



Watatunga Wildlife Reserve - Access Guide to Major's Lodge

Property Name: Major's Lodge

Property Location: Mill Rd, Plough Lane, Watlington PE33 0HQ

Description: Single storey safari lodge for up to 8 visitors.

We have done our best to ensure that the property is accessible to those in a wheel-chair with a specially fitted access ramp from the front door and from the conservatory to the garden. The property is all on one floor and door widths have been widened to allow movement throughout the house and light switches and electrical sockets repositioned. A wet room has been added to the property as a third bathroom. We wish you to enjoy your stay and book a property that will work for you so these are a few things to be aware of:

- The gravel outside the front door is deep and may prove a challenge to a wheelchair user moving independently **but** is manageable with assistance. It is possible to park right up against the accessible ramp to the house so this isn't necessarily an issue on arrival/departure from the lodge but could be an issue if not assisted to the bird hide.
- Our safari trailer is adapted to allow access to the reserve but this cannot be operated by guests independently when using their electric buggies in the reserve. We offer a free welcome safari with your buggy and our wheelchair accessible trailer on request. However, the wheelchair accessible trailer cannot be used independently by guests throughout their stay. This means that some wheelchair users may not be able to access the reserve throughout the entirety of their stay. While we work to resolve this, you are welcome to book the wheelchair trailer free of charge which runs on any of our public tours (April-October & subject to availability). Availability of tours can be found in the 'Guided Tour' section of our website – please email Anna at info@watatunga.co.uk to get a coupon code allowing you to book these tours for free. For children who are unable to sit unaided in a buggy, some guests have used a 'Special Tomato Soft Sitter' seat which is available from a company called Moorings Mediquip. You will need to be comfortable self-loading your child in this instance. This is not something we provide.
- The kitchen is not an accessible kitchen
- You can access a video tour of Major's Lodge on our Facebook page. Please also get in touch pre-booking with any additional queries and we will do our best to answer them.



Pre-arrival and local facilities

The nearest bus stop is: Mill Rd, Watlington

The nearest train station is: Watlington

The nearest petrol station is: Jet, Downham Rd

The nearest electric vehicle charging point is: Hardwick Roundabout KL

The nearest food shop is: Watlington Village Stores

The nearest pub/restaurant: The Angel, Watlington

Mobility equipment hire is: [N-able](#)

Arrival and car parking

Type of parking available: Outdoor, gated, private.

Number of spaces available: 6

For what sized car: any

Parking surface is: gravel – it is possible to park right up against the wheelchair accessible ramp.

Is the parking level: yes

Is there good space to unload once parked? yes

Distance to property from parking: potentially 0m

Distance to nearest public parking area: 0.5m

Is it pay and display? no

How many steps are there en route to the entrance? Wheelchair ramp on one side, single step to kitchen entrance.

Main entrance

The main entrance door width is: 78cm

Number of steps to the main entrance: None–ramp, plastic threshold 2.5cm high – shallow ramps available (stored just inside main door in cupboards on the right or in place pre-visit by request).

The height of the key safe is: 1.5m from ground

The height of the keyhole is: 91.5cm from front door.

How many other entrances to the property are there? 2

Is the entrance well lit? Yes

Living and dining rooms

The flooring is: Laminate



Are there any rugs? Yes – removeable when necessary

The door widths within these areas are? Hall to sitting room – 82cm, sitting room to dining room – 82cm, sitting room to conservatory – 107cm

Is there good space between furniture? Yes

Is the furniture moveable or fixed? moveable

Is the floor level and step free? Yes

Are the light switches set at a lower level for easier access? Yes

Are the electrical sockets set at a higher level for easier access? Yes

Kitchen

The flooring is: lino

Is the floor level and step free? yes

The width of the doorways is: hall to kitchen – 82cm inches, kitchen to dining room (accessible through the larger living room door 82cm inches)

What height is the worktop to the floor? 91cm

Is the oven set high or low? high

The fridge height is: high (121cm from floor to handle)

The freezer height is: low (104cm from floor to handle)

Is crockery stored high or low: both

Are the light switches set at a lower level for easier access? yes

Are the electrical sockets set at a higher level for easier access? No, located on the splashbacks

Is any equipment stored externally or away from the main kitchen, and if yes; what and where? Not equipment for the kitchen, no but hoover and laundry room is in the utility room which has narrower doors – 73.5 cm.

Bedrooms and landings

How many floors does the property have? All on one floor at ground level

The flooring is: carpet

Is the flooring level in each bedroom? yes

The door widths are: Bedrooms 1-3 82 cm , Bedroom 4, 73cm

Bed sizes are: Bedroom 1 – zip and link king, Bed 2 – superking,, Bed 3 zip and link king, Bed 4 – kingsize. Beds are divan beds. Profiling bed can be hired at a cost of £65.00 from [n-able](#).

Is the bedroom furniture moveable or fixed? moveable

Are the light switches set at a lower level for easier access? Yes

Are the electrical sockets set at a higher level for easier access? yes



Bathrooms and cloakrooms

Type of flooring: laminate in bathroom 1 & 2 and wet room flooring bathroom 3

Is the flooring level? Yes

Width of the doorways: wetroom 83 cm, others 76cm

Is there an accessible or adapted WC? Yes

Is there an accessible or adapted bath or shower? Yes

Is there a ground floor WC? Yes

Is there a ground floor bathroom or shower room? Yes

Does any bath or shower have a grab rail or handle fitted? Yes

Is there any shower where access is level rather than a step up? Yes

We do not have a changing table or hoist in the wetroom.

Outdoor facilities

External areas are: garden, terrace and gravel entrance

Is permanent seating provided? Garden furniture stored away in the winter months

Is there outside lighting? Yes

Is there colour contrast of critical surfaces (e.g. edges of steps) no

Are there barriers to entry into any part of the garden? Ramp access to the garden with gate option to contain children.

Are there any other hazards (e.g. ponds, water features)? no

General

Is there a landline telephone for guests to use? No

Mobile phone reception information: Excellent 4G

Can you easily access an electrical socket in all rooms without having to move furniture (not cloakrooms or bathrooms)? yes

Can you easily access a light switch in all rooms without having to move furniture (not cloakrooms or bathrooms)? yes

Do you provide speciality alarms for hearing or sight impaired guests? no

Additional relevant information

Please add further details on any accessibility items or restrictions found at the property: