

Access Statement for Keswick View Holiday Apartments

Introduction

Keswick View is a traditional Lakeland stone property located in the pedestrianised part of Lake Road in Keswick. Our three self-catering apartments (Castlerigg, Whinlatter and Garden) are each on separate floors of the building. Our apartments are not suitable for people with severe mobility issues. We have tried to provide as much information as possible in this statement. If you have any queries do call.

Pre-Arrival

- We have a website: www.keswickview.co.uk with photographs and general information. Up-to-date availability, tariffs and details are listed on www.golakes.co.uk (Cumbria Tourism) and www.keswick.org (Keswick Tourism Association)
- Our access statement is available to view or download on our website. Copies are also available for those who request information by post (size 14 font).
- We can provide information in large print on request
- Bookings/enquiries can be made via email, phone or post.
- The main bus station/stop in Keswick is less than half a mile from the property, next to Booth's supermarket.
- The nearest train station is at Penrith, 17 miles from Keswick. There are regular accessible buses from the station to Keswick.
- Taxis are available from Penrith station and town centre as well as in Keswick – some local firms are listed below.
- A location map with directions to the property, car parking and key collection details are provided by post with our final booking confirmation letter.
- Key collection is at the nearby Spar shop in Keswick. Groceries can be bought there if needed.
- There are a number of public toilets, including those for people with mobility issues, in the centre of Keswick and within 800 metres of the apartments.
- Mobility scooters can be hired from the Keswick Motor Company garage next to the apartments

Arrival and Car Parking Facilities

- We have a private car park at the rear of the property which has one space per apartment for a normal sized car.
- The car park is reasonably level and has a tarmac surface
- Paths around the building are lit at night.
- Access to the Garden apartment is level, directly from the car park via a paved patio through the porch at the rear of the property.
- Access to Castlerigg and Whinlatter apartments from the car park is via a 1 metre wide side passage, paved with slabs. Access to the package is via two steps (18-20 cm in height). At the end of the passage there are 4 steps varying in height, leading through a gate onto the level pedestrianised public road at the front. All steps in the side passage are highlighted in white paint for clearer visibility. The main entrance to Keswick View is to the right.
- To avoid the side passage, an alternative access route to the front entrance is out of the car park past the rear of the garage, turning left along the public pavement around the garage buildings and forecourt and past the Toy Chest shop. The main entrance to Keswick View is to the left.

Public Areas

General

- The apartment building is fitted with a fire alarm system including smoke detectors, break-glass points and alarms.
- Emergency lighting is provided on the stairway and in the apartment hallways in the event of power failure.
- All apartments, the main entrance hall and communal stairs are equipped with fire extinguishers, and fire blankets provided in all kitchens.
- All apartments and the main entrance hall have evacuation maps and our guest information folders contain details of what actions to take in the event of a fire.

Front Entrance

- The main front external entrance has 4 dressed-stone steps with ornamental railings to both sides
- The door is 1.2m (48") wide and the key hole to the Yale lock is 1.4m (55") high. There is also a lever handle: both are required to open the door for extra security.
- The front entrance porch has coir matting 1.2m x 1.6m
- There is a glass-panelled screen with twin glass-panelled internal doors (92cm wide) between the porch and main hallway.

Main Hallway

- The main hallway and stairs are carpeted with heavy duty carpet. Décor has contrasting walls and banisters, with dado rails in all public areas.
- Inside the front entrance is the main hallway with 1 metre minimum width clearance
- Chairs are provided in the hall if rest is needed.
- The hallway leads to the stairs that lead to the upper apartments (Whinlatter and Castlerigg).
- Beyond the stairway there is a corridor and door providing access to the Garden apartment (see below)
- A fire-door provides an emergency exit from the shop rear through the hallway to the front door. This is locked from the shop side and can only be used in an emergency. This doorway must be kept clear at all times.

Main Stairs

- The main stairs are 96cm wide and have a hand rail to the left ascending (86cm high). The tread height is 20cm (8") and the tread depth is 29cm (11.5")
- Whinlatter apartment is on the first floor, 2 flights up (17 steps) from the entrance hall.
- There is a small landing outside the entrance to Whinlatter apartment with a chair for guests to rest, if needed.
- Castlerigg apartment is on the second floor, 4 flights up (35 steps) from the entrance hall. There is a small landing outside the entrance to the apartment.

Apartments – Shared Facilities

Communal Drying and Laundry Room

- Located in ground floor of annexe to rear of property.
- Access via doorway opposite rear entrance to Garden apartment. Door (84cm wide) has mortise lock (1m high) Doorstep (10cm) and wooden threshold (6cm)
- Work top height 92cm (36").
- Front loading washing machine and tumble dryer are provided.
- Sink is 92cm high with single lever tap and cupboards underneath. Hot water provided by an under-sink heater.
- Solid floor with cushion-floor covering.
- This room is also used to store bicycles securely – at the end of the room.
- Externally, a cold-water tap (95cm high) and twin external power sockets (45cm high) are provided.

Garden/Patio

- There is a small slate-paved patio area at the rear of the building outside the Garden apartment.
- There is a small step from the path to the patio where a metal garden table with four garden chairs are provided.
- This area is available to all guests.

Apartment Interiors – General

- Apartment interiors are carpeted throughout with short-pile carpet, except kitchens & bathrooms.
- Each apartment has its own gas-fired central heating system. Wall-mounted thermostats are accessible.
- All radiators are equipped with adjustable thermostats (colour-coded for clarity)
- Hot water is provided on demand by a 'combi' boiler.
- Kitchen and bathroom taps are either traditional cross-head or modern lever operated, for ease of use.
- All electrical sockets and wiring comply with IEE Regulations (16th Edition), including access requirements.

Garden Apartment

The Garden apartment is suitable for those who have problems with stairs and minor mobility problems. However, it is not equipped for those who have severe mobility problems.

Entrance Porch

- The Garden apartment has level access from the car park.
- Entrance to the apartment is via a glass porch. The door entrance (70cm /27½" wide) has a small step (6cm) and metal threshold (3cm).
- The porch is lockable and has a concrete floor.
- The porch is suitable to store a wheelchair for those who do not require its use within the apartment
- Entrance into the main apartment is via a lockable door (width 75cm) Yale lock (height 1.4m/55"). This lock matches that from the Main Hallway into the Interior Hall & Stairway (see below)

Lounge

- A corridor space takes you through the lounge to access the other rooms in the apartment. Maximum space free of furniture 1.4m x 2.4m.
- Upholstered seating (all movable) - two double sofas and one chair, all with arms, plus one matching stool.
- Cushions are non-feather
- Coffee table (movable) in the centre of the room
- Teletext TV and a DVD player, both with remote control
- A digital radio is provided
- Electric fire provided for additional heating

Twin Bedroom

- Access directly from the Lounge via door (width 70cm)
- There are 2 x 3ft beds with a bed height of 61cm
- Non-feather (Hollowfibre) duvets and pillows provided
- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are cotton
- Largest free space available which is clear of furniture is 50cm x 1.4m.

Internal Hall & Stairway

- An internal hallway connects the lounge door (width 70cm) with the kitchen, bathroom and double bedroom.
- A stairway provides optional alternative access to the apartment via the main front entrance to the apartment building. (14 steps up to landing. Tread width 90cm to hand-rail; tread height 19cm; tread depth 25cm)
- This staircase is lit top and bottom, switched by a two-way circuit and has a hand-rail to the right ascending.
- There is a small landing at the top of the stairs with an entrance door into the main hall (see above). This door shares the same key as the internal porch entrance door.

Double Bedroom

- Accessed from the Internal Hall via door (width 70cm)
- There is a 5ft king size bed with a bed height of 61cm
- Non-feather (Hollowfibre) duvets and pillows provided
- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are cotton
- Largest free space available which is clear of furniture is 60cm x 1.4m
- stool/dressing table – heights 50cm/79cm

Bathroom

- Door width 70cm
- Bath with adjustable shower over + shower curtain
- Bath height is 60cm (24") – cross-head taps.
- Free space in the bathroom (free of doors and fittings) is 80cm by 80cm
- Toilet seat height 43 cm
- Basin height 80cm – cross-head taps
- Flooring is laminate
- Good colour contrast between floor and walls
- Release mechanism on outside of lock

Self-Catering Kitchen/Diner

- Door access 70cm wide
- Worktop height 90cm
- Oven door is drop down, height of lowest shelf 45cm
- Sink is 90cm high with cupboards underneath
- Hob is electric and 90?cm high
- Flooring is laminate
- Evenly lit kitchen with two sets of spotlights
- Fridge/freezer provided (1.5m high)
- Dishwasher with dropdown door provided
- The dining table (76cm high) is situated at the end of the room with four padded kitchen chairs without arms

Whinlatter Apartment

Entrance

- Door width 75cm (29½"); Lock height 1.47m (56")
- An internal hallway (min width 75cm 29.5") leads into all other rooms in the apartment

Self-Catering Kitchen

- Door (75cm/29.5") from Entrance
- The kitchen has open plan access into the Lounge and Dining areas
- Worktop height 89cm (35")
- Oven door is drop down, lowest shelf 45cm high
- Sink is 89cm high with cupboards underneath
- Hob is electric and 89cm high
- Flooring is laminate
- Evenly lit kitchen with two sets of spotlights
- Fridge/freezer available [height]
- Dishwasher with dropdown door available
- A radio is available

Lounge and Dining

- Two large upholstered sofas provided, both with arms. Movable cushions (all non-feather)
- Coffee table (movable) located in the centre of the room
- Dining table situated in the bay window area. Equipped with four padded dining chairs without arms
- Teletext TV with remote control and a DVD player
- Electric fire provided for additional heating

Twin Bedroom

- Door width 70cm (27½")
- There are 2 x 3ft beds with a bed height of 61cm (24")
- Non-feather (Hollowfibre) duvets and pillows provided
- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are cotton
- Largest free space available which is clear of furniture is 1.5m x 1m.

Double Bedroom

- Door width 70cm (27½")
- There is a 5ft king size bed with a height of 61cm (24")
- Non-feather (Hollowfibre) duvets and pillows provided
- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are cotton
- Largest free space available clear of furniture is 1m x 2m
- Armchair; dressing table (74cm/29"); stool (46cm/18")
- Door into ensuite with release mechanism on outside of lock (75cm/29.5")

Ensuite Shower Room

- Walk-in shower with flexible shower-head/hose
- Free space in the shower room (free of doors and furniture) is 90cm by 90cm
- Basin + cross-head taps for easy use (79cm/31" high)
- Toilet seat height 41cm/16" high
- Laminated floor with good contrast with walls and fittings

Main Bathroom

- Door width 70cm (27½")
- Separate shower cubicle with flexible shower and raised glass door (entrance sill height 14cm/5½")
- Bath height is 59cm (23")
- Basin + cross-head taps for easy use (80cm/31½" high)
- Free space in the bathroom (free of doors and furniture) is 90cm by 90cm
- Toilet seat height 41cm/16" (space next to WC)
- Laminated floor with good contrast with walls and fittings
- Release mechanism on outside of lock

Castlerigg Apartment

Entrance

- Door width 75cm (29½"); Lock height 1.47m (56")
- An internal hallway (min width 61cm/24") leads into all other rooms in the apartment
- A storeroom with double doors contains cleaning materials, ironing board etc
- Electric fire provided for additional heating

Lounge

- Door width 70cm (27½")
- Matching upholstered pair of armchairs and double sofa with arms.
- Teletext TV provided with remote control and a DVD player
- Coffee table (movable) located between the armchairs
- A dining table is situated in the window area

Bathroom

- Door width 70cm (27½")
- Separate quadrant shower with slide doors and movable shower-head/hose
- Bath height is.
- Free space in the bathroom (free of doors and furniture) is 1m by 1.5m
- Toilet seat height 41cm/16"
- Basin height is 79cm/31"
- Flooring is laminate
- Good colour contrast between floor and walls
- Release mechanism on outside of lock

Twin Bedroom

- Door width 70cm (27½")
- There are 2 x3ft beds with a bed height of 61cm (24")
- Non-feather (Hollowfibre) duvets and pillows provided
- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are cotton
- Largest free space clear of furniture is 1.4m x 1.1m

Double Bedroom

- Door width 70cm (27½")
- There is a 5ft king size bed with a bed height of 61cm/24"
- Non feather and duvets provided
- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are cotton
- Largest free space clear of furniture is 1m x 2m
- Chair without arms (46cm/18" high) + dressing table (75cm/29½") + stool with back (36cm/14" high)
- Door 70cm (27½") into ensuite with release mechanism on outside of lock

Ensuite Shower Room

- Shower with sliding glass door + flexible shower-head/hose (sill height 19cm/7½")
- Basin with single-lever mixer control (80cm/31½" high)
- Toilet seat height 38cm/15"
- Laminated floor with good contrast with walls and fittings
- Free space in the shower room is 1m by 55cm

Self-Catering Kitchen/Diner

- Door access 70cm (27½") wide
- Worktop height 91cm/36"
- Oven door is drop down, height of lowest shelf 45cm
- Sink is 91cm high with cupboards underneath
- Hob is electric and 91cm high
- Flooring is laminate
- Evenly lit kitchen with two sets of spotlights
- Fridge/freezer provided 135cm/53"
- Dishwasher with dropdown door available
- The dining table (ht 74cm/29") is situated at the end of the room with five padded kitchen chairs without arms

Additional information

- Each apartment has an information folder
- Mobile reception is not good - the best place is at the bottom of the car park.
- All apartments are no smoking
- Service dogs require our prior agreement – please discuss with us at the time of enquiry/booking
- The upstairs unit in the annexe is for management use only and is not accessible to guests

Contact Information

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See apartment information folders for other contacts.

Future Plans

We plan to provide a grab rail in the bathroom in the Garden Apartment (Winter 2008)

We plan to resurface the car park during 2009

We welcome your feedback to help us continuously improve, if you have any comments please phone or email - see our contact details above.