

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide – Watergate Farm

Cottage Ref: 009021

Introduction

Watergate Farm is a traditional Lakes farmhouse situated in the peaceful north west area of the Lake District by the lake of Loweswater

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- Entrance to hallway with access to:
- Living room
- Kitchen
- Storeroom
- Stairs to first floor via 14 steps on a steep U-shaped staircase with half landing.

First Floor:

- Long landing with access to:
- Main double bedroom with en-suite shower room
- 2 x Twin bedrooms
- Main bathroom

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 property is accessed via a long winding farm track nestled among outbuildings and the National Trust Ranger's cottage. Parking is available for up to two cars outside the front of the property.



Getting in (and out) of the cottage

There are front and rear access points. The main entrance is to the front and accessed via a flight of 3 stone steps with an average step height of 190mm. The entrance doorway is 960mm wide with a height of 1870 leading into the hallway.

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- The ground floor hallway leads to the living room, kitchen/diner, a storeroom and staircase leading to the first floor.
- Door widths inside the house are not consistent and head heights on some doorways are low. Measurements are given for individual rooms below.

First floor:

- A simple corridor landing leads to all 3 bedrooms and main bathroom.
- The staircase has an average step height of 175mm. There is a handrail at an average of 900mm from floor level.

Kitchen

- Entrance is 830mm wide by 1800mm high
- Height of worktop is 915mm
- There are a range of appliances including a dishwasher, washing machine, double-width fridge/freezer and microwave. The microwave is situated on the worktop.
- The electric range cooker sits on a small plinth giving a hob height of 970mm.
- Farmhouse dining table with clearance of 635mm.
- 2 x dining chairs with 460mm seat height and two long benches with seat height of 470mm.
- Access to rear of property via bolted door 860mm wide and 1760mm high with a 90mm door lip

Main Living Room

- Entrance is 850mm wide by 1830mm high
- Three seat settee (seat height 400mm)
- Two seat settee (seat height 440mm)
- Armchair (seat height 470mm)
- Antique lounge bench (seat height 490mm)
- Wood burning stove
- TV with DVD player and Freesat plus hi-fi unit

Store Room (old Dairy)

- Entrance is 810mm wide by 1760mm high with inner entrance 730mm wide
- Contains household utilities (ironing board, vacuum, sweeping brushes etc).

Main Bedroom

- Entrance door 8200mm wide and 1830 high
- King Size bed (2300mm long x 1600mm wide x 540mm high)
- Bedside cabinets with bedside lights
- Rocking chair (seat height 520mm)
- Armchair (seat height 460mm)
- Entrance to en-suite shower room 720mm wide
- En-suite comprises shower cubicle, low-level wc and sink unit
- WC height 440mm; sink height 820mm
- Corner shower unit with 620mm opening and a 240mm step-up

Twin Bedroom (1)

- Entrance door 810mm wide and 1780 high with 50mm step up
- 2 x single beds (each 1940mm long x 940mm wide x 600mm high)
- Single bedside table with lamp.

Twin Bedroom (2)

- Entrance door 790mm wide
- 2 x single beds (each 2000mm long x 980mm wide x 590mm high)
- Bedside table with lamp.

Main Bathroom

- Entrance door 760mm wide and 1890mm high
- Comprises WC, basin, bath and shower unit
- WC height 410mm; Sink height 880mm
- The bath is 1500mm long, 640mm wide and 570mm high (external measurements)
- Shower cubicle opening is 610mm with a 150mm step up.

First Floor Landing

- The first floor landing at is split level with a small 50mm step between the main landing and corridor.
- On the corridor are the wall mounted heating/water controls situated 1200mm from floor level.
- The corridor is 840mm wide at its narrowest point.
- A doorway exists between the landing and corridor which can be closed if required. The doorway is 810mm wide and 1800mm high.

Garden

- Hard standing parking area to the front.
- The rear door leads to a slate pathway which ends in 5 stone steps (max step height is 230mm) at the top of which is a slate area comprising picnic table and 6 chairs.
- Care is needed as there is a wall separating the outdoor dining area from the driveway, especially with young children.



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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