



***Willow View Country Retreat
Vue de Saule
L'Auvergneuse
79450 Fenery
Deux Sevres. France***

ACCESSABILITY STATEMENT

Introduction

The purpose of this accessibility statement is to provide a clear and honest description of Willow View Country Retreat, so that potential guests can assess for themselves whether it would be a suitable choice for their stay should they have any specific needs or restrictions that may affect their ability to use all the facilities available.

Willow Lodge is designed to be a secluded get-away for up to six people, with the opportunity to enjoy the scenery, fishing and relaxing, whilst at the same time having tourist attractions and other facilities available in the surrounding area.

The property is situated in a rural setting in one of the many small Hamlets in the commune of Fenery, Deux Sevres, France. Access to the property is via a lane suitable for most vehicular traffic.

The grounds comprise of a large lake, and two ponds surrounded by grassed areas and may not be suitable for those dependent on the use of a wheelchair or unable to cope with uneven terrain. It is also likely not to be conducive for those with significant mobility problems or those severely visually impaired. The lodge is accessed by three steps to the main entrance door or via a sliding door on a raised patio.

We have included below a more detailed specification. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any queries you may have, or what we may be able to do to enable you to be able to enjoy your stay at Willow Lodge. Please feel free to ask further questions through our enquiry form.

All our Information is also available in large print on request.

Location

It is possible, but difficult, to cope without a car if the intention was to remain onsite for the duration of your stay. There is no public transport in the immediate vicinity. Nearest bus route is 4km away. Local Taxis are available. Experienced cyclists would be able to reach local amenities and the area is frequently used by cyclists passing through.

Local Services

The nearest local shop and bakery is located in Clesse which is 7 minutes by car.

The nearest supermarket is Super U located in Secondigny the equivalent of a local town which is 6.9 miles away. Super U offers an online home delivery service. Further choices of larger supermarkets are located in Parthenay.

The nearest main town is Parthenay which is approximately a 25-minute drive.

Arrival and Car Parking Facilities

The entrance to the grounds is secured by two sets of gates leading to the curtilage of the property. One set of gates is operated by a key locked sliding gate suitable for larger vehicles. The main gate is a double opening gate, locked by key and opens inwards. All parking areas are on a grass surface.

A key safe is located by the main gate which will house all keys necessary during your stay. The key safe is situated at a height that should enable access for most visitors. The key safe is operated by a number combination lock which is changed regularly. The numbers may be difficult to read for persons with partial sight or reading difficulties. An explanation of the operation of the key safe is provided when booking.

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- The approach to the property is on a slight slope.
- The front door is on the side of the property, accessed by three steps.
- Access can also be gained via patio doors facing the lake on a raised patio.
- There is a normal door lip on the front door but no step. However, it might be difficult to manoeuvre through 90 degrees in the small space at the top of the entrance.
- The access doors are conventional UPVC construction with lever handles. The patio door is a fixed lock with sliding handle and has a flip over security bar.
- All the floors in the house are tiled with underfloor heating (October-March) controlled by wall thermostats.
- Light switches are at the standard height
- The internal doors have lever handles on a white gloss paint background.
- The bathroom door has a sliding lock mechanism.
- Doors open inwards into the rooms.
- There are three bedrooms and they are all at ground level.
- Two bedrooms have King size beds and the third is two single beds.
- Bedroom furniture is moveable, with bedrooms 1 & 2 having wardrobes.
- Windows in France open inwards the handles are lever type, and are located 5ft 4ins above the floor.
- All the rooms are large with access to both sides of each bed in room 1 & 2

Bathrooms

- There is one main bathroom, and a cloakroom with doors leading between bedroom 1 & 2 with a full-size toilet and integrated wash hand basin.
- The main bathroom has a shower cubicle with a sliding glass door. There is a small step up to gain access into the shower cubicle.
- The shower controls are of a twist type mechanism to control on/off and temperature.
- A slip resistant shower mat is available.
- There is a sink with cabinet underneath.
- There are no grab rails around the toilet, sink or shower.
- Lighting is via a main ceiling light operated on entering the bathroom.
- There is also a wall switch to turn the air vent from low to high if required.
- The main bathroom door is a push shut type with a sliding bolt lock.

Kitchen

- There is a range of floor and wall mounted cupboards
- The mixer tap has lever handles
- The oven controls are located above the oven, on the front of the cooker (below the hobs).
- The hobs are induction powered with finger touch controls
- only the provided pans will work on the induction hob.
- The oven door opens downwards
- There is a washing machine and dishwasher.
- Instruction on the use of kitchen appliances are in the welcome booklet and also the manufacturers instruction are also available if more details are required.

Lounge

- The lounge has two sofas and a number of movable furniture items
- Access from the patio doors leads into the lounge
- There are a number of switches to control the patio door shutters, internal and external lighting. These switches would be difficult to reach from a wheelchair, and are above the adjoining kitchen worktop

The Grounds

- The grounds in Willow View are grassed areas with a large lake and two ponds
- Access can be gained around the whole lake with a bridge at the far end.
- Water depth ranges across the lake and water safety buoys are located in designated areas
- The ground can be uneven in places and some low hanging trees may be an obstacle for those with poor vision.
- Warning notices are displayed around the grounds and property to highlight any potential safety hazards.

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