

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Portbraddan Cottage
26 Portbraddan Road
BUSHMILLS
Ref: 019015



Introduction

- Portbraddan Cottage is a two storey cottage located on the North Antrim Coast with views across White Park Bay and beyond to Rathlin Island.
- The approach road to the cottage is narrow and winding.
- The cottage has oil-fired central heating, electric storage heaters in every room and a multi-fuel stove in the sitting-room.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- Hallway, sitting-room, kitchen leading to utility, 2 steps up to small downstairs lavatory, drying-room leading through to garage and access to an elevated back garden.

First Floor:

- 1 Double bedroom, 2 twin bedrooms and a bathroom. One of the twin bedrooms has an ensuite with shower which can also be accessed from the landing.

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

- The approach road to the cottage is narrow and twisty with a steep gradient.



Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is a garage and private parking for one more vehicle on a gravel surface to the front of garage door.
- The key safe is situated on the external wall adjacent to the garage at a height of 1500mm.

Sea Garden

- There is a sea-front garden belonging to the cottage which is situated across the private road and has 8 steps with an uneven surface (the deepest of which is 250mm) leading down to a gravel surfaced garden. The white gate leading to this garden is 900mm wide.



Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The front door is 730mm wide with a 120mm high step.
- Inside the front door is a small hall which is 890mm wide and 1860mm long.
- There is level access to the living room and the kitchen from this hall.



Getting around the cottage

- The black gate at front of the cottage is 900mm wide.
- Within the black front gate (which has a small National Trust sign on it) there is another garden which is laid out in an ornamental but uneven surface.
- Level tiled floor in front hall
- Door to the left leads to the kitchen
- Level tiled floor in kitchen, utility and downstairs toilet.
- Door to the right leads to the living room
- Varnished wooden floorboards in living room are an even surface.
- Fitted carpet on stairs, landing and all bedrooms.
- Stairs have a wooden banister on left side, width of stairs is 700mm.
- Vinyl flooring in bathroom and ensuite.
- Internal doors vary from 650mm to 780mm.
- Circulation space in the bedrooms, sitting room, bathroom and kitchen is good.

GROUND FLOOR:

Sitting Room

- Door has 750mm clear opening width
- This room has views of the ocean.
- Room has a multi-fuel stove.
- Two overhead lights and 2 table lamps.
- Room has a 3-seater sofa, a 2-seater sofa and a wing-back chair with lowest seat height of 440mm.



Kitchen/Dining Room

- The kitchen/dining area is at the front of the cottage with sea-views.
- The door is 780mm wide.
- The kitchen high level and low level fitted units with built-in dishwasher, fridge and electric hob and oven. Height of worktop is 900mm.
- Sink has traditional turn taps.
- Wooden dining table seats 6 people. The table height is 770mm high with clear knee space of 650mm underneath.
- The chairs are wooden with wooden backrest. The seat height is 450mm



Utility Room

- Level tiled floor and door from kitchen with a 710mm clear opening.
- Upright freezer and washing machine, sink, high level and low level cupboards and a worktop which is 900mm high.
- Sink has traditional turn taps.

Drying Area/Back Hall

- Door from utility room has a clear 750mm clear opening.
- Two steps up highest of which is 175mm to back hall and access to downstairs toilet

Downstairs Toilet

- Door is 700mm wide.
- Level tiled floor.
- Wash hand basin is 430mm high.
- WC is 850mm high.

FIRST FLOOR:**Stairs and Landing**

- The stairs are fitted with carpet and are 200mm high.
- Upstairs landing is 650mm wide at its narrowest point.
- Doors to bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite room.



Main Bathroom

- The main bathroom is 2000mm long x 2550mm wide.
- Bathroom door is 650mm wide
- Bathroom comprises of WC, wash hand basin and bath with shower over bath.
- The WC is 430mm high
- The basin is 850mm high
- The bath is 540mm high x 1500mm long x 550mm wide with no hand rail.



Ensuite Shower Room

- The ensuite shower room is 2200mm long and 1600mm wide
- Ensuite comprises of shower, WC and wash hand basin.
- The WC is 430mm high
- The basin is 850mm high
- The shower is floor level with step into tray of 140mm.
- There are 2 access doors to ensuite. One from the landing and one from twin bedroom which are 710mm and 650mm wide.



Double Bedroom

- The double bedroom is situated at the front of cottage with far-reaching sea views over White Park Bay and beyond.
- The door is 650mm wide.
- Double bed is 660mm high x 1950mm long x 1600mm wide. The space under the bed is 290mm.
- Circulation space at door side of bed is 850mm and 750mm at foot of bed.
- 2 bedside cabinets with table lamps on each, wardrobe and chair with seat height of 430mm



First Twin Bedroom

- This bedroom is also at the front of the cottage with similar sea view.
- Door is 650mm wide.
- Both divan beds have one side against the wall and are 570mm high x 1950mm long x 900mm wide. There is 30mm space under beds.
- Both beds have a bedside cabinet at side with table lamps on each.
- Chair with seat height of 480mm.



Second Twin Bedroom

- This bedroom is situated at the back of the cottage overlooking the back garden of the cottage.
- Door is 650mm wide.
- Both beds are divan and are 570mm high 1950mm long and 900mm wide. There is 30mm space under beds.
- There is a table with a lamp between the 2 beds.
- Chair with seat height of 430mm.



Private Back Garden

- The back garden of the cottage is accessed from the back door of the garage which is 730mm wide.
- There are various steps up to the elevated back garden, the highest of which is 220mm high.
- The steps are an uneven surface.
- These steps lead to a pebbled area with wooden picnic table and benches.
- There are paths running throughout the garden which are also uneven surfaces.





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.

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
- Hollowfibre 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 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 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 Guides

This accessibility guide is intended to provide key information about the cottage that may be particularly relevant to guests with disabilities. It is reviewed annually. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like more detailed information and we will be happy to oblige.

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Access for All at the National Trust

We continue to work to improve accessibility at all our holiday cottages. We welcome comments and ideas on improving access.

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