Hill Top Access Statement

Hill Top is a small property. It is very popular with up to two hours wait to enter the house at busy times/school holidays. We occasionally sell out of tickets in July and August. Tickets are only available on the day at the property. 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 no café or cloakroom at the property. There are toilets and a Baby Change in the cottage garden. They are off of the slate flagged path (see Garden) and are accessed down three stone steps with handrails. The steps are 18cm high and 27cm deep. The nearest wheelchair accessible toilet is located two miles away in the main car park in Hawkshead Village.

There is a wheelchair accessible portable toilet located in Hill Top car park that 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 Reception Building. The car park is flat and tarmacked.

Timeslots & access to property

Please book a timeslot for entry into the house from the Reception Building. The Reception Building is an old barn. 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 the house and is accessed via a large, white farm gate. The farmyard is accessed via a driveway that has a rutted surface and is used by farm vehicles.

The entrance through the village is shown in our Welcome Leaflet. It is 150 yards along the main road and up four stone steps into Hill Top garden. There is a 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.

There is currently a temporary entrance to the property via Tom Kitten’s gate that involves three steps up into the garden, the highest of which is 28cm high.

Garden

There are four small benches outside the house; they are very low to the ground; they 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 15cm high. The vegetable patch can also be accessed at one side. This entrance is 74cm wide and there is a slight change in level when you go through it. The paths 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.

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. Light levels are very low in the house when the weather is overcast or the rooms busy.

A film of the upstairs rooms is available on an iPad. Large print information 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.

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.

Sitting Room:

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 either end 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.