

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Cottage Ref: 003006
Downhouse Farm Cottage
Higher Eype
Bridport



Introduction

- Downhouse Farm Cottage is a semi-detached cottage on a quiet farm track
- There is a farm opposite the cottage and views across the coast to the sea
- The cottage can accommodate 4 guests
- The ground floor has a porch, sitting/dining room, kitchen and breakfast room
- The first floor contains a double bedroom, twin bedroom and a bathroom off a small landing area
- The cottage has electric night storage heaters and a woodburner in the sitting room
- There is a steep stone path up to the front door with 4 steps at the bottom and 4 at the top
- The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Porch, sitting/dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, stairs, double bedroom, twin bedroom, landing and shower room

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
- Bring a torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- The cottage is located approximately 3 miles from Bridport is approached down an un-even single track road part of which is an unmade potholed bridle way

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- There is parking for 2 cars at the entrance to the cottage
- The cottage is approximately 10m from the parking area
- The path to the cottage is level and reasonably firm although prone to being muddy in wet weather
- There is a short stone path up to the front door with stone steps at the bottom and top
- The keysafe box is to the right of the front door at height of 1600mm and is operated by a push button mechanism
- A torch is recommended, especially if arriving in the dark, as the numbers on the lock can be difficult to see. The keys should be returned to the key safe on departure

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The front door has a clear opening width of 880mm
- The door lock is at 1570mm
- There is a wooden threshold with a height of 110mm
- The front door leads directly into a small porch
- There is a front door and a back door in the kitchen leading to the gravelled outside



Ground floor:

- Level access with the exception of one step up into the breakfast room
- Tiled floor in the porch, carpet in the sitting/dining room with a large rug in place, and vinyl flooring in the kitchen, with carpet in the breakfast room
- The first floor has vinyl in the bathroom, and carpets elsewhere
- There are internal doors from the porch to the sitting room, sitting room to the kitchen, kitchen to the breakfast room, two bedroom doors and a door into the bathroom. Door widths are 780mm

First floor

- The narrow stairs lead to a small landing, off which are the double and twin bedrooms and bathroom. The stairs are 790mm wide with each tread having a height of 190mm



Kitchen

- The kitchen has a window with views over the gravelled washing line area
- Height of the worktop is 920mm
- Electric oven and electric hob with controls on the top
- One ceiling light
- Fridge/freezer, microwave, cordless kettle, toaster



Kitchen

Breakfast Room

- Carpet flooring
- Oval Table with clearance underneath of 640mm
- Four kitchen chairs with a seat height of 460mm



Breakfast Room

Sitting/Dining Room

- Level carpet flooring with a large rug
- Two seater sofa with a seat height of 470mm
- Two arm chairs with a seat height of 480mm
- Woodburner
- TV/DVD and CD/Radio player
- Ceiling light and 2 reading lamps
- Circulation space approximately 2300mm
- Circular dining table and 4 chairs with a seat height of 480mm
- Table has knee clearance underneath of 650mm



Sitting/Dining Room

Double Bedroom

- Double bed 5'1500mm wide x 6'4"/1950 long x 25"/630mm high
- 80mm clearance under bed
- One ceiling light and 2 reading lamps to both sides of the bed
- Wardrobe with clothes rail
- Chair with seat height of 420mm
- Window with view over the grassed front garden and sea views beyond
- Space between the bed and wall on the far side is 620mm
- Space between the bed and wall on the near side is 1700mm
- Space between foot of bed and the wall is 575mm



Double Bedroom

Twin Bedroom

- x2Single bed 3'920mm wide x 6'4"/1950 long x 24"/620mm high
- 85mm clearance under bed
- One ceiling light with a reading lamp
- Wardrobe with clothes rail
- Armchair with seat height of 470mm
- Window with view over the grassed rear garden
- Space between the bed and wall on the near side is 900mm
- Space between the bed and the wall on the far side is 600mm
- Space between the foot of the bed and the wall is 1300mm



Twin Bedroom

First Floor Bathroom

- Directly off the small landing
- Clear opening width of door 750mm
- WC is 470mm high
- Sink is 800mm high
- Shower door open width 620mm
- Shower controls are at 1080mm ffl
- The room is small with limited space



Additional Information

- Dogs are welcome at this cottage
- 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, this cottage is equipped with the following:

- Cordless kettle
- Chair with armrests in living room.
- Reading lamps
- Large handle vegetable peeler
- Easy tin opener
- Non-slip mat for shower
- 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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Access for All at the National Trust

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