

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Retainers' Court
Cotehele
Cornwall



Property Ref: 011087

Introduction

The property sits within the Cotehele Estate, and is adjoined to other historical estate buildings that are open to visitors.

Sleeps up to 3 people in 2 bedrooms. The bedrooms are on the ground floor and there are steep stairs that lead to the main living areas and bathroom.

The property has night storage heating and convector heaters.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground floor

Entrance hall, two bedrooms (one double, one single), toilet

First floor

Sitting/dining room, kitchen, bathroom with shower over bath

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

The property is approached by hedge and vegetation lined country lanes, sometimes narrow and with passing places.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Parking is 100 metres from the property in the main visitor car park. Access to the property can be arranged in order to unload
- Paths leading to the property are wide and generally level. They are initially of tarmac leading to gravel and then cobblestones
- There is no outside lighting so if arriving after dark it is advisable to have a torch



Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Front door width 1000mm, stone step up of 160mm, with wooden threshold on top, height 250mm
- Key box to the left of the door, height 1480mm
- Opening into hallway with flagstone floor with coir door mat, pendant light, length 1400mm



Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Hall length 1400mm, minimum width 1000mm, stairs to first floor, pendant light
- Both bedrooms have two doors and are linked to the front and back halls
- Back hall, width 840mm, carpet



First floor:

- Straight stairs, first step height 220mm, remaining steps height 180mm, tread 220mm, width 760mm
- Handrail on the left when ascending
- Landing circulation at the top of the stairs 1200mm by 1700mm
- Landing, carpet, pendant light, window, minimum circulation width 840mm



Double bedroom

- 2 doors, door width from hall 720mm, door width to back hall, 700mm, level threshold
- Carpet
- Double bed width 1500mm, length 2000mm, height 640mm, space under height 310mm
- 2 x side tables, bedside lamps with under lampshade on/off switches, chandelier ceiling light

- High window with views over front courtyard, low window seat with a seat height of 480mm
- Chair, seat height 420mm
- Built in wardrobe
- Spacious with good circulation



Single bedroom

- 2 doors, door from the hall width 700mm, door to back hall width 700mm, level thresholds
- Painted concrete floor with rug
- Single divan bed, width 950mm, length 1900mm, height 690mm
- Bedside table, bedside lamp with under lampshade on/off switch, ceiling pendant light
- 2 x windows, views over lawns and shrubs
- Chest of drawers, wardrobe
- Chair, seat height 450mm
- Good circulation



Ground Floor Toilet

- Door width 700mm, level threshold
- Linoleum floor
- Toilet height , lever handle flush on the right
- Sink height 850mm, twist taps with rubber washers
- Ceiling globe light, no window
- Room circulation 650mm by 750mm



First floor:

Sitting room

- Door width 700mm, level threshold
- Carpet
- 1 x 2 seater settee, seat height 440mm
- 1 x winged back armchair, seat height 480mm
- 1 x armchair, seat height 440mm
- Window with views over courtyard
- Ceiling chandelier light, 1 x floor lamp with under lampshade on/off switch, 2 table lamps with under lampshade on/off switches
- Drop leaf table, height 720mm, clearance underneath 700mm
- 2 x wooden chairs with upholstered seat pads, seat height 430mm



Kitchen

- Door width 700mm, level threshold
- Linoleum floor
- Height of worktop 950mm
- Fitted kitchen with electric double oven and ceramic hob, under counter fridge with a freezer box, slim dishwasher, microwave
- Sink, lever mixer taps with ceramic washers
- Ceiling light with 4 spotlights
- Window with views over gardens and lawns
- Good circulation width, 1400mm



Bathroom

- Door width 700mm, level threshold
- Linoleum floor
- Toilet height 420mm, lever handle on the right
- Bath height 530mm, twist taps with rubber washers, grab handles and rubber mat
- Folding shower screen
- Sink height 810mm, twist taps with rubber washers
- Shaver socket, height 1750mm
- Ceiling light and skylight
- Circulation around the bath 1080mm by 700mm



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 Accessibility 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. It is reviewed annually. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like more detailed information and we will be happy to oblige.

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Access for All at the National Trust

We continue to work to improve accessibility at all our holiday cottages. We welcome comments and ideas on improving access.

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