

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Peel Cottage (Formerly Peel Bothy)
Twice Brewed Hexham Ref: 017009



Introduction

- Peel Bothy is a wheelchair accessible single storey detached cottage located in an elevated position close to Hadrian's Wall with stunning views over the surrounding countryside. The cottage faces south.
- The cottage has oil-fired central heating with radiators in all rooms and a wood-burning stove in the sitting/dining room

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 dark, as there are no streetlights here.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is a farm gate at the entrance to the cottage which has a traditional sprung gate latch.
- The sign for the cottage is on the gate.
- The parking area is immediately outside the cottage and off the road.
- The parking area has a surface of loose stone chippings.
- The access to the front door is via a reasonably shallow stone paved ramp with handrail to one side.



Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Level access through the front door apart from a metal rainbar with a 33mm upstand.
- The front door has a clear opening width of 800mm
- The front door leads to a small entrance lobby and the sitting room.



Getting around the cottage

- Level access throughout the cottage
- Quarry tiled flooring in the sitting/dining room and kitchen
- Vinyl flooring in the bathroom
- Corridor from kitchen to bedroom and bathroom is 740mm wide at the narrowest point.
- All internal doors are 750-800mm wide with traditional style door latches at 1200mm to mechanism ffl.
- Circulation space around all rooms is good.

Kitchen

- Large room between sitting/dining room and bedroom with good circulation space
- Height of worktops is 910mm
- Built-in electric cooker with front drop down door at 900mm to door handle
- Separate ceramic halogen hob with controls to one side
- Electrical equipment includes microwave, fridge/freezer, toaster and cordless kettle.
- Lever taps to sink
- Recessed ceiling spotlights and one light in cooker hood over hob.
- 885mm clear knee space under hob
- 745mm clear knee space under sink
- Pull-out worktop at 745mm ffl



Utility Room

- This is a separate small room off the sitting room
- Room has front-loading washing machine, drying rack, ironing board etc
- Worktop is at 910mm ffl
- Bosch Classix 6 VarioPerfect



Bath/Shower room

- There is good circulation space in the bathroom.
- WC, basin, bath, wet floor shower area with monsoon shower
- The WC is 480mm high with hinged drop-down rails to either side
- Bath is 1690mm long, 530mm high and 740mm wide. There are grabrails beside the bath. The bath has a two internal “steps” to allow for easy access.
- The monsoon shower head is at a fixed height of 1920mm ffl. The controls are at 1100mm ffl. The shower has a lever mechanism which operates off the main water system.
- There are grabrails in the shower area and a free-standing padded shower seat with arms and backrest (see photo). The height of the seat is approximately 540mm ffl but the seat is also height-adjustable.
- The basin is 790mm high and has lever taps.
- There is a mirror above the basin, with a shaver socket on one side and a vertical grabrail on the other.
- The light switch is outside the bathroom door to the left (as entering)



Sitting/Dining Room

- One wide two-seater sofa with seat height of 460mm
- One winged armchair with seat height of 460mm
- High back antique dining chairs with seat height of 460mm
- Wood-burning stove
- CD and Radio player, TV and DVD
- Antique wooden dining table. Height is 760mm. Clear space underneath to side is 735 with 410 space sideways
- One central light, wall lights, one standard lamp and one table lamp.
- Quarry tile floor with two loose thin rugs



Double Bedroom

- 5' wide double bed double bed
- Bed height 560mm, mattress length 6'5". Space under bed is 40mm high
- Bedside tables/chest either side of bed with table lamps
- Room has free-standing antique furniture – wardrobe, chest of drawers and side table
- Wardrobe has full-length mirror on door and coat hanger rail at 1400mm inside
- Space to right side of bed (as facing) is 1120mm and to left side is 700mm
- Stable door leading to front of cottage with 7" step out onto driveway/parking area



Garden

- Two fixed wooden seats 490mm high on gravel area to front of house (accessible via step only) located between ramp and house.
- Footpaths leading to Hadrian's Wall immediately to back of cottage



Additional Information

- No payphone
- Mobile phone reception would need to be checked but is available for some phones (if not all)
- Nearest payphone is at the National Park Information Centre at the crossroads – approximately 15 minutes walk away.
- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- Dogs other than assistance dogs can be accommodated here
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. Please contact us if you required any 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
- 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 and commodes 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>

The nearest centre is at:

Croft House

Western Ave□

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne□

NE4 8SR

Tel: 0191 273 7961

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 main webpages for details.

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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Access for All at the National Trust

- The Access for All office works to improve access at all National Trust cottages and properties. The office welcomes comments and ideas on improving access.

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