

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Coastguard Cottage 1
Peppercombe
Horns Cross
Bideford
Devon

South West Region

Cottage Ref: 012007



Introduction

- Coastguard 1 is set in a wooded setting in the heart of the Peppercombe valley just half a mile from the beach
- Built of cob, Coastguard 1 is the largest of three cottages situated at the far end of the terraced row.
- It has a ground floor bathroom and bedroom
- The cottage has electro-rads in all rooms a multi-fuel stove, there are also convector heaters. The bathroom has an electric towel rail
- There is a phone in an outbuilding behind Coastguard Cottage 3, near the car parking area
- The land immediately surrounding the cottage is relatively flat but the wider area is hilly and uneven
- The cottage is furnished for 4 people plus a travel cot

The cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground floor

- Sitting room, single bedroom, kitchen/kitchen/dinner, bathroom

First floor

- Double bedroom, single bedroom

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

Approach

- From the main road, a narrow lane leads you to a padlocked, five bar gate. A combination lock secures this and a torch is necessary as the numbers on the combination can be difficult to read, especially in the dark
- There is no illumination at the all along the track and it is strongly recommended that you arrive before dark.
- Once through the gate, there is a rough and stony track approximately 0.7m, with a steep slope to the left, to drive down to the cottages. Low slung vehicles must take particular care and no vehicle should be driven at more than 10 mph



Track to cottage



Junction at bottom of hill – turn left

Arrival and parking facilities

- The sloping, uneven, gravelled, car parking area offers one parking space per cottage.
- A movement sensor illuminates the corner of the building at Peppercombe Cottages, which gives some light when parking the car in the dark

- From the car parking area, there are 7 steps and then a level path approximately 30 meters to the cottage door
- The key safe is on the wall in the canopied porch area. It is operated by a combination lock mechanism. A torch is recommended, especially if arriving in the dark, as the numbers on the lock can be difficult to see
- There is a sensor light in the porch



Car park area



Steps from car park area

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Wooden threshold of 30mm
- The entrance door has a clear opening width of 800mm
- There is a back door from the kitchen to a narrow path behind the cottages
- The back door is 650mm wide



Front door entrance

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Three doors lead from the sitting room: one to the kitchen diner, one to the bedroom and one to the first floor – level access throughout
- There is a door from the kitchen into the bathroom
- Floor coverings are slate in the sitting room, vinyl in the kitchen and anti-slip tiles in the bathroom
- The stairs to the first floor have 12 steps, each are 180mm high. The first four steps turn. There is a handrail on the left as ascending
- Minimum clear opening of internal doors on ground floor is 670mm



Stairs and with removable stairgate To ground floor bedroom and from kitchen

First floor

- Small landing between bedrooms with 3 clothes hooks at height of 1750mm
- Double bedroom, single bedroom
- Wood floors in bedrooms and vinyl floor covering in bathroom
- Minimum clear opening of doors is 660mm to bedrooms

Sitting room

- A two-seater sofa with seat height 430mm, low back height of 340 mm
- Multi-fuel stove inset into fireplace. There is removable nursery guard kept in the ground floor bedroom
- Two upright armchairs, with a seat height of 400mm back height 600mm. Cushions for sofa and armchairs
- Lighting comprises floor lamp and 3 wall lights
- Main light switch by door at a height of 1320mm
- 21inch TV with integrated DVD
- CD/Radio in built in cupboard along with a collection of books and games
- Small, easily portable side table
- Under-stairs cupboard

- Window with a view of garden and woodland



Kitchen/dining area

- Height of worktop is 900mm from floor level with plenty of storage below and ample power points
- Sink with lever taps
- Integrated electric cooker with grill
- 4 ring ceramic hob with control knobs on right hand side
- Microwave is built in at a height of 1450mm from floor level
- Cordless kettle, kettle, integrated fridge with small icebox
- Integrated dishwasher and washer-dryer
- 4 ceiling spotlights and under cupboard lighting give good light level in the kitchen.
- There is a double wall light above dining table.



- Dining table has a knee clearance of 630mm with 4 crofters, wooden chairs without arms
- Back door which leads to recycling facilities and a level path to the car parking area



Bathroom

- Door leading directly off kitchen into bathroom
- Bath is 550mm high with a shower over the bath. There is a shower screen. There are integral grab rails along the bath sides and twist taps with shower attachment
- The WC is 400mm high
- The hand basin is 900mm high with twist taps
- Mirror and shaver point
- Heated towel rail
- The room is lit with 4 led recessed lights
- Glazed window looking to rear of cottage



Ground floor – single bedroom

- Leading off sitting room and located at the front of the cottage
- 3' bed (900mm), bed length is 1900mm, bed height 550mm
- Bed is positioned against the wall
- Small wooden chair at a height of 450mm
- Bedside table with table lamp
- Ceiling light
- Recessed window looking over the garden with curtains
- 2 over 2 drawer chest of drawers and recessed shelving next to wardrobe
- Built in wardrobe with a rail height of 1600mm from floor level
- 2 hanging hooks on back of door at 1630mm
- Carpet floor with small rug with anti-slip backing



First floor - double bedroom

- 5' double iron bedstead, bed length is 2000mm and bed height is 760mm
- Ceiling spotlights with pull cord on the wall behind the bed at a height level with the pillows.
- Clearance below bed is 400mm
- Bedside tables at a height of 750mm
- Bed in centralised position with view to woodland
- 2 over 2 chest of drawers with mirror on top
- Sliding sash, recessed window overlooking garden with protection opening loop
- 5 pegs mounted on a wooden rail for hanging clothes at a height of 1700mm from floor level
- Small rug with anti-slip backing on wooden floor



First floor - single bedroom

- 3' (900mm) single bed with bed length of 1900mm and a bed height of 670mm
- Bed is positioned against the wall and faces the window
- Bedside table with lamp
- 3 drawer dressing table
- Built in wardrobe with hanging rail at height of 1580mm
- Wooden chair
- Sliding sash, recessed window with a view over the woodland with opening protection loop
- Ceiling light



Garden

- Lawn to the front which slopes steeply down. Picnic table with integral seating
- Open area with steeply sloping lawn to stream below
- Washing line at end of lawn which is shared by the three cottages in the row



Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- 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
- There is no mobile telephone signal at Peppercombe

Facilities at all cottages

In addition to the standard equipment and facilities, each cottage is equipped with the following:

- Cordless kettle
- Chair with armrests in living room
- Good reading light
- Large handle vegetable peeler
- Easy tin opener
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- Non-slip place mat
- Information in alternative formats (on request)

We aim to provide these items in all cottages but please check when booking as to their availability and to check if new items have been added to the list.

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 Access to NT 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



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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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