

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Cottage Ref: 007016

Rowthorne Lodge

Hardwick Hall
Doe Lea
Chesterfield
Derbyshire
S44 5QJ



Introduction

- Rowthorne Lodge is a two storey former gate lodge to the Hardwick Hal Estate in Derbyshire.
- The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- Entrance hallway, Utility Room, Sitting Room, Bathroom, kitchen/diner and kitchen lobby

First Floor:

- Double 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
- Please bring a torch if arriving after dark a there are no street lights here.

Approach



- The Hardwick Hall estate is well signed from the main approach roads. The cottage is approached on a tarmac road and firm surfaced route through the Hardwick Hall estate. If arriving after 6pm or dusk in the winter months, take the road to the left of the estate

entrance gates signed for Ault Hucknall, going over the small bridge and up the hill (directions supplied with booking).

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Off road parking in the driveway adjacent to the cottage.
- Possible to load and unload vehicles directly outside the cottage door.
- The driveway is constructed from pea gravel and is soft and mobile in nature. There is a stone pathway around the entire perimeter of the cottage itself.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- One step to the front door. Highest step is 120mm high. Stone threshold. Door 1000 mm wide.

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Two internal steps from the entrance hallway at the rear of the cottage up to the hallway area leading to the kitchen, sitting room, bathroom and staircase. Step heights are 150mm and 180mm..
- Floor coverings are vinyl throughout the ground floor areas with the exception of the sitting room which is carpeted and has one loose rug.
- Internal doors are all 740 mm wide throughout.

First floor:

- 13 stairs to first floor with each tread measuring 170mm high. Hand rail to one side.
- Floor surfaces are carpeted throughout.
- Internal doors are 740mm wide throughout.



Staircase to first floor



Kitchen/Diner

- Dual aspect
- Height of worktop is 910mm
- Electric built under double oven with ceramic hob above.
- Microwave, fridge, freezer, dishwasher, cordless kettle and toaster.
- Table and two dining chairs. Chairs have back rests but no arms and a seat height of 480mm. Dining table is 760mm high with clear knee space of 620mm beneath.

Sitting Room



- Spacious room with single aspect overlooking the garden and multi-fuel stove
- Large L-shaped sofa with a seat height of 400mm
- Central pendant light and 1 No. table lamp
- TV, DVD and Radio/CD player with docking station.

Utility Room

- Height of worktop is 910mm
- Washer & Tumble Dryer



Bath/Shower Room



- This comprises two basins, WC, bath and separate walk-in shower unit.
- Basins are 920mm high
- WC seat is 500mm high
- Free-standing bath is 800mm wide x 540mm high x 1690mm long
- Shower has a 150mm step up into the shower area

First Floor Bedroom



- Spacious dual aspect room
- Firm mattress 150mm (5ft) wide
- Central ceiling p pendant
- Bedside tables with lamps to each side of bed
- Dressing table with table lamp and footstool with seat height of 470 mm.
- Wall mounted TV

Telephone/Other Rooms

- There is no landline provision to the property.

Garden

- Partially enclosed garden with patio area
- Garden table and chairs

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 limited mobile phone signal to the cottage dependent upon network provider.
- No Wi-Fi.

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>

Plans to improve Access 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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