

Lockerbrook Farm Accessibility

Vehicular access

- o Lockerbrook Outdoor Centre is situated 1 mile from the A57 along a rough surfaced bridleway. Groups access the centre either by walking up from Fairholmes visitors centre or by car to our centre car-park. Access is therefore possibly by car and minibus.

Centre buildings

East Barn

- o The East Barn consists of 4 twin rooms (bunks) and three dorms with 12, 10 and 6 bunk beds in, a total of 36 bed spaces. It also has male and female toilets and showers.
- o Our 6 bed dormitory is situated on the ground floor and has level access from the courtyard via the East Barn foyer. It is fully wheelchair accessible. Two of the bunk beds are detachable, enabling the top bunks to be removed to improve access and space. There is an emergency call cord as well as a push alarm.
- o Adjacent to the 6 bed dormitory is a disability accessible toilet and shower which is fully fitted to meet DDA legislation. There is again an emergency call cord. The surface from the foyer into the toilet/shower is level and therefore wheelchair accessible.

Courtyard

- o The path directly from the car-park into the centre includes some steps. However, there is additional car-parking along the side of the centre where there is a gate from the track onto level paths which then gently slope to both the East and West Barns.

West Barn

- o The kitchen and dining room are situated in the West Barn, as well as a large activity room. Both the kitchen and dining room are fully accessible with a gentle slope to the dining room from the inner foyer and a level surface from the outside into the kitchen and dining room area.
- o At present, the activity room is up a flight of stairs which is therefore not accessible to those in a wheelchair or if mobility is severely restricted.

Cottage

- The 18th century cottage is available for up to 6 persons. The entrance is via some steps from the courtyard. These are quite steep and uneven. The doorways and access on the ground floor is restricted by the age of the property. It is not suitable for someone whose mobility is severely restricted.
- The bedrooms and bathroom are accessed via a staircase and a step up into each area.

- However, we can make available a level access to the top floor of the cottage via the staff entrance should this be necessary. There is then one step down to the bedroom corridor with further step down and step up to the bathroom. This would only apply if the cottage was being hired with the barn where the person(s) would have access to the rest of the site.
- Outside there is a garden with a gentle slope.

Area around the centre

- Lockerbrook is situated in an isolated and remote area on the side of a hill. It is surrounded by rough tracks, steep wooded hill sides and rocky terrain.
- Although the centre courtyard is fully accessible, the Forestry Commission owned land surrounding the centre will not be accessible to those with mobility problems or wheelchair users.

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