

**Lodge Trust Country Park**  
**Main Street, Market Overton, Rutland LE15 7PL**  
**Accessibility Statement 2009/2010**

### **Introduction**

The Lodge Trust Country Park is ten acres of meadowland with two holiday log cabins and our “Country Café”, all of which have disabled access.

We also cater for touring caravans on two separate sites; the Caravan Club Certified Location or the Camping and Caravanning Club Certified Site.

We strive to ensure that all visitors can enjoy the accommodation, facilities and surroundings within our ten acre park. We will be pleased to help in any way we can, either whilst you are planning your visit or during your stay.

### **Pre-Arrival**

- We have a comprehensive website which includes external and internal photos of the cabins, our location and information on the local area.
- A copy of our access statement is available on our website and in the ‘welcome file’ in each cabin.
- Enquiries can be made by telephone, letter or email:  
*Tel: 01572 768073/767234*  
*Email: [bookings@lodgetrust.org.uk](mailto:bookings@lodgetrust.org.uk)*
- Our brochure, which is available in large print upon request, also contains a floor plan of the cabins.
- Oakham rail station and bus station are six miles away.
- Local buses pass our main gate and will stop here if requested to.

## **Arrival & Car Parking Facilities**

- Reception is in our “Country Café” on-site which has a car park directly in front, designated for use by the disabled and elderly, with 6 accessible parking bays.
- Each cabin has an accessible parking bay next to it which is 4.6metres wide and allow for rear access to vehicles.
- All facilities are signposted clearly with brown writing on a cream background.

## **Main Entrance and Reception**

- Access to the Country Café/Reception is directly from the car park.
- The car park has a paved ramp up to the main door of the café. The main door has a clear opening of 1000mm.
- There is room inside for a wheelchair to manoeuvre.

## **Public Areas – WC**

- Not Applicable

## **“Country Café” and Craft Shop**

- 6 accessible parking bays outside the café main entrance, each one 3.5 metres wide.
- Access to the café is by a paved ramp 5.5metres long and then on to a wooden veranda with a 40mm step at the door opening. The single door has a 1000mm clear opening.
- The inside of the café/shop is all on one level. Tables and chairs can be moved upon request.
- Large print menus are available upon request.
- Staff will offer assistance if required.
- There is a disabled access W.C. (room size: 2.5 metresx1.5 metres) with a 920mm outward opening door.
- Facilities include toilet (470mm high) and hand wash basin.
- Grab rails are fitted either side of toilet and wash basin.

## **Two Holiday Log Cabins “Swallow” and “Badger”**

Both our holiday log cabins are wheelchair friendly and are in close proximity to our Country Café.

- Each cabin has an accessible parking bay next to it which is 4.6metres wide and allows for front, rear and side access to vehicles.
- There is always tea, coffee, fresh milk and fresh fruit in your cabin for your arrival.
- Both cabins are identical inside but the entrance ramps are different lengths:

### **“Swallow Cabin”**

- Dogs are allowed in Swallow cabin only and by arrangement with the Manager.

#### **Main Entrance:**

- The entrance to “Swallow” cabin is via a ramp with handrails each side 900mm. high and made of treated wood.
- The surface of the ramp is wooden with grooves and is regularly treated with a non-slip coating.
- The ramp is no more than 1:12, 4.5 metres long to corner turn and then 8.5 metres long to cabin entrance. The ramp is 2 metres wide.

### **“Badger Cabin”**

- The entrance to “Badger” cabin is via a ramp with handrails each side, 900mm. high and made of treated wood.
- The surface of the ramp is wooden with grooves and is regularly treated with a non-slip coating.
- The ramp is no more than 1:12, 8.5 metres long and 2 metres wide.

### **BOTH SWALLOW AND BADGER CABINS:**

- The entrance door is 838mm wide.
- The entrance lobby is 1.7 metres by 1.5 metres leading to a hallway via a 900mm wide sliding door. There is a 1.5 metre turning circle in this hallway.
- Lobby has vinyl flooring
- Hallway has short pile carpet

- Both cabins have thermostatic electric wall heaters placed at a height to allow for easy adjustment of settings.

### **Bedrooms:**

- There are two bedrooms – one double bedroom and one twin bedroom in each cabin.
- The double room has an 826mm wide door. There is a turning circle in this room of 1.5 metres. From the double room you can access the wet room via a 900mm wide sliding door.
- The twin room has an 826mm door with 1.2 metre free space between the beds.
- All beds are 560mm high.
- Bedding is all hypoallergenic. All beds are made up for your arrival.
- Short pile carpet in all bedrooms.

### **Wet Room and WC (Ensuite or shared):**

- In each wet room (1 per unit) there is a white ceramic wash hand basin, white ceramic disabled WC with grab rails, a level entry shower, shower seat and grab rails.
- Non-slip flooring.
- The wet room is ensuite to the double room and also has a door to the main corridor.
- There is a turning circle of 1.5 metres in each unit.

### **Self-catering kitchen:**

- Standard height base and wall units, 830 mm high.
- Sink is 830 mm. high.
- Dishwasher 800mm high.
- Table 780mm high with under space of 730mm.
- Chairs are provided in the kitchen area, all without arms.
- There is turning circle space in the kitchen area of at least 1.5 metres.
- Vinyl flooring.

**Lounge:**

- The lounge is spacious and is integrated with the kitchen facilities. It provides one 2seater sofa and one 3seater sofa with arms.
- Long, low coffee table.
- Thermostatic electric woodburner effect fire.
- Short pile carpet.
- Each cabin has a television with built-in DVD player. Teletext and subtitles are available.

**Additional information**

- Level access to veranda which is 2400mm deep, with a round outdoor table and four outdoor chairs all with arms.
- Both cabins are non-smoking units.

**Laundry**

- Our laundry has three wooden steps up to the door and is, therefore not wheelchair accessible at the present time.
- Inside is level with non-slip flooring.
- There is one front loading washing machine and one front loading tumble drier.
- An iron and ironing board can be used in the laundry only, upon request. Please ask in the café.
- Standard height hand wash sink.

**Grounds**

- There is a third of a mile Country Walkway around the site which has a level firm surface suitable for wheelchairs.
- The ten acre park site is quite level but we do warn people to be aware there may be rabbit holes on the grassed area.

### **Caravan Club Certified Location (Members only)**

- We have five hard-standings for caravans or motor homes.
- The site has a fresh water tap next to the first pitch on the left hand side and the chemical toilet emptying point is behind the Laundry. We do not have a shower or toilet block.
- Rubbish and recycling bins are next to the laundry building about 50 metres from the CL.
- The Country Café on-site is in close proximity to the CL. The café is also our reception and office for arrivals from Monday to Saturday 9.15a.m. until 5.00p.m. Sunday arrivals or arrivals after 5.00p.m. will be advised, when booking, that the reception will be closed and alternative information will be given.
- Staff will be happy to advise on the location and suitability for your requirements, on enquiry.
- Dogs are welcome on site on a lead.

### **Camping and Caravanning Certified Site. (Members only)**

- This site is not on the Lodge Country Park itself but is situated more to the west of the main Lodge building.
- This is a level grass site with just two hard-standings and four grass pitches.
- Arrivals should report to the main reception in the old building, which is signposted. This is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00p.m. Outside these times press the bell in reception foyer.
- Rubbish and recycling bins are on the site.
- The chemical toilet emptying point is 40 metres away.
- Access to the Country Café from this site, for pedestrians, is along a gravel roadway for 50 metres and then down a paved ramp, 24 metres, which is on a slight slope and takes you around to the main entrance of the café.

### **Additional Information.**

- Wireless internet access is available on the site via South Witham Broadband.
- Mobile phone coverage is fairly good in this area, but there may be spots where signal is poor. There is a public telephone (card only) in the village of Market Overton but in an emergency please contact our main reception or, during opening hours, our Country Café.
- The Visitor Services Manager has undertaken Disability Awareness Training and will be pleased to help with your requirements.

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