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## **Tyntesfield ‘Play Hard’ storytelling tours access statement**

**Please read this access statement in conjunction with Tyntesfield’s overall access statement, available on the Tyntesfield website:**

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/documents/access-guide/1431729788480-tyntesfield.pdf>

### **Entry to the house**

The ‘Play Hard’ tours will take groups of 12 visitors on a journey from the ground floor to the second floor of the house.

The main entrance to the house for this tour is via the Garden Porch. This door has two steps leading up to it and a gravelled path which leads up to it from the Holly Walk (image below).



(Garden Porch main entrance)



(Back door alternative entrance)

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If these steps would cause an obstacle for you, or someone in your group, we can offer an alternative entrance to the house via the back door (image above). To access the back door, you can catch our mobility bus stop along the main drive, then travel down a level tarmac road and across a cobbled courtyard to the back door (please see Tyntesfield's overall access statement for more detail).

### **Sight and sound within the house**

Inside the house, many of the rooms have low light levels as the shutters and blinds are drawn to prevent light damaging the historic collection.

Most rooms are lit by an overhead light and additional lamp light.



(Light levels in the Boudoir)

During the 'Play Hard' tours, various sounds will be played to add to the atmosphere inside the house – for example, there will be organ music playing in the Music Room.

If you would like more information, please email [tyntesfield@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:tyntesfield@nationaltrust.org.uk).

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## Accessing the second floor

The 'Play Hard' tours take you up and down two winding, narrow staircases and a straight flight of stairs.

The first winding staircase is the Garden Lobby staircase. This has 20 even steps and a bannister (images below).

There is no light directly above this staircase so light levels can be low.

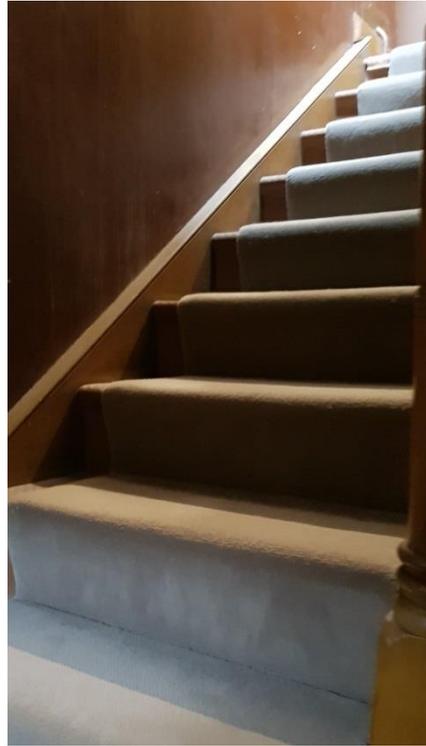


(Garden Lobby staircase)

The second winding staircase has 14 steps and does not have a bannister (images below).

There is also no light directly above this staircase so light levels can be low.

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(Second winding staircase)

There are a further two steps (the first is 16.5cm / 6.5 inches high and the second is 17.5cm / 6.8 inches high) and a flight of 6 even steps from the mezzanine level to the second floor (images below).



(Steps and stairs to second floor)

There is also a narrow corridor on this route (68.5cm / 27 inches wide).

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### **Alternative route to the second floor**

If the above route would cause an obstacle for you, or someone in your group, we can offer an alternative route via the main staircase and the nursery stairs.

The main staircase consists of two flights of wide, shallow and even steps. There are 27 steps in total and a bannister (image below).



(Main staircase)

The nursery stairs have 21 steps that vary in height from 16.5cm / 6.5 inches to 17cm / 6.6 inches.

If this staircase is not suitable, a member of the team will be happy to share the stories of the second floor rooms through images.

If you have any queries about this access statement, or Tyntesfield's 'Play Hard' storytelling tours, please email [tyntesfield@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:tyntesfield@nationaltrust.org.uk).

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