

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide - Silverthwaite

Cottage Ref: 009018

### Introduction

Silverthwaite is a large elevated 5 bedroom house, built in the early 1900's, and nestled in the heart of the Lake District.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

#### Ground Floor:

- Entrance porch leading to inner lobby from which access is gained to:
- Inner hallway with access to kitchen and sitting room
- Large living room/diner with access to formal dining room
- Access to the living room is also gained from the kitchen
- Access to first floor via 14 steps on curved wooden staircase

#### First Floor:

- Accessed via wooden stairway from inner lobby
- Long landing with access to:
- Main double bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Second double bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Third double bedroom
- Two single bedrooms
- Bathroom with large bath

#### 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

#### Arrival & Parking Facilities

The driveway to the property is accessed from the main road through a single wrought-iron gate. A winding uphill driveway leads to a parking area outside the main entrance to the property which can comfortably take 2-3 vehicles. There is further parking outside the garage situated half way along the driveway. Please note, there is a sharp uphill bend on the driveway which will need care in adverse weather conditions.



## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

The main entrance is accessed via the parking area. The entrance has a 100mm step up into the porch. There is a further 140mm step up to the main entrance leading to the inner hallway. The open entry porch is 1020mm wide whilst the entrance doorway is 900mm.

## Getting around the cottage

### Ground floor:

- The ground floor is on two levels with two steps of 150mm each leading into the main living room either via the kitchen or via the inner hallway.
- Door widths inside the house range from 860-870mm (unless stated otherwise below)

### First floor:

- Likewise, the first floor is also on two levels with two steps separating the two halves of the landing area of 150mm each. On the lower side are the en-suite bedrooms, whilst the remaining bedrooms and main bathroom are situated on the upper level.



## Inner Lobby

- Main access hub to kitchen and sitting room via an inner hallway, stairs to 1<sup>st</sup> floor and doorway to living and dining rooms.
- Two lounge armchairs with 400mm seating height
- Telephone and telephone point housed on the window sill at a height of 1170mm
- There is a further wooden bench in the porch (400mm seating height).

## Kitchen

- Height of worktop is 910mm
- There are a range of appliances including an electric range, dishwasher, washing machine, large fridge and microwave. The microwave is situated on the worktop.

## Main Living Room

- 3 x two-three seater settees (seat height 420mm)
- Day dining table with a clearance of 700mm.
- Open coal/wood fireplace
- TV with DVD player and satellite box
- An easy chair and desk chair both with a 480mm seating height.

## Sitting Room

- Wicker suite incorporating two-seater settee and two armchairs with a 390mm seating height.

## Formal Dining Room

- Large formal dining table and dining chairs. Table leg clearance is 560mm with dining seats at a seating height of 480mm.
- Lounger by the window with a seat height of 330mm.

## Double Bedroom (1)

- Double bed (2000mm wide x 1540mm length x 600mm high)
- Bedside cabinets with bedside lights
- 2 x rocking chairs (seat height 400mm)
- Access to ensuite shower room
- En-suite shower comprises shower cubicle, low-level wc and corner sink unit
- WC height 400mm; Corner sink height 860mm
- Corner shower unit with 400mm corner opening and a 150mm step-up

## Double Bedroom (2)

- Double bed (2000mm wide x 1500mm length x 600mm high)
- Bedside cabinets with bedside lights
- Chair with 400mm seat height
- Access to ensuite shower room
- En-suite shower comprises shower cubicle, low-level wc and sink unit
- WC height 400mm; Sink height 820mm
- Corner shower unit with 470mm side opening and a 110mm step-up

## Double Bedroom (3)

- Double bed (1960mm wide x 1500mm length x 600mm high)
- Single bedside cabinet with single bedside light

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- Single bed (960mm wide x 1900mm length x 620mm high)
- Bedside cabinet with bedside light
- Single wooden chair with seat height of 460mm

## Single Bedroom (2)

- Single bed (960mm wide x 1960mm length x 600mm high)
- Bedside cabinet with bedside light
- Single wooden chair with seat height of 430mm

## Main Bathroom

- WC, basin and roll-top bath
- WC height 410mm; Sink height 820mm
- Wooden chair with a 470mm seat height
- The bath is 1720mm long, 770mm wide and 600mm high (external measurements)
- There is a 100mm step-up to the original old wooden bench wc with lid. This is ornamental and not in use.

## Other

- Grab handles are affixed to each side of the staircase both at the base and top of the stairs.
- A handrail/banister follows the stairs at an average height of 850mm.
- The upper landing corridor averages 1040mm wide

## Garden

- The grounds comprise of lawned gardens, woodland and seating areas.
- The garden area running along the front of the property contains a steep bank of approximately 4 metres. Small children should therefore be supervised at all times.
- A flagstone path leads around the front of the property containing two wooden benches (with seat height of 430mm) plus a further stone seating area to the corner of the property. Care is needed as the stone seating area is contained within a small-height wall which has a steep drop on the other side. Seat height 330mm with overall wall height of 730mm within the seating area. The remaining wall can be as low as 430mm. Therefore, children will need to be supervised in this area.
- The woodland contains a series of natural pathways (not suitable for anyone with walking disabilities) and is accessed from the garden via 7 stone steps, at the foot of which is a stone flagged bridge over a beck with an unprotected drop on either side.
- A further lawned area leads to a gravel path to the side of the property on which stands a building block containing an outside wc, storage units and a storeroom housing the central heating boiler and electricity consumer units. A further access door leads to a gravel path around the rear of the property leading back to the parking area.



## 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

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

- Cordless kettle
- Chair with armrests in dining room and living room.
- 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)

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 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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