

Hill Top Access Statement

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Introduction

Hill Top is a small property and we often sell out of tickets in July and August. Tickets are available via an online booking system as well as on the day at the property if capacity allows. There are much fewer visitors at weekends and outside of school holidays.

There are induction loops in the ticket office and shop. Assistance animals are welcomed at the property.

Facilities

There is an outdoor/pop-up café in the orchard. There is no cloakroom at the property. There are toilets and a baby change in the cottage garden, they are off from the slate-flagged path (see Garden) and are accessed down three stone steps with handrails. The steps are 18cm high and 27cm deep. There is a wheelchair accessible portable toilet located in Hill Top car park which is available during opening hours.

Car Park

The car park has 30 parking spaces. There are two parking spaces for people with disabilities in the car park. They are marked with signs and located in the far corner of the car park close, to the Ticket Office. The car park is flat and tarmacked.

Access To The Property

Upon arrival, make sure to check in with reception in the Ticket Office. The Ticket Office is an old barn located at the far corner of the car park. The light level is low as there is only one small window. The door is 100cm wide and fixed open. The floor is made of stone cobbles. The reception desk is 115cm high. There is a turning circle with a diameter of 150cm.

Please ask for a map showing the location of a parking space in Hill Top farmyard if you are unable to walk through the village. The farmyard is next door to Hill Top house and is accessed via a large, white farm gate, from a driveway that has a rutted surface and is used by farm vehicles.

The entrance through the village 150 meters along the main road and up four stone steps into Hill Top Garden. There is a green gate at the bottom of the steps 79cm wide. The steps are 15cm high and 27cm deep. There is no handrail. The main road does not have pavements.

Garden

There are four small benches outside the house. They are very low to the ground, have armrests and back support. There are eight benches in the orchard when it is open. They do not have armrests or back support. There are two sloped paths in the garden. They do not have passing places. There is a stone - flagged path as illustrated in the Tale of Tom Kitten. This is 125cm wide and uneven. There is also a tarmac path 115cm wide.

There is a small vegetable patch. This can be accessed via Jemima Puddle Duck's green gate opposite the house. This is 123cm wide. There is a step into the vegetable patch through this gate, which is 15cm high. The vegetable patch can also be accessed at one side from the orchard. This entrance is 74cm wide and there is a slight change in level when you go through it. The paths within the vegetable patch are uneven, narrow at points and made up of large pieces of slate. There are two steps 30cm deep on the path. The highest is 18cm.

Pop-Up Café

The pop-up café is in the corner of the orchard. Access is via an unpaved grass surface. There are steps leading up to the counter.

House

The rooms are small and can become crowded and noisy at busy times. The rooms were furnished by Beatrix Potter. Window seats are available in each room if needed. Light levels are very low in the house when the weather is overcast, or the rooms are busy.

A film of the upstairs rooms is available on an iPad. Large print information is available and braille copies of the Tale of Samuel Whiskers, Two Bad Mice, Pigling Bland, Ginger and Pickles, Mr Tod and Tailor of Gloucester available.

Kitchen: The front door into the kitchen is 95cm wide. It is fixed open and accessed via a slight ramp. The kitchen has a stone flagged floor with a carpet rug. It has an open fire.

Parlour: The doorway to the parlour from the kitchen is 76cm wide. It has a wooden floor with a carpet rug.

Scullery: The doorway into the scullery is 76 cm wide. It has a stone-flagged floor. The exit from the house is accessed through the scullery and has a 72 cm wide door with a 4 cm high step over threshold. There is a small, 9 cm step down onto to a tarmac path which returns to the Hill Top Garden.

Stairs: The stairs are 96cm wide. They are carpeted and have stair runners. There are seven steps to a small landing and six more steps to the main landing. Both landings appear in illustrations from the Tale of Samuel Whiskers. The steps are 16cm high and 27cms deep.

Spare Bedroom: The doorway is 84cm wide and it has a wooden floor with rugs.

Treasure Room: The doorway is 74cm wide and it has a wooden floor.

Bedroom: The doorway is 74cm wide and it has a wooden floor with rugs.

New Room: Accessed through a corridor where the narrowest doorway is 74cm wide. There is a 10cm step at the end of the corridor into the New Room. This step is not highly visible.

Shop

The shop is located by the garden entrance at the opposite end of the garden to the house. There are two doors each side of the shop. They are 80cm wide and fixed open. They are both accessed via a step. The step on the end facing the house is 20cm high. The step at the other end is 16cm high. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to use a ramp to access the shop. The shop counter is 76cm high. There is a turning circle with a diameter of 2m.

Please contact us at the property if you would like to discuss how we can support your visit to Hill Top.

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Map

