

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Triumphal Arch (006013)  
Berrington Hall and Gardens  
Nr Leominster  
Herefordshire  
HR6 0DW



### Introduction

- This quiet and unusual cottage with views across the Capability Brown parkland is actually in one side of The Triumphal Arch, designed by Henry Holland.
- The cottage has its own small private garden, and is set at the entrance to the beautiful gardens of the Hall. Oil Central heating, accommodates 5 + cot.
- There are single steps to both external doorways. One step between bathroom and kitchen and some steep stairs to the first floor. The open-plan design of the ground floor, with bedroom and bathroom on this level will make this Cottage suitable for an occasional wheelchair user.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

**Ground Floor:** large drawing room with open-plan kitchen/dining area with wood-burning stove, double bedroom and bathroom.

**First Floor:** Double bedroom with 5ft bed and 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
- Arrival in daylight is highly recommended

### Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Arrival is through Berrington Hall's main gate, this will be open if the Hall is open to the public, if the Hall is closed, then you need to open the gate. There is a coded padlock that you have to turn the dials at the bottom to the correct number, and push the lock together and then it will open. You must also take care walking across the cattle grid when opening and closing the gate.
- There is a lane through the estate of Berrington Hall. Nearby there is a working farm and the Lane can become muddy at times.



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- Surrounding land is undulating but not too hilly.
- A parking space is reserved for cottage guests in the main property car-park. This is at the top of a 20-30m slope. Surfaces are of firm substrate but with loose aggregate dressing.
- A 900mm wide shingle path leads from the gate around to the main entrance at the back of the Arch.
- You can park outside the cottage gate to load and unload your car.



## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- There is a metal gate with a 900mm opening
- The key safe is located on the left of the porch and has a press pad coded lock, whereby you press the numbers in then pull the catch at the top down to open the safe



- There is a small timber porch the internal dimensions are 780 x 1200mm
- The external door width is 700mm and there is a varying height threshold at a maximum of 60mm reducing to 20mm
- There is an internal step of 130mm plus an inner threshold of 20mm
- The internal door width is 1060mm and is easy to open
- There is also an emergency exit from the hall at the bottom of the stairs leading out under the arch way this has an opening of 950mm and a step down 120mm to tarmac.



## Getting around the cottage

### Ground floor:

- The front door opens onto wood surface, this is throughout the sitting room, and the kitchen area has vinyl flooring. The bathroom has vinyl flooring, but the rest of the cottage is carpeted.
- Doors at 700mm or above clear width
- There is a corridor from the kitchen area to through to the main arch, which has a clear width of 700mm and one step up to the ground floor hall, there are two doors from this to the double bedroom and bathroom



### First floor:

- There is a wide staircase with 7 stair fan configuration half way up.
- There are 20 stairs at 190mm high, there is a banisters on your right as you go up the stairs, and also on the left just where the stairs bend 180 degrees
- There is a small landing at the top which the single and double bedroom come off



## Kitchen / Dining Room

- Very large open plan kitchen/diner
- Height of worktop is 920mm
- The kitchen tap is a mixer with separate push controls for hot and cold
- Electric cooker with oven/grill and hob
- Microwave, fridge, freezer, dishwasher, washing machine, cordless kettle and toaster
- Dining table is 760mm high, there are 6 dining chairs, all have back rests and seats are 460mm high



## Sitting Room

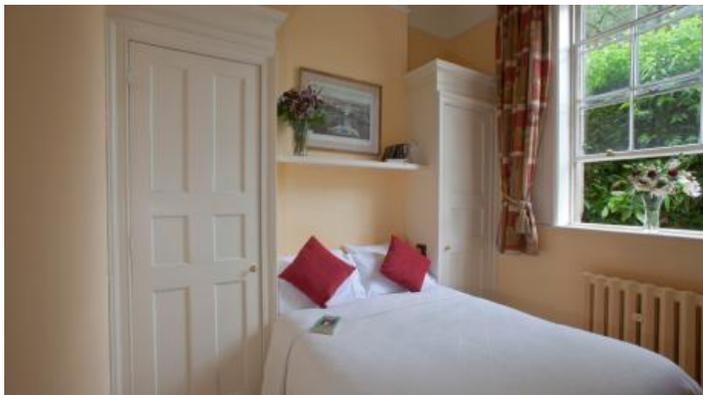
- Very large well appointed room
- Two sofas with seat height of 440mm
- Two high back armchairs with seat height of 500mm both with arm rests
- Wood burning stove



## Bathroom

- WC, basin, slipper bath and separate shower
- The WC is 440mm high with standard pull flush
- The large sink is 880mm high with separate turn taps for hot and cold water
- The slipper bath is 650mm high from the floor, it is 1280mm long and 560mm wide at the top and has a depth of 470mm
- There is a shower mixer tap on the slipper bath with separate turn taps for hot and cold
- There is a separate shower, with opening 450mm and internal cubical room of 700mm x 110mm, this has an electric shower if dial knob and press button to start
- There is a step into the shower of 150mm





## Ground Floor Double Bedroom

- Double bed with 1380mm (4ft 6in) wide mattress
- Bed height 600mm

## First Floor Double Bedroom

- Double bed with 1500mm (5ft) wide mattress
- Bed height 530mm
- Narrowest point around the bed is 430mm



## Single Bedroom

- Spacious single room
- Single bed with 900mm (3ft) wide mattress
- Bed height 600mm

## Garden

- Enclosed area around the cottage. Cast Aluminium Garden Set available on the grass area with arm rests, seat height is 500mm and the table is 740mm high
- The garden is uneven in places but is generally on one level.
- There is a private gate to Berrington Hall Gardens for access when the property is closed to the public. This has a 1050mm wide opening





## 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
- Hollow fibre bedding
- Chair with armrests
- Good reading light
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- Non-slip place mat
- 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 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**

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