

National Trust

Accessibility Guide

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Rose Cottage

34 Lode Lane
Wicken Fen
Cambridgeshire
CB7 5XP

Ref: 01067 – Wicken Fen



Introduction

The front door opens into an attractive and cosy little sitting room, leading through to a well-equipped kitchen area and beyond into a utility room/porch which has a counter breakfast area looking out to the enclosed garden. This cottage has a double bedroom and a shower room facility on the first floor. From the door, there is fairly-level footpath access to numerous tracks, local walks and board walks across the fen.

Facilities

Ground Floor: sitting room, kitchen, utility/porch,

First Floor: one bedroom (1 king size bed) and shower room

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 and keysafe details are provided with your booking

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Rose Cottage is signed on the front elevation and can easily be seen from Lode Lane
- There is space to reverse a car to park beside the cottage.
- Grass surface and level concrete path (which may be a little uneven in areas) leads around the cottage to both front and rear entrance doors.
- There is security lighting beside both doors but this does not cover the parking area.
- The ground around the cottage is fairly level although there are two steps (180mm each) down from the Lane to the front door and a 210mm threshold step into the cottage at the front and back doors.



Level path to front door/steps down from Lode Lane

Approach and Accessing the cottage

- The surrounding area is fairly flat but the grassed area will be subject to weather conditions
- There is an illuminated spin dial key safe at the front door positioned at 1.42m height
- The main (front) entrance door is 750mm wide with a lever handle and opens easily.
- The rear (porch) door has a clearance width of 700mm open and is a stable/half door type
- There is an emergency spare key safe on the rear of the porch set at 1.48m height which holds spare keys for the porch and kitchen doors

Getting around inside the cottage

Ground floor:

- Sitting room – cosy room with electric panel radiator and electric wood effect stove
- Kitchen – fitted with base and wall units, electric panel radiator under the stairs
- Utility porch with breakfast counter and 2 adjustable height bar stools
- Hard surface floors throughout except the staircase which is carpeted.
- Internal doors at a minimum of 730mm clear width
- Light switch heights throughout the cottage range from 1.1m to 1.3m from floor

First floor:

- Bedroom 1 double (150cm wide) limited space but at least 400mm – 1m around the bed
- Shower-room - cubicle which has a raised step of 110mm
- Restricted circulation spaces within this cottage

Sitting room

- Double sofa, tub armchair and foot stool, all at 490mm to cushion. Firm cushions
- Tv on an extendable wall mounted bracket at 1m to height of centre screen and dvd player on shelf beneath. Books and information leaflets on shelf above at height of 1.35m
- Central ceiling pendant, floor standing lamp and table lamp both with clear glass shades



Kitchen

- U-shaped kitchen with worktop at 920mm from floor
- Standard steel sink and drainer with lever taps
- Under-counter fridge with internal freezer compartment
- Electric oven and ceramic hob with extractor hood above (controls beneath panel)
- Cordless kettle
- Microwave and toaster

- Stairs to first floor – riser height 210mm, tread depth 240mm except for winder treads
- Door to Utility/porch and rear garden

Utility/Porch

- Worktop counter/breakfast bar at 930mm, 2 adjustable height bar stools (seat 700-800mm)
- Washing machine (located in base cupboard)
- Wifi router located in top cupboard with utility stock items, first aid box, vacuum cleaner
- Stable door to enclosed garden and windows overlooking neighbouring orchard

Garden

- Gravelled garden area screened with hazel panels for privacy and providing an outside seating/dining area which is a safe environment for dogs. Hand gate to parking space.
- Cycle rack



Shower room

- Good sized room with entrance door 650mm clearance, non-slip vinyl surface flooring
- Shower cubicle 770x1150mm with tray step height of 200mm, door width 550mm
- Electric shower unit control at 1.5m within cubicle
- The close-coupled WC is 420mm high to seat. Light pressure top button cistern flush.
- Basin is 830mm high. Cross head taps
- Illumination levels are good – central ceiling light and illuminated mirror (touch sensor)
- Electric towel radiator and Dimplex wall panel heater (side operated controls at 800mm)



Double Bedroom

- This is a small room but there is clearance around the bed ranging from 400mm to 1m
- The door into this room is 700mm clear width
- Wall mounted mirror and wooden chair
- Built in wardrobe with shelf above and beneath a hanging rail
- Divan bed with mattress height of 630mm (underbed clearance 180mm)
- Adjustable angle bed-side light to both sides on shelves side and behind headboard
- Window to side of bed with sill height of 530mm and roman blind chain at 670mm
- Wall mounted electric panel radiator to foot of bed
- Central pendant light

Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to manage their own evacuation.
- 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. ,

About the Access 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.

Email: cottages@nationaltrust.org.uk

Phone: 0344 800 2070

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 it may be helpful to speak to the NT Contact Centre if you have any other specific access requirements in this respect.

Specialist equipment

Other specialist equipment such as wheelchairs, bath seats, shower-chairs, 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.

[Hire or borrow a wheelchair | British Red Cross](#)

Future Plans to improve Access to NT Holiday Cottages

- We are currently in the process of writing access guides for all our holiday cottages and improving access over time for all our guests. All feedback is very helpful in informing us of ways in which we can improve access to all our cottages. We welcome any comments or ideas from you about access at this cottage and thank you for taking the time to do this.

Please do this in the most convenient way for you. See contact details below or information on website.

Access for All at the National Trust

- The Access for All office works to improve access at all National Trust accommodation and properties. The office welcomes comments and ideas on improving access. Phone: 01793 818531
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