

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

## **Access Statement for The Mourne Lodge**

### **Introduction**

The Mourne Lodge is set in a most scenic and naturally beautiful countryside of the Mourne Mountains. It is approximately a mile and a half from the Silent valley reservoir, a famous beauty spot in the Mourne Mountains where they sweep down to the sea. It is the perfect location for the hill walker, hiker, mountain biker, climber and outdoor enthusiast. There are two bedrooms downstairs for people with access needs, one with a disabled toilet and shower with a shower seat. There is also a disabled toilet downstairs.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 02841765859 or email [info@themounrelodge.com](mailto:info@themounrelodge.com).

### **Pre-Arrival**

- The nearest bus station is located 4 miles away in Kilkeel.
- The Mourne Rambler bus stops at the centre and goes around the mountains to Newcastle. This service is available from May to September.
- There is also a Kilkeel Rambler hop on hop off bus which visits the Mourne Lodge daily, picking you up at our entrance.
- We are in close contact with an accessible taxi firm, 4 miles away in Kilkeel.
- The streets/roads in the surrounding area are tarmacked country roads.

### **Car Parking and Arrival**

- We offer a large, free, secure car park on site.
- The surface of the car park is gravel and a flagged pavement surrounds the entrance to the front door.
- There are outdoor lights from the car parking area to the front door as these are placed on the building.
- There are no steps or ramps to the front entrance, all ground is flat and level.
- There is a special concrete disabled parking area at the front door.

### **Welcome Area**

- Guests are welcomed in the main hallway which is level throughout.
- Seating is available with an upright armchair and a two-seater sofa.
- The floor is tiled and the area is well lit with wall lights.
- Assistance can be given with luggage as well as a magnifying glass or pen and paper if needed. We make people aware of any rugs that are in the hallway.

### **Bedrooms**

- Two of our bedrooms are situated on the ground floor, one of which has a disabled bathroom, with the remaining six bedrooms upstairs.
- There are handrails on both sides of the stairs.
- Single, double, twin, triple, quad and family/studio rooms are available and all en-suite. Some of these rooms contain bunk beds.
- All bedrooms are evenly lit with wall lights and some rooms have bedside lamps.
- All rooms have some form of wardrobe or storage space.

- There is no telephone fitted in the rooms, however, landlines are fitted in the office upstairs and downstairs restaurant for use by staff but if needed this can be used for a small fee.

### **Bathrooms, Shower-rooms & Toilets (Ensuite or Shared)**

- All bedrooms are en-suite, however, rooms 3 & 4 share a bathroom as do rooms 5 & 6. All other bedrooms have private en-suites.
- There are no baths in the centre, all bathrooms consist of showers, toilets and wash hand basins (some wash hand basins are located in the bedroom).
- All showers except for the disabled shower in room 1 have a raised lip. The shower in room one has a shower seat and handrails.
- Extra showers and a toilet are located in the conference room downstairs.
- These are all wheelchair accessible with level entry.
- All bathrooms are well lit and the floors are non-slip.

### **Public Areas - Halls, Stairs, Landings, Corridors**

- All public areas, hall, stairs and landing are well lit with wall lights.
- The main hallway is tiled with a large mat.
- There are no steps to the restaurant, lounge, conference room or downstairs ladies' and gents' toilets which lead off from the main hallway.
- There are 19 steps leading to the upstairs bedrooms with handrails on both sides, lights on the wall along the way and two large velux windows at the top which provides daylight.

### **Public Areas - Lounge**

- The public lounge and self-catering kitchen is located at the bottom of the stairs, off the main hallway.
- Entrance is through a swinging door which moves in both directions.
- The lounge is a large level area with a number of sofas and armchairs.
- The self-catering area in the lounge has a fully equipped kitchen with a table and six chairs. Equipment is mainly in low level cupboards for access.
- There is a 52" TV on the wall in the lounge as well as a wood burning stove with fire guard.

### **Public Toilet**

- The public ladies' and gents' toilets are located at the bottom of the stairs off the main hallway and are step free/level entry.
- There is also a disabled toilet located off the main hallway with handrails and an emergency alert switch.

### **Dining Room**

- The dining room/restaurant is located on the ground floor off the main hallway with level entry.
- This room is large and spacious with plenty of space between tables for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc.
- The floor is tiled and there are large windows and a set of patio doors allowing plenty of natural light supplemented by overhead lights.
- The patio doors also allow for emergency exit.

### **Additional Information**

- There are fire procedure notices in all bedrooms.

- There is an information folder in each bedroom with information regarding the centre and local tourist information as well as restaurants/pubs, travel, local golf and activity facilities.
- There is a folder in each bedroom with local walks including maps.
- We also have a selection of menus from local restaurants for guests.
- We cater for special diets as one of our directors is a home economics teacher and has a special interest in good home cooking.
- There is a drying room available.
- We have a wash area outside for bikes as well as storage.
- A battery charging area is available for scooters, camping equipment etc.
- We can refrigerate prescription medicine and additionally store any perishable food in our fridge for a limited period.
- Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

### **Future Plans**

- A simple country walk in the village will be developed which is wheelchair accessible.
- Add to our existing fresh herb, fruit and vegetable plants using more plants grown from seed to decorate the centre and use for meals in the restaurant and self-catering guests.

### **Contact Information**

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Local Accessible  
Taxi: Joe's taxis, Kilkeel

Local Public  
Transport: Translink/Ulsterbus Kilkeel Rambler Mourne Rambler