

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Wydcombe Cottage

Ref 001022

Isle of Wight



Introduction

This former farm cottage is nestled in a picturesque valley and surrounded by fields with the villages of Niton and Whitwell close by.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- Entrance lobby, hallway, dining room, sitting room, kitchen and downstairs cloakroom.

First Floor:

- Landing, bathroom with shower over bath, double bedroom with ensuite shower room and bedroom with 3 single beds

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

- Turn onto track from the Newport Road. The track through the fields is uneven and hilly and cattle sometimes graze.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is plenty of room to park next to the cottage – this area is gravelled.
- There is an outside light at the front of the cottage.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage



There are 3 concrete steps up into the cottage each with a 200mm tread and handrails are provided. Through front door (770mm) and over threshold into lobby which has a flagstone floor.

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Access from lobby into main cottage through door (760mm) and over threshold into hallway (90mm). The flooring throughout the main living accommodation is new engineered floor boards.

First floor:

- Carpeted stairs from hallway lead to landing. There are 13 stairs with 190mm tread and they turn to the right at the top. Off the landing is the main bathroom with bath and electric shower over. There is also a bedroom with a king size bed with ensuite shower and toilet. There is a second bedroom with 3 single beds.

Kitchen



- Height of worktop is 930mm. The enamel sink has plunger taps. There is also a dishwasher, washing machine, microwave, toaster and cordless kettle.
- Fridge/freezer is 1870mm high with the fridge at the top.
- There is a range cooker which is electric.
- There are 2 sets of ceiling lights and under counter lighting.

Ground floor Bathroom

- WC and cloakroom basin (860mm with pillar taps)
- The WC is 440mm high

Sitting Room



- This is a light room as has double aspect
- There are 2 pendant ceiling lights, 2 wall lights and a table lamp
- There are 2 x sofas and 2 x armchairs with arm rests and high backs. The seat height for all the sitting room furniture is 480mm.
- TV with integral DVD player

- CD/docking station/radio
- Woodburner

Dining Room



- 1 x armchair with 480mm seat height with arm rests
- Dining table (780mm) with 6 rush seated chairs with back rests and seat height of 480mm
- Woodburner
- There is a rear lobby (flagstone floor) from this room which then leads into the garden.
- The dining room doorway is 700mm wide with 90mm threshold

Bedroom with 3 single beds

- This is a light room as has double aspect
- Doorway into this room is 700mm wide
- The beds are all 600mm high and headboards are against the wall
- There is access to at least one side of each bed
- There is a bedside light next to each bed
- Wardrobe and chest of drawers

Double Bedroom



- The doorway is 700mm wide
- This is a 5ft bed with the headboard against the wall and access to each side of the bed
- There is a bedside light on both sides of the bed and a pendant light

- The bed is 650mm high
- Wardrobe and chest of drawers
- Ensuite shower room leads off this room

Ensuite Shower Room

There is a mains shower in a cubicle. The shower has a fixed head and a pillar style tap head for temperature. A lever handle operates the water flow. There is also a hand held shower attachment.

WC is 450mm high

Cloakroom basin 890mm high with pillar taps

There is a Velux window and the roof is sloping

Heated towel rail

Main Bathroom



Bath with sides of 540mm high and hand grips with pillar taps

Electric shower over bath

Basin is 880mm high with pillar taps

Heated towel rail

Garden

- The garden has a concrete path running through (700mm wide) from side gate to back door
- The remainder of garden is lawn with low wall surrounding it
- Picnic table
- This backs onto fields which may have sheep or cattle grazing
- Access to garden around the side of the cottage and through side gate – this surface is gravelled.
- Outside light



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 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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- The Access for All office works to improve access at all National Trust cottages and properties. The office welcomes comments and ideas on improving access.
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