

Accessibility Guide

Swallow

How Hill Cottages

How Hill Road

Ripon

HG4 3AP



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Introduction

Situated less than a mile from Fountains Abbey, a World Heritage site with spectacular ruins of a 12th-century Cistercian abbey, the cottages at How Hill are situated around a courtyard and have been converted from a group of 18th-century farm buildings. The tower on the hill behind the cottages is believed to have been originally built as an outlying chapel for the Abbey. It was restored by John Aislabie, when he owned the Estate, and rumour has it that he used it as a gambling den. The farm buildings at the side of the tower were added at a later date and the property was occupied until the 1950s.

These farm buildings have been sympathetically restored using traditional materials whilst incorporating modern green technology such as the use of Ground Source Heat Pump in the heating system. The cottage has generous living space for 6 has central heating, a wood-burning stove and shared paved courtyard around which it is situated.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Accommodation on Ground Floor

Entrance lobby, open-plan kitchen/sitting/dining room with wood-burning stove, three bedrooms (1 double with 5' bed and en-suite shower room, 1 double with 6' bed which can also be a twin on request and 1 twin) and bathroom with shower over bath

Pre-Arrival

- See the main webpage for Fountain Cottage (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays/swallow-yorkshire>) for booking and location details.
- To enable our housekeepers to prepare the cottage for any particular accessibility requirements you might have, please contact guestrelations@nationaltrust.org.uk.
- Directions are provided electronically three weeks prior to travel. If you need a printed (or large print) version of any of our holiday documents, please contact guestrelations@nationaltrust.org.uk.
- If, having read this accessibility guide, you still require further information, e.g. a social storybook guide, please contact guestrelations@nationaltrust.org.uk

Approach

- The cottage is easy to find using the local directions provided by the Contact Centre
- A gentle slope leads from the car-park area to the cottage
- There is a distinct National Trust sign indicating location for How Hill Cottages
- The surrounding area is gently sloped and once away from the cottages it is hilly in places

Arrival & Parking Facilities



- The tarmac car-park is easy to find on turning in from the lane
- The cottages are very well signed
- There is space for the larger mobility vehicle
- Utility areas such as the log and bin stores are found in this area (1 step of 100mm)
- Designated parking for two vehicles

Getting in (and out) of the cottage



Entrance in shared courtyard, Step up to threshold 150mm with a 30mm weather bar, door is 900mm wide



Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Floor surfaces are firm and level, slate/ceramic tiles, timber floor boards with rugs and carpet

Kitchen and Dining Area



- Height of kitchen worktop 920mm
- Electric oven and hob
- Fridge freezer, dishwasher
- Microwave, kettle and toasters



- Dining table 760mm and six chairs 460mm high

Sitting room

4500mm x 4000mm
 Settee is 460mm high
 Three armchairs are 430mm high
 Nest of 3 tables
 TV / DVD



Double Bedroom en-suite by living area

Door is 830mm wide
Bed height is 660mm
Cupboard wardrobe
Dressing table
2 bedside tables with
lamps



En-suite Shower



Door is 800mm wide
Shower is 760mm x 810mm
WC is 400mm and basin
830mm high

Hallway to back bedrooms and bathroom



Twin Bedroom



Overlooking courtyard
Door is 800mm wide
Bed heights are 660mm
2 bedside tables with lamps
Wardrobe, dressing table
Wooden chair 460mm high

Double / Twin Bedroom

Overlooking courtyard
Door is 830mm wide
Bed heights are 660mm
2 bedside chests with lamps
Wardrobe and large dressing table
Blanket box and chair 460mm high



Bathroom



Door is 800mm wide
Bath 590mm high with shower attachment on taps
The WC is 400mm and basin 830mm high

Courtyard



- Mostly level tarmac area. Picnic benches for each cottage.
- Paving stones are well maintained with level mortar-joints.
- Laundry room for shared use (step of 100mm)

Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages. If you are bringing an assistance dog to a non-dog cottage, please contact guestrelations@nationaltrust.org.uk so we may contact all future guests in case of an allergy.
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. Under pillow vibration alarms are available if requested at time of booking.
- If you required the WiFi to be turned off, please advise us in advance.
- If you have any allergies, please contact guestrelations@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Specialist equipment

Other specialist equipment such as wheelchairs, bath seats, toilet frames, hoists etc. may be available for loan or purchase from a local disability equipment provider. For further details, please contact guestrelations@nationaltrust.org.uk. Please note that any contacts supplied are done so in good faith and are not endorsed by the National Trust.

Feedback

All feedback is very helpful in informing us of ways in which we can improve access to all our accommodation. We welcome any comments or ideas from you to guestrelations@nationaltrust.org.uk.