.
- The room is well lit with ceiling spotlights and a light in the over basin mirror.
- The light switch is outside the room at 1160mm from floor level.
- Heating in the shower room is via an electric towel rail the switch for this is outside the shower room, next to the door. Controls on the rail – see Accommodation User Guide
- WC is left-hand transfer. Shower has right-hand transfer.
- The WC is 48cms high with hinged drop-down rail and wall mounted rail, 700mm above ground. The flush is on the cistern.



- There is a fixed left side transfer rail at 70cms and a fold down right-side transfer rail at 70cms.

- The wall-hung basin has a mixer tap and is 73cm high. The sink is 12cms deep. There is a long mirror over the basin and 2 vertical grab rail to either side which measure from 80cms at the bottom to 140cms at the top of the rail.
- The level access shower area has a curtain across, a hinged shower seat at 49cms high, with a drop-down rail to the left at 70cm height.



- The shower unit is an electric unit and is on the wall adjacent to the shower seat. The controls are twist style. The height of the controls is 80cm at the highest point.
- The bath measures 86cms from the ground, 46cms in depth and 150cms in length.

Partly Accessible Bedroom

- Windows with Lakeside view and veranda to the parking area.
- Super king size bed that can be set up as two single beds. Length is 200cms and Super King width is 180cms. 2 x single set up is 90cms width each.
- Bed height is 66cms.
- Clear space of 32cms under beds.
- One bedside lamp on each bedside table, 80cms height each, and 4 central overhead lights.
- Double electric plug sockets at each side of the bed with 2 USBs in each, 80cms from floor.
- One free-standing wardrobe with drawers and main storage space.
- One dressing table with leg access height of 62cms, tabletop of 76cms and width of access of 88cms.
- Mirror on the dressing table.

Twin Bedroom

- 2 x twin beds, 60cms in height.
- Wardrobe
- 2 x Bedside cabinets
- 2 x table lamps and 4 recessed lights in the ceiling.

First Floor:

Twin Bedroom

- 2 x twin beds at 63cms height.
- Wardrobe with mirror
- Chest of drawers
- 2 x table lamps and ceiling pendants x 2

King Bedroom

- King-size bed at 66cms height – the bed has a foot board.
- 2 x bedside cabinets
- Dressing table with mirror
- 2 x table lamp and 1 x ceiling pendant

King Bedroom with En-Suite

- King-size bed at 74cms height.
- 2 x bedside cabinets
- Wardrobe
- 2 x table lamps and ceiling pendant x 1

En-suite

- Recessed ceiling lights, mirror with light and shaver socket.
- WC
- Basin
- Walk-in shower
- Towel rail

Bathroom

- Bath
- WC
- Basin
- Walk-in shower
- Towel rail
- Mirror with light and shaver socket and recessed ceiling lights

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WC

- WC
- Basin
- Mirror with light and shaver socket and recessed ceiling lights

Garden

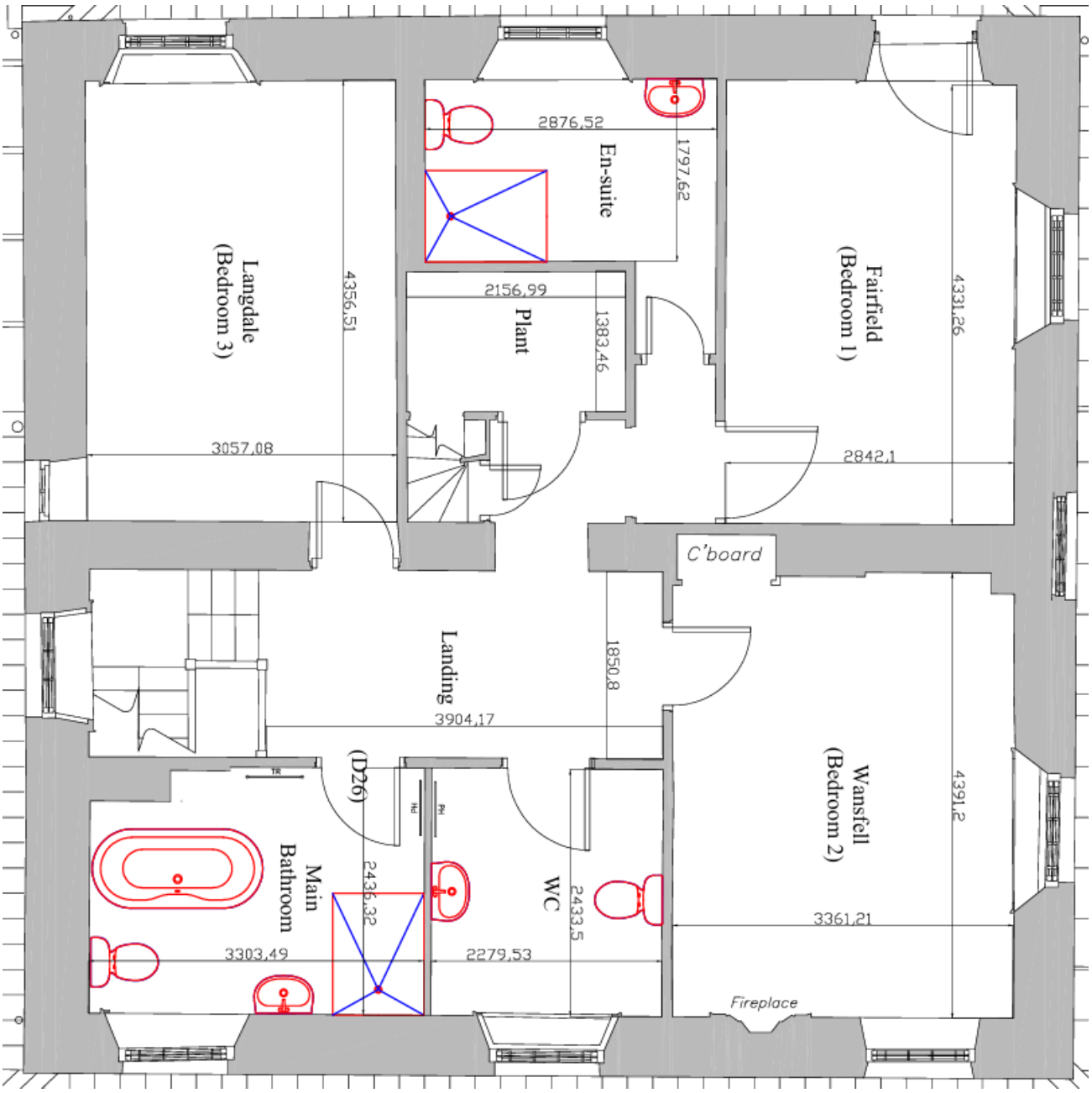
- The house has a lawned area on the east side, and a gravelled area on the west side. The front (south) area where the parking is located, has a large, gravelled area and a large lawn.
- It is surrounded by fields and woodland of the Wray Castle estate. There are paths down from Wray Castle car park to the lake side. Offroad accessible vehicles can be hired from Wray Castle – please contact them directly for this service.
- There are a selection of different outdoor furniture, tables, chairs and sofas for your use.

Additional Information

- Check for phone provider for mobile reception, but there is generally a signal at Wray Castle House.
- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages.
- 2 Dogs, other than assistance dogs, can be also accommodated here.
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. Please contact us if you have any specific access requirements in this respect.

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Floor plan of Wray Castle House



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