

ACCESS STATEMENT FOR BLAKE COTTAGE

Introduction

Blake Cottage is a small cottage which has been sympathetically developed for self-catering holiday accommodation. It is situated on the edge of the town within walking distance of the Forest of Dean and links to the numerous walking and cycling tracks. The river Wye nearby offers gentle and challenging canoeing opportunities.

Our ethos is to be as 'green' as possible and we use energy saving lighting, solar panels for hot water and have insulated the whole cottage to a very high standard (you will be able to view our album of restoration photographs with the information files in the cottage). We provide details of recycling and energy saving tips and welcome any suggestions to improve our efforts for sustainability.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Pre-Arrival

We have prepared a website www.blakecottage.co.uk showing the facilities available with many photographs and links to local attractions and details for travelling without a car.

Bookings can be made by email, telephone or post.

We can arrange for information in large print if required.

CINDERFORD is situated about 14 miles from Gloucester, 14 miles from Chepstow, 7 miles from Lydney, 12 miles from Monmouth, 13 miles from Ross-on-Wye and 5 miles from Coleford.

The nearest Railway station is at Lydney and buses (717) run from Lydney to Church Rd (outside Bristol House Stores - almost opposite the cottage). There is also an hourly bus service from Gloucester to Cinderford (30) - although this does not stop in Church Rd we would be happy to meet you from the town when you first arrive. We would also meet you directly from Lydney Station with prior arrangement and can transport your bikes if required.

Guests will be provided with a welcome tea tray upon arrival. There is a shop/off license almost opposite the cottage and a good selection of supermarkets and specialty shops in Cinderford, Coleford and Monmouth. Both Tesco and Waitrose will deliver online orders and there is an organic fruit and vegetable box delivery on a Tuesday. The large Co-op supermarket (0.8 miles/15 mins walk) has a pharmacy, post office and will deliver your shopping. The Co-op store stocks a wide range of Fairtrade items and a bus runs there regularly from outside the cottage.

Arrival and Car parking

There is space to park on the verge outside the cottage which is reasonably quiet with no restrictions. There are 5 large steps up a bank to the front gate. There is access to the back of the property with 1 step into the house and an outside store for bikes, a canoe, boots etc. accessed from the back path.

Entrance

A small porch leads into the sitting room and directly ahead is the kitchen and a back porch which houses the boiler, airing cupboard and coat hooks. From here there is a door, across a path to the outside building and garden. To the left of the kitchen are

the stairs (going-200mm and rise-210mm) which are carpeted with a handrail on the left-hand side. The narrowest doorways are 540mm.

Sitting Room

The sitting room has the original terracotta floor with a large mat.
A fabric covered settee (2/3 seat) and a single chair.
Digital TV with DVD and a CD player, all with remote controls.
An electric coal effect fire is set into the original Victorian fireplace.

Kitchen

Hand painted modern fitted units and a tiled floor.
All appliances except the microwave are built-in under the worktops.
A table with seating for up to 4 people.
Fridge freezer stands next to the table.

Bedroom

Floor covered with short-pile carpet.
Double bed with all bedding and towels included (anti-allergy bedding provided on request).
Bedspread and spare blankets.
2 bedside tables with drawers, reading lights and a clock radio.
Chest of drawers, full length mirror and a hairdryer.
Built in wardrobe with dressing table, shaver point and light.

Bathroom

Amtico flooring and fully wet proofed walls.
Standard sized bath with lever mixer taps and shower over.
Basin unit with lever tap and toilet.
Heated towel rail.

Our small room/Dressing Room/Snug

Floor covered with short-pile carpet.
Contains a full sized wardrobe, a small sofa, books and a radio/CD player.

Utility Room and Bike storage area

The outside building is covered with continuous vinyl flooring. There is storage for up to two bikes and a canoe and the door to the right leads into the utility room. The front-loading washing machine/dryer is under a continuous worktop which has a sink built into it with lever taps. There is a toilet and drying racks; one of which is on a pulley system. The back of this building is a store room where there are recycling boxes and extra garden furniture. The door leads to 3 steps into the rear garden.

Garden

Secluded, enclosed garden with lawn, herbaceous border and paved area.
Garden furniture, a gas BBQ and rotary washing line.
Please be aware that access to the garden is across a path, which is open access to adjoining properties, so your dog will need to be under control crossing this.

Additional Information

The cottage is strictly non-smoking.

Well behaved pets are welcome with prior notice and we ask that they remain downstairs and off the furniture. We make a small charge of £15 for your dog and other pets will be considered by arrangement.

Mobile phone reception is variable, depending on network, however there is a landline that can be used for most calls except international, mobile or premium rate numbers. There is also WiFi access. The nearest payphone is about a 3 min. walk.

There is a smoke alarm on the upstairs landing and a heat sensor in the kitchen.

A fire blanket is sited next to the hob.

The trip switch is in the airing cupboard and the cottage has full gas central heating with solar panels for the hot water.

Opposite the cottage is a shop/off license and a short walk away (3/4 mins) is an inn serving good honest food.

Refuse collection is on Thursday. Please use the recycling boxes provided in the outside store as we can recycle most of your waste on changeover.

Our letting periods are Friday – Friday and please vacate by 10.00am.

Arrival 3.00pm – 6.00pm. Please Telephone 01594 827700 or mobiles 07710202935 / 07840889989 if you are delayed so that we can ensure that you are met upon arrival.

For periods of two weeks (or more) we will carry out a weekly clean and change towels and bed linen.

All gas, electricity, towels and bedding are included in the price.

We can provide a cot if required.

Emergency A&E: Gloucester Royal Hospital 08454 222222,

Minor Injuries Unit : Dilke Memorial Hospital 01594 598100

Health Centre, Dockham Road, Cinderford (next to Co-op supermarket) 08444 773681

Emergency number - 999

Police non-emergency number is 0845 090 1234

Vet: Pets Barn Veterinary Group, Heywood Road, Cinderford 01594 826688

Dentist: 01452 380073 for emergency treatment – Dental Access Centre

Contact information and additional phone numbers:

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We are grateful for any suggestions how to improve our facilities and this statement.