

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Access Statement for Willow Nook Cottages

Introduction

Willow Nook Cottages are ideal for those who want a truly memorable self-catering holiday, with beach views and the village only a 15 minute walk away. We have two cottages, located on a hill and with a steep lane approach.

Acorn Cottage sleeps 2 people in a double room upstairs. Also upstairs is the bathroom with bath and a separate shower with bifold doors and small step into the tray. Rosehip Cottage sleeps up to 4 people and has 2 bedrooms, both upstairs along with the bathroom with bath and a separate shower with sliding doors and small step into the tray (see separate Access Statement). Both cottages were built around 1840, but have been fully refurbished to make them a real home from home.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01624877745 or email info@willownook.com.

Pre-Arrival

- For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the directions section of our website. For Sat Nav our postcode is IM6 1AU however the Sat Nav system does not work well on the Isle of Man and it is advisable to have directions.
- There is a taxi rank situated outside the entrance of the airport and the sea terminal buildings. Taxis are available to meet all flights and most destinations are covered by fixed tariff charges.

- Car hire is available from the airport and sea terminal see the webpage for details <https://www.gov.im/categories/travel-traffic-and-motoring/isle-of-man-airport/transport-links/>
- The nearest bus stop is in the village 1 kilometre from the cottages and there is a shelter with seating. However certain routes go past the end of the lane and there is a request stop 50 m from the end of the land. Ask the driver for the stop at Westwood Corner. From the stop in the village buses to Ramsey take 30 minutes, buses to Peel take 20 minutes and onward to Douglas a further 40 minutes. Some buses take wheelchairs. Bus times vary so please see the bus timetable <https://www.gov.im/categories/travel-traffic-and-motoring/bus-and-rail/bus-vannin/bus-timetables/>
- The nearest Shopmobility is 16 miles away see <http://www.circa.org.im/index.html>
- Shopping for delivery can be arranged through the Douglas Tesco store.

Key Collection, Welcome and Car Parking

- The key is available on arrival from the owners who live in the house adjacent to the cottages and whom will welcome guests personally.
- Parking is available for 2 cars in a car park at the end of the cottages, 40 metres from the front door.
- The parking area has a gravel surface with flat road walkway leading to the cottage.
- This area is well lit at night by motion sensor lights.

Entrance to Property

- The front door is 750mm/29.5ins wide on both cottages
- There are 4 or 5 steps from the road to the top of the patio, then a tiled path and another step to the front door.
- No level access is provided.

- The entrance is well lit by a lamp on a sensor.
- The floor covering inside the entrance is coir matting.
- There is a further step up into the kitchen and living areas in both cottages.

Halls, Stairs, Landings, Passageways

- The hall, stairs and landings are well lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights.
- Passageways are 800mm/31.5ins wide.
- The floor covering is short pile carpet with coir matting in the downstairs hall.
- The staircase to the first floor has 14 steps. In Acorn Cottage there is one handrail but one each side in Rosehip Cottage.

Sitting Room/Lounge

- The sitting room/lounge is situated on the ground floor with a step up from the hallway.
- The door opening to the lounge is 720mm/28.5ins wide.
- The room has a mixture of seating with sofas and soft chairs with non-feather cushions and occasional table.
- Furniture can be moved.
- There is a widescreen digital television with remote control, subtitles, and a DVD player.
- Lighting is natural daylight and by night there is wall lighting used as well as table lamps around the room.
- The floor covering is laminate flooring with a rug.
- In Rosehip Cottage there is level access to the kitchen at the back of the room.
- In Acorn Cottage the living, kitchen and dining area is all one room.

Dining Room

- In Acorn Cottage the living, kitchen and dining area is all one room on the ground floor with a step up from the hall.
- In Rosehip Cottage there is a kitchen/diner with level access to the lounge but a step up from the hall.
- The door openings to the dining room from both the hallway and the kitchen are 720mm/28.5ins wide.
- In Acorn Cottage the dining table (moveable side to side) has legs on each corner, 620mm/24.5ins from floor to lowest point of table (underspace) and is 750mm/29.5ins high. Chairs (all moveable) – 2 wooden chairs with padded seats have no arms. There is free space around the table. There are two further chairs upstairs if needed.
- In Rosehip Cottage the dining table (moveable side to side) has legs on each corner, 620mm/24.5ins from floor to lowest point of table (underspace) and is 750mm/29.5ins high. Chairs (all moveable) – 4 wooden chairs that have no arms. There is free space around the table.
- Lighting is natural daylight with wall lights and lamps in Acorn and spot lighting in Rosehip.
- The floor covering is laminate flooring.

Kitchen

- In Acorn Cottage the living, kitchen and dining area is all one room on the ground floor with a step up from the hall.
- In Rosehip the kitchen/diner is situated on the ground floor with a step up from the hallway and level access from the lounge.
- The door openings to the kitchen from both the hallway and the lounge are 720mm/28.5ins wide.
- The door of the oven drops down and the handle is 900mm/35.5ins above the floor. The hob is 930mm/36.6ins above the floor.
- Worktop and sink are 930mm/36.6ins above the floor.

- Fridge freezer available, highest shelf in fridge 1800mm/71ins and lowest drawer in freezer 300mm/12ins.
- There is a single mixer tap in the sink.
- Lighting is spot lights and under cupboard lights.
- The floor covering is laminate flooring.

Bedrooms and Sleeping Areas

- There are no bedrooms on the ground floor.
- In Acorn on the first floor there is 1 room with a double bed which is reached by stairs only.
- In Rosehip on the first floor there is 1 room with a double bed and 1 room with twin beds, which are reached by stairs only.
- The bedroom doors are 700mm/27.5ins wide.
- In Acorn the height of the bed from the top of the mattress to the floor is 600mm/23.5ins.
- In Rosehip the height of the bed from the top of the mattress in the double room is 550mm/21.5ins and 520mm/20.5ins in the twin room.
- Lighting is spot lights in the beams and bedside and table lamps.
- All bedrooms offer good colour contrast between the floor, walls and doors and short pile carpet.
- Bedding is non feather.
- There are built in wardrobes with shelves and hanging space.

Bathrooms, Shower-rooms and Toilets

- Both Acorn and Rosehip have upstairs bathrooms only accessible by stairs. They both have the following:
- Step free, level access.
- Door opening 700mm/27.5ins wide.
- A separate shower with a step up to enter.

- Toilet 430mm/17ins high.
- Wash basin 880mm/34.5ins high.
- Lever taps on the washbasin and bath.
- A small grab rail on the top of the bath on each side..
- Overhead lighting and LED mirror light.
- Laminate flooring.

Garden

- We have a gravel patio area to the front of the cottage which can be accessed from the hall by one step. Wooden table & chairs are available on the patio.
- The garden area is across the road in front of the cottages and is approx 30m/100ft long and 12m/40ft wide. It is mostly flat but slightly sloping at one end.
- 4 or 5 steps lead down from the patio to the road and the garden.

Additional Information

- We welcome assistance dogs. There is plenty of run area and we can provide food and water bowls.
- Acorn Cottage has light grey walls and darker checked carpets. Wooden laminate flooring is the lounge/kitchen/dining and bathroom.
- Rosehip Cottage has light green walls and light beige carpets. Wooden laminate flooring is in the lounge and bathroom and the kitchen had slate tile colour laminate flooring.
- Doors and doorways are mostly wooden.
- Wifi is free and available 24 hours. Mobile phone reception can be poor inside the cottages.
- The nearest doctors surgery is in Peel 6 miles away and the nearest A&E hospital is Nobles 15 miles away near Douglas.

- See this website for information on attractions
<http://www.visitiom.co.uk/isle-of-man/disabled-accessibility/>

Future Plans

- We will be joining the National Accessible Scheme to gain a rating for those people with limited mobility and hearing and visual impairments.

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Hours Of Operation: 24

Local Carers: <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/departments/health-and-social-care/registration-and-inspection-unit/inspection-reports/domiciliary-care-agencies/>

Local Equipment Hire: <http://www.circa.org.im/shopmobility.html>

Local Accessible Taxi: <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/statutory-boards/road-transport-licensing-committee/wheelchair-accessible-vehicles/>

Local Public Transport: <https://www.gov.im/categories/travel-traffic-and-motoring/bus-and-rail/>