

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Braich Melyn
Dinas Mawddwy
Dolgellau
Gwynedd
SY20 9LX



Ref: 008010

Introduction

- This is a 17th century cottage set on the green farm land of a hill farm in South Snowdonia
- Park and go through the gate and up the field for approximately 275 meters where livestock graze, so visitors should be reasonably fit and active. The field is unlit so visitors are advised to arrive in daylight and bring a torch with them. Good footwear is advisable.
- The cottage can accommodate four people plus a cot.
- Electric panel heating.
- Wood burning stove in inglenook fireplace.
- Parking space for two cars at bottom of field.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- Kitchen leading to the dining area, sitting room with multi-fuel stove set in an open fireplace with bread oven (not in use), and large utility room in the adjoining outbuilding.

First Floor:

- Staircase from the sitting room leads to the bathroom with shower over the bath, and 2 interconnecting bedrooms (1 double and 1 twin with 2' 6" beds), both with antique brass/iron beds. The twin room is very small, one of the beds is 5'6" long and the other is 5' long (instead of the standard 6' long).

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 provided with booking
- Bring torch if arriving in the dark as the cottage is set in a field and there are no streetlights where the car is parked.

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Approach

- **12 miles west of Dolgellau.** Guests need to follow the information sent with the booking information with care.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is parking space for one car directly adjacent to the main road, before walking through entrance gate and down steps to the cottage. The steps down to the cottage from the parking area are slightly challenging and uneven so care should be taken.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- From the field there are 4 large stone steps heights ranging between 10 and 25 cm high.
- The front door has a clear opening width of **79cm**.
- Cottage is approached via uneven, slightly challenging stone steps at the front of the house.
- There is a 10cm front step and a 4cm rain guard.



Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- There is only 1 entrance.
- Uneven (flagstones) access through the sitting room to the kitchen, rug with non-slip backing in the sitting room. Partition beams in place between sitting room and dining area. Carpeting on first floor except bathroom where there is vinyl.
- The step from the lounge into the dining area is 19cm deep, and from the dining area to the lounge there is a 7cm high step. The step from the lounge onto the kitchen is 14cm, and back the height is 5cm. The partition beams (wall) step is 15cm and is uneven.
- The dining room door is 75cm wide, the kitchen door is 78cm wide.
- There are different sized flagstones throughout the living area and the stairs are stone too.
- The staircase is 61cm at its narrowest with the height of the risers between 19cm and 23cm, no bannister for the first 4 steps, nor the last 5, in between the bannister is at 102cm high.



Front door step and step leading onto lounge/dining area

Stairway

Kitchen

- Height of worktop is 90cm.
- Electric cooker with ceramic top height 90cm and fridge counter is 91.5cm, freezer is located in the outhouse.
- Bulb lighting either side of partition beams.
- Electric toaster and kettle.



Sitting Room

- One sofa with seat height of 49cm.
- One armchair with seat height of 44cm.
- Rocking chair seat height is 44cm
- Lounge drop leaf table 75cm, lounge chairs 46 cm
- Wood burning stove.
- Large rug with non-slip backing covering floor in front of fireplace.



Sitting room

Dining Area

- Wooden table and chairs
- Table is 73cm high and chairs seats are 46cm, wooden chair with arms is 43cm



Dining area

Bathroom

- Through the Double bedroom(161cm wide entrance) opposite the twin room (73cm door clearance)
- Vinyl flooring
- WC, basin and shower over bath.
- The WC is 44cm high.
- The basin is 79cm high.
- Acrylic bath is 55cm high x 170cm x 68cm wide.
- Cabinet 83cm
- Chair 44cm

BATHROOM pic

- The two interconnecting bedrooms (1 double-master- and 1 twin with 2' 6" beds), both with antique brass/iron beds.

Master Bedroom

- Door height is 156cm high and 80cm wide.
- The bed is **50cm high x 150cm wide x 190cm long.**
- Iron bedstead.
- Electric wall heaters and sloping roof with beams..
- Bedside tables, 69cm, with lamp on each side.
- Two sets of Drawers, 1 x 80cm, 1 x 102cm
- Blanket box 41cm



Twin Room

- Door height 160cm, 71cm wide.
- The twin room is very small, one of the beds is 5'6' long {185x90x51 cm} and the other is 5' {159x90x55cm} long (instead of the standard 6' long).
- Bedside table at 66cm high
- Drawers 86 cm, stool 41cm.



Small bedroom

Garden

- Small enclosed garden with wooden seating on level grassed area.
- Wooden bench 46 cm
- Wooden table 75cm
- Outhouses not accessible.

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Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages.
- Pets other than assistance dogs cannot be accommodated here.
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. 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.



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
- Hollow fibre 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. Please enquire at the time of booking regarding any particular requests.

Specialist equipment

Other specialist equipment such as wheelchairs, bath seats, 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.

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/standard.asp?id=89425>

Future Plans to improve Accessibility to National Trust Holiday Cottages

- We are currently in the process of writing accessibility 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.

About the Accessibility 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.

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