

Derrymore Access Statement

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Introduction

1. 18th century thatched house surrounded by delightful park walks and woodland with views of Newry, Camlough Mountain, and the Mourne mountains.
2. Situated in Bessbrook, on the outskirts of Newry.
3. Mobile reception is limited at the property. Some mobile providers have better reception in the area than others.
4. Dogs are welcome. Our policy is that dogs should always be kept on leads, as there is a children's play area, and there are frequently livestock on this site.
5. Given the rural setting of Derrymore estate, there are many inclines on the paths around the property. An estate map of the grounds is situated in the car park.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. Derrymore is signposted from Bessbrook village and the Camlough Road
2. On arrival, visitors can park in the new visitors' car park. There is a separate disabled car park close to Derrymore House.
3. The disabled car park has a gravel surface and the new car park has a "grasscrete" surface.

WCs

1. The accessible toilets, which are due to be completed and opened to the public in February 2021, are situated in the disabled car park, close to Derrymore House. The accessible toilet cubicle is 2.58 x 2.56m.
2. The accessible WC has a rail attached to the wall on the right-hand side.
3. There is no natural light and the area is lit by bulkhead LEDs.
4. All the WCs have automatic hand driers and LED lighting.

Derrymore House

1. Derrymore house entrance is 50 metres from the car park
2. The surface is gravel from the car park to the courtyard and thereafter stone paving slabs. There is an incline down to the house from the western side of the car park and an incline up to the house from the eastern side of the car park.
3. The entrance to the building is level.
4. The door is opened manually and opens inwards. The door is always left open when the property is open to the public.

5. The route to an alternative door is pea gravel with a slight incline uphill. To enter the house from that door, there are two stone steps, one at 24 cm high and the other is 13 cm high. The extra distance to the alternative door is approx. 60 metres.
6. The main entrance door is 1200mm wide. The alternative door is 1600mm wide.
7. The rooms have little or no soft furnishings, so the hard surfaces can cause sound echoes. The entrance corridor has a wooden floor. The Drawing room has a wooden floor with a large rug in the centre.
8. The Corridor has a central pendant light with an LED bulb and natural light from ceiling and glass doors. The Drawing room has ample natural light but no artificial light.
9. All doorways are an accessible width.
10. There is enough space to turn a wheelchair easily in each room.
11. There are no seats for visitors to use around the house, as there is only one room on view.
12. There are no volunteers, just one guide for each tour, with a maximum of 15 people per tour.
13. There are no WCs in the house available for visitor use.
14. There is no induction loop in place.
15. There is no audio guide, virtual tour, tactile model, large print, Braille or other types of interpretation.
16. Powered mobility scooters are not allowed access to the house, but manual wheelchairs are allowed access.

Woodland

1. Derrymore has some 3.9 km of walks around the parkland surrounding the house.
2. The surface of most of the path routes are tightly packed gravel and there are some steep slopes to negotiate, all highlighted on our property map.
3. Some of the paths are unsurfaced and are simply tracks through woodland.
4. Some of the paths are surfaced in loose gravel.
5. The play area has a level wet-pour rubber mulch surface
6. The main path from the disabled car park to the Woodhouse is a rough granite stone path.

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