

## **Dunkery Beacon Country House Access Statement**



### **Introduction**

Dunkery Beacon Country House is located in the West Somerset village of Wootton Courtenay and offers eight guests rooms: six double bedrooms with en-suite, 1 twin/superking with en-suite and 1 twin with private facilities.

Whilst we aim to meet the needs of all our guests, there are some period features of the house which may make access difficult for people with limited mobility.

We are located within a 5 minute walk from the centre of the village, where there is a church and the Village Stores/Post Office. The larger towns of Minehead, Dunster and Porlock are within a 5 mile radius from the property.

We look forward to welcoming you to our country house. If you have any queries or require any assistance, please telephone 01643 841241 or email: [info@dunkerybeaconaccommodation.co.uk](mailto:info@dunkerybeaconaccommodation.co.uk)

### **Pre-Arrival**

We are located on the northern outskirts of Wootton Courtenay – for full directions and a map of how to reach us, please see the “Contact Us” page on our website. Alternatively, you can plan your journey by car or public transport using [www.transportdirect.info](http://www.transportdirect.info). Simply enter your postcode and ours, which is TA24 8RH to get directions.

The nearest shop is the village stores, which is 100m away and is open every day from 8am until 1pm (except Sunday: 8am – 11am). The nearest large supermarkets are Tesco and Morrisons located in Minehead (5 miles away).

The nearest local bus stops outside the village stores every Wednesday and travels to Dunster and Minehead. There is no shelter or seating.

The nearest main bus service departs/arrives in Minehead on Bancks Street (5 miles away).

There is a taxi rank on the main Parade in Minehead, just opposite Bancks Street, but we can book one for you in advance if required.

The nearest railway station is Taunton, which is 24 miles away (45 mins by car): [www.gwr.com/plan-journey/journey-information/stations-and-routes/taunton](http://www.gwr.com/plan-journey/journey-information/stations-and-routes/taunton)

The nearest main bus station hub is Taunton, which is 24 miles away: [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/public-transport/bus-timetables](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/public-transport/bus-timetables)

The nearest airport is Bristol, which is approximately 1hr 45mins by car: [www.bristolairport.co.uk](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk)

We can accommodate guests' pets/assistance dogs in 2 of our larger rooms which are designated as dog friendly.

### **Car Parking and Arrival**

We have our own level on-site car park which accommodates up to 9 cars.

Access to our property from the car park is up a wide tarmacked driveway to a set of 6 stone/slate steps up to the front door. The steps are 13cms high and the front door is 107cms with handrails both sides.



### **Welcome Area**

Guests are welcomed in the hallway/reception area, which is level throughout and fully carpeted. Seating is available with 1 upright chair. The area is lit with overhead lighting and 2 table lamps. Assistance with luggage is always offered.

## **Bedrooms and bath/shower rooms**

We have 1 ground floor letting suite, which is level with and accessed off the main reception area.

All of our other guest rooms are located on either the first or second floor.

There is seating, bedside tables, bedside lamps, a wardrobe plus a chest of drawers in each room.

All rooms have flat screen Freeview digital TV/DVD (with subtitle option on the TV menu).

Our beds are normally made up with duvets but sheets and blankets can be provided if preferred. By default, we use feather and down duvets and pillows, however synthetic/hypoallergenic bedding is also available. Please specify when booking/before arrival if required.

If guests are bringing pets, we can provide dog bowls, dog towels and covers to protect sofas/bedding.

We can provide a rubber bath mat in all bath/shower rooms.

For those with mobility issues, we can provide an adjustable height shower stool and portable hand grips. Please advise us of your requirements before arrival.

All rooms have smoke alarms. All rooms have central heating with adjustable thermostatic control.

### **Ground Floor Suite (dog friendly)**

The entry door width is 84cms. The door width through to the lounge is 73.5cms. The en-suite shower room door width is 65.5cms.



The bedroom can be configured as 2 single beds or as 1 superking (zip and link), 62cms high. The single bed configuration gives access from one side of each bed or the superking configuration access from both sides.

There is level entry to the en-suite shower room where the toilet is 42cms high and sink 85cms high. The shower cubicle has a 55cms entry gap and a step up into the cubicle of 28cms in height.

This room has both an audible and visual (for those with hearing difficulties) smoke alarm.

### Stairs to 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

There are 12 steps to the first landing point (outside the public toilets), then a further 5 steps to the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor corridor. Each step is 17cms high. There is a wooden balustrade up each flight of steps.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Four Poster Luxury Suite (dog friendly)

The entry door width is 77cms.

The door width from the lounge to the bedroom is 79cms.

The en-suite bath/shower room door width is 76cms.

The bedroom has a standard king size bed 71cms high with access from both sides and has an en suite bath/shower room.

There is level entry to the en-suite, where the toilet is 42cms high, sink 85cms high and bath 54.5cms high with a removable shower head fixed to the wall above the bath.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Four Poster Premier Suite

The entry door width is 78.5cms. The en-suite bath/shower room door width is 73.5cms.

The bedroom has a standard king size bed 71cms high with access from both sides and a balcony with seating (balcony step 22cms high). There is an en suite bath/shower room.

There is level entry to the en-suite, where the toilet is 42cms high, sink 85cms high and bath 54.5cms high with a removable shower head fixed to the wall above the bath.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Cosy Double

The entry door width is 77.5cms.

The en-suite shower room door width is 67cms.

The bedroom has a standard double bed 54cms high with access from both sides and has an en suite shower room

There is level entry to the en-suite shower room, where the toilet is 42cms high and sink 85cms high. The corner shower cubicle has a 50cms entry gap and a step up into the cubicle of 30cms in height.



## Corridor to 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Standard Double

Please note that there are 2 steps down from the main 1<sup>st</sup> floor corridor to the corridor running past the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Standard Double.

These steps are 13cms in height.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Standard Double

The entry door width is 78cms.

The en-suite bath room door width is 58cms.

The Standard Double has a standard king size bed 58cms high with access from both sides and has an en suite bath/shower room.

There is a step up to the bath room of 16cms in height. There is a further step up to the toilet (13cms in height). The toilet is 42cms high, sink 85cms high and semi-sunken bath 32cms high with a fixed shower head above the bath.

## Stairs to 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

There are 9 steps to the first landing point, then a further 6 steps to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor landing. Each step is 17cms high. There is a wooden handrail up the first flight of steps and a wooden balustrade up the second flight of steps.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Standard Double

The entry door width is 76.5cms.

The en-suite shower room door width is 74.5cms.

The Standard Double has a standard king size bed 58cms high with access from both sides and has an en suite shower room.

Please note there is restricted head height in both the bedroom and en-suite shower room due to the eaves.

There is level entry to the en-suite shower room where the toilet is 42cms high and sink 85cms high. The shower cubicle has a 55cms entry gap and a step up into the cubicle of 28cms in height.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Twin

The entry door width is 79.5cms.

The private bath room door width is 77cms.

The Twin has 2 standard single beds 58cms high with access from both sides and has a private shower room immediately opposite the bedroom.

Please note there is restricted head height in both the bedroom and private shower room due to the eaves.

There is level entry to the shower room where the toilet is 42cms high and sink 85cms high. The shower cubicle has a 55cms entry gap and a step up into the cubicle of 28cms in height.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Luxury Double

The entry door width is 75cms.

The en-suite shower room door width is 74cms.

The Luxury Double has a standard king size bed 58cms high with access from both sides and has an en suite shower room.

Please note there is restricted head height in both the bedroom and en-suite shower room due to the eaves.

There is level entry to the en-suite shower room where the toilet is 42cms high and sink 85cms high. The shower cubicle has a 52cms entry gap and a step up into the cubicle of 30.5cms in height.

## **Halls/stairs/landings/corridors**

All areas are well lit using a combination of ceiling and table-lamps. There is signage to the nearest emergency exits as well as emergency lighting. Fire extinguishers/fire break points and smoke alarms are located in the necessary areas.

## **Public Toilets**

There are 2 toilets (ladies and gentleman's) on the first floor landing at the top of the first flight of stairs (12 steps from ground floor reception area, each step 17cms high), which are available for both residents and non-residents use.

The main entry door width is 81cms and is level entry from the landing. The entry doors to each cubicle are 73.5cms wide and are level entry. The sink height is 87.5cms.

## **Guest Lounge**

The guest lounge is situated off the reception area on the ground floor and the entrance is 84cms wide and step free/level entry.



The room is fully carpeted and has a rug with non-slip backing in front of the log burner.

Furniture is flexible and can be moved.

Large bay windows allow plenty of natural light, which is supplemented by overhead lights, wall and table lights.

## **Dining Room**

The breakfast/dining room is situated down a level carpeted hallway off the reception area on the ground floor and the entrance is 79cms wide and step free/level entry.

The room is fully carpeted.



Furniture is flexible and can be moved.

Large windows allow plenty of natural light to the front, which is supplemented by overhead lights, wall and table lights.

There is seating for up to 16 people.

There is a long buffet table where guests can help themselves to cereal, fresh fruit, yoghurt, juices, and jams. Assistance can be provided on request.

Menus can be provided in large print on request.

### **Restaurant**

The restaurant is situated through a door off the dining room. The entrance is 81cms wide and step free/level entry.

The room has a quarry tile floor.

Furniture is flexible and can be moved.

Large windows allow plenty of natural light to the front, which is supplemented by overhead, wall and table lights.

There is seating for up to 24 people depending on table configuration.

Menus can be provided in large print on request.

### **Garden**

For guests and non-resident diners, we have some rattan tables and chairs located outside the restaurant.

Access is through the outside restaurant door (78cms wide) and down 5 stone



steps (each 15cms high). There is a wooden handrail running from the door and down the steps.

The seating area is located between the bottom of the steps and the garden wall. The ground is level tarmac finished with approximately 1 inch covering of decorative slate chippings.

We also have a covered veranda for guests use, furnished with 2 large wooden benches to either side of the front door. Guests may use this as a designated smoking area as smoking is not permitted in the building. An ash tray can be provided on request.



## **Additional Information**

There are 'In Case of Fire' instructions posted on the back of the guest room doors.

There is an information folder in each of the bedrooms giving information on facilities/services, meal times, check out time, emergency contact details, information on Exmoor.

In the guest lounge we have a selection of menus from local restaurants for guests' perusal as well as information on walks, route cards, reference books and a selection of games.

We have drying facilities for walkers and cyclists, and secure storage for bikes together with tool kits/foot pumps etc.

Free Wi-Fi facilities are offered throughout the building. Please note that, due to the nature of the building, signal strength does vary.

We are happy to cater for special diets or particular likes or dislikes. Please advise us before your arrival.

We can refrigerate prescription medication and additionally store any perishable food in our fridge for a limited period.

Vodafone is the only network with coverage in the village. Guests can borrow our landline if they need to make a quick call, otherwise most other networks can be picked up in Minehead, Dunster or Porlock.

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Hours of Operation: Flexible within reason

Local Carers: N/A

Local Accessible Taxi: Ava Cab 01643 703333 or 07895 025112

Local Public Transport:

Service 28 from Minehead to Taunton (operated by First Group)

[www.firstgroup.com/somerset](http://www.firstgroup.com/somerset)