

Access Statement For Smithy Self Catering unit **Bodenham Forge**

Introduction

The Smithy self catering cottage was formerly the village blacksmith's workshop built around 1920. It was converted into a two storey holiday cottage in 2000. We have tried to provide as much information as possible in this statement, if you have any queries please do call. We look forward to welcoming you.

Pre-Arrival

- We have a website www.bodenhamforge.co.uk and are listed on www.visitherefordshire.co.uk and other holiday websites.
- We are advertised in the Hereford & Wye Valley Visitor Guide 2008 which is available in Tourist Information Centres.
- Bookings / enquiries can be made via email, phone or post.
- All guests are provided with written directions to the cottage in dyslexia friendly font.
- The local 426 bus (Leominster to Hereford) can be requested to stop at the front gate.
- The nearest RADAR toilets are in Leominster 5 miles away (Bridge St car park, bus station or East Street car park)
- The nearest train station (Leominster) is 5 miles away; there are accessible taxis at the station or the no. 426 bus travels from the station to the front gate.
- We have a wheelchair, cot and high chair which may be borrowed. Please reserve when booking.
- We can arrange for shopping to be delivered, please advise of your requirements.

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- A car can be parked immediately outside the cottage front door on concrete standing, which is immediately to the side of the open front gateway.
- There is ample additional car parking on gravel standing on the entrance drive.
- The front gateway is uneven to prevent entry of surface water.

Main Entrance & Reception

- The front entrance to the cottage has a step – 20cm high, 26cm deep, 90cm wide.
- There is a further weather board 5cm high which is 15cm above the floor level inside the door.
- The door is 82cm wide, 200cm high and hinged on the left. The keyhole is 93cm high.
- Inside the front entrance there is an archway leading left to the lounge area and a door on the right to the toilet/shower room.
- There is a further step 9cm high 125cm wide between the entrance hall and the kitchen.

Public Areas - General (Internal)

- Not Available

Public Areas - WC

- Not Available

Kitchen / Dining Room

- Worktop height 90cm.
- Oven door is drop down, height of lowest shelf 33cm, can be accessed from the side
- Sink is 90cm high
- Hob is 93cm high
- At least 96cm free space between all furniture and worktops
- Evenly lit kitchen with downlighters.
- Good contrast between floor, cupboards and other surfaces
- Under worksurface fridge.
- Under worksurface freezer.
- Under worksurface front loading washer drier.

- Table– 105cm diameter with four legs on circumference but cross supports, 64cm floor to lowest point of table (underspace), 75cm high
- Free space is 85cm by 300cm.
- Chairs (all moveable) – 4 chairs with padded seat which have no arms.
- Flooring is short pile carpet with additional rugs.

Lounge

- Accessed through the hall arch way (width 80cm clear of furniture).
- Flooring is short pile carpet.
- Furniture is moveable and there are plenty of non feather cushions provided.
- TV/VHS combi provided with remote control.
- Radio/CD provided.

Laundry

- There is no separate laundry but there is a washer drier provided in the kitchen. The open fronted garage of the main house, accessed over a gravel drive, has washing lines, clothes pegs provided and a tumble drier.

Shop

- Not Available

Leisure Facilities

- Fishing in the River Lugg is available free of charge for those staying in cottages.

Outdoor Facilities

- There is a rose garden immediately behind the cottage with a picnic table and benches. The surface is gravel and grass. This provides a view of the adjacent River Lugg. There is also a walk through our field to an area down a sloping grass bank where one can sit by the river.

Conference & Meeting Rooms, Banqueting, Clubs, Entertainment

- Not Available

First Floor Bedrooms

- Reached via a staircase of 12 steps with right angle bend. Steps are 76cm wide. •Handrails are on both sides of the stairs.
- The landing is 75cm wide and has handrails on both sides.
- Short pile carpet on stairs and throughout first floor.

- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are cotton or poly-cotton.
- **Double room:** Door width 70cm Bed height 57cm, 4ft6in bed, no full height space each side of bed because of sloping ceiling.
- **Twin room:** door width 70cm Twin 3ft beds (moveable), bed height 57cm, space between beds is 90cm.

Downstairs Shower Room & WC

- Door width 74cm right hinged.
- Corner shower cubicle with left hinged door 55cm wide
- Rim height (step over) is 22cm
- Free space in shower room (free of furniture) is 80cm by 130cm.
- Toilet seat height 42cm
- Space to right of toilet is 16cm, 20cm to the left
- There are no support rails available.
- Hand basin height 81cm.
- Tiled flooring.
- Release mechanism on outside of locked door.

Additional Information

- We will normally show you round the cottage on arrival.
- A Welcome Pack is produced in dyslexia friendly font, plus separate manufacturers instruction leaflets and places of interest leaflets.
- Mobile phone reception is good for Orange and Vodafone. There is no signal for O2 or T-Mobile.
- Pets are not permitted.
- The premises are non Smoking.
- Heating is by gas central heating with programmed time clock.
- Radiators have thermostatic radiator valves, except in bathrooms.
- Additional door keys can be provided eg for use by relatives or carers.
- Broadband wireless internet connection is provided with an access code.

Contact Information

- Address: The Forge, Bodenham. Hereford HR1 3JZ
- Telephone: 01568 797144
- There is no Fax or Textphone:

- Email: stay@bodenhamforge.co.uk
- Website: www.bodenhamforge.co.uk
- Hours of operation: We live on site and are open all year.
- Herefordshire Disability Living Centre 01432 379100
- Local equipment hire: Chandos Pharmacy 01432 272065
- Local public transport numbers: Bus 01568 612759, Train 0845 6050 600
- Local accessible taxi numbers: Blueline (Hereford) 0500 574574
Leominster Taxis 01568 616964
- Tourist Information Centres: Hereford 01432 268430, Leominster 01568 616460, Queenswood (summer only) 01568 797842.

Future Plans

Improvements will be concentrated on the Granary, which is the most suitable unit for disabled access.

We welcome your feedback to help us continuously improve if you have any comments please phone 01568 797144 or email stay@bodenhamforge.co.uk