

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Lock Cottage
Buscot
Faringdon
Oxfordshire
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Introduction

- Lock Cottage is a two-storey detached cottage sat on the side of Buscot Weir Pool and a very short walking distance of the River Thames and the Thames Path
- All rooms are downstairs with only the bedroom on the upper floor
- Hall floor is quarry tiled, flag stones to living room and kitchen
- Electric storage heaters to all rooms except bathroom which has a heated towel rail and a wall mounted fan heater. Open fire in sitting room.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Hallway, bathroom with shower attachment to bath taps (no shower rail or curtain), sitting room leading into narrow galley style kitchen and small dining room. From second sitting room door or second bathroom door a small back hall and staircase to bedroom. Garden is private to the cottage, low fenced except the bank of the weir pool which is open.

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
- Please bring a torch if arriving after dark, there are no streetlights in the area. Outside light on cottage may be left switched on but access pathway will be dark.

Approach

The approach to the cottage is via the main road through the village of Buscot and through a gate into Buscot Weir Field. A track (concrete and tarmac mix) leads around the field to parking area (signposted on the left), just past the entrance to Lock Farmhouse on the left.

- From the parking space there is a small walk across a bridge and down a path to the cottage itself.
- The cottage and its garden sit level with the Weir, on a tributary of the river Thames, the rear of the cottage looks down on the weir pool.
- Footpath that runs past cottage is regularly used by walkers and visitors accessing the River Thames, the Thames Path and the lock itself.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

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- Parking area is for one vehicle.
- There are no streetlights in the area. Torches are advised if arriving after dark.
- The parking area and access path to cottage are surrounded by a number of trees and shrubs so care needs to be taken in very wet weather. Access path is rough tarmac on a slight slope.
- Ground surface is concrete, tarmac and gravel.
- The walk from the parking area to the front door of the cottage is approximately 60 metres

Getting in & out of the Cottage



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- Key safe to the right-hand side of the front door. Spare key in key safe on blocked doorway to right hand side of sitting room window. (Same key code)
- Stone flags from garden gate to the front door
- Front door is 940mm wide, 1600mm high with an 80mm high threshold. Stepping into front hall with mat well and quarry tiled floor (left hand photo above)
- Bathroom door directly across the hallway (670mm wide, 1950mm high), living room door to the right (830mm wide, 1730mm high)
- In doorway to sitting room flooring changes to stone flags and slopes away by approx. 10mm
- Low beam in front hallway and through sitting room 1770mm floor to beam.
- Lowest ceiling in cottage is sitting room at 1890mm

Getting around the cottage

- Quarry tile floor in entrance hallway
- Stone flags in sitting room with large rug to its centre
- Stone flags to kitchen
- Dining room and bathroom have lino floor coverings
- Stone flags to small back hall
- Carpet to stairs and bedroom
- 20mm step down from bathroom to back hall

- 12 carpeted steps to first floor bedroom 180mm high, 250mm deep, 5 steps are curved



around corner to bedroom door

Entrance Hallway (pictures on Page 2)

- Mat well just inside front door and quarry tiled floor
- Coat hooks on wall
- Small window faces footpath that passes cottage
- Doors to bathroom and sitting room
- Electricity fuse board in cupboard above sitting room door
- Power switches (labelled) above bathroom door for immersion, fan wall heater to bathroom and towel rail within bathroom

Sitting Room (picture taken from kitchen doorway, entrance hall to left of picture)



- Two-seater sofa and separate armchair, seat heights 457mm
- Doorway from entrance hall 830mm wide, 1730mm high
- Flag floor slopes gently into room by approx. 10mm
- Centre of floor covered by a rug

- Window overlooks garden of cottage
- Wall lights, table lamp, nest of tables
- Electric radiator
- Open fire with guard
- TV
- Radio
- Door to stairs and bedroom left hand of fireplace

Diner



- Small room off of kitchen. Door 580mm wide, 1700mm high
- Overhead light
- Lino floor with wooden threshold of approx. 20mm
- Small pine table 730mm high, two pine chairs 450mm to seat plus cushions
- Microwave on shelf plus table lamp
- Door to garden is low 930mm high x 1440mm wide and steps out onto a flagstone before grass

Kitchen



- Room to the side of the cottage and overlooks the garden to the Weir Pool
- Door into kitchen 830mm wide, 1690mm high
- Flags gently slope into kitchen by approx. 50mm from sitting room
- Fitted units, integral electric oven and hob with extractor fan and integral fridge.
- Belfast style sink 880mm high with lever taps
- Worktop height 920mm
- Cordless kettle, electric toaster, microwave in dining room
- Spotlights on wall face main work area

Bedroom



- Only room upstairs, view of garden from window.

- Accessed via a carpeted staircase with fixed handrail.
- Bedroom door 630mm wide x 1780mm high
- Double bed, height of 590mm
- Wall lights above bed and on opposite wall. Bedside lights x 2 on bedside tables
- Chest of drawers, wardrobe, single wooden chair with seat height 450mm

Bathroom

- WC, basin and bath with shower attachment on taps (no shower rail or curtain)
- The WC is 440mm high to seat situated behind the door
- Basin 830mm
- Bath 550mm high on side, no grips, 530mm wide and 1380mm long
- Bathroom door from hallway 670mm wide, 1950mm high
- Second bathroom door to back hall and stairs 860mm wide, 1970mm high (right hand side of sink)
- Heated towel rail and fan heater on wall
- Window is frosted but can be opened and faces access to weir footpath



Garden

- The garden is a mixture of flowers beds, shrubs with small trees surrounding two sides of the garden and grass. Post and rail fence runs down access path to garden and

cottage and the property from the footpath leading to the bridge over the weir and the river Thames.

- To right of cottage picture is the weir pool, the grass slopes sharply down approx. 1800mm to the pools bank. Ducks & swans often rest on this bank. This side of the garden is unfenced.
- During periods of high rain fall the bank has been known to flood to the top of the slope
- Metal tables and x4 chairs within the garden
- Flag path leads round the left-hand side of cottage, leading to the ash and rubbish bins and to rear of cottage (past bathroom window), flower bed and locked storage shed. View of footbridge over weir.



Additional Information 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>

About the Accessibility Guide

- This Accessibility Guide is intended to provide key information about the accommodation 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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