

Access at Anne Hathaway's Cottage

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The cottage is ideal for family visits and the gardens provide the perfect setting for people of all ages and abilities.

We want to make your visit to Anne Hathaway's Cottage as memorable as possible. Practical information is included to help you to get the best out of your visit.

The Cottage and Gardens

The cottage dates back many hundreds of years and although for this reason it is unsuitable for people with limited mobility or in wheelchairs we do offer an interactive presentation of the cottage. The gardens however, with their wide pathways, and the sonnet arbour and woodland walk are havens to enjoy. Our display and memory boxes in the marquee, situated close to the orchard, may help bring back special memories to parents and grandparents and encourage conversations about times gone by. One of our main aims is to provide opportunities for vulnerable older people and those with disabilities, together with their families and carers, to derive real enjoyment from their visit to the cottage and its extensive grounds.

The entrance is through the visitor reception area. Access to the cottage is limited for wheelchair users and those with restricted mobility, due to steps and uneven floors; however we do offer an interactive presentation to the rear of reception. The stunning cottage gardens offer a sensory tour that will be a delight for everyone.

What will I see?

The stunning cottage gardens, with beautiful blooms, shrubs and traditional herbs and vegetables ensure your visit to Anne Hathaway's Cottage will stimulate all of your senses.

Look out for our giant willow sculpture, with its integrated seat, and the two willow houses where you can spend time relaxing and enjoying their tactility. Discover Miss Willmott's garden, named after

the Edwardian horticulturist who designed our cottage gardens in the 19th century style.

The wide, sloping pathways around the gardens, with occasional seating, make it easy for you to get around in a wheelchair or if you have limited mobility.

Can I touch and smell things?

In the spring and summer, our conservation borders have flowers and shrubs which you can smell and touch. Enjoy the Woodland Walk, the heart-shaped Lavender Maze, the Shakespeare Arboretum and the Sculpture Trail, all with many trees, shrubs and roses.

Are there things to listen to and hear?

As well as the interactive presentation of the cottage, you can select one of a number of sonnets to be read out in the Willow Arbour situated beside the path from the cottage.

Eating and drinking



After your visit, why not stop at the Cottage Garden Cafe, which is open all year and located opposite the site entrance across Cottage Lane. Our seasonal cafe, the Pea Shed, is in the grounds of the cottage and is approached via a garden path. It has outdoor bench seating and is ideal for those people looking for a pleasant place to sit for that welcome cup of tea or coffee.

Gift Shop

If you are looking for something to remind you of your visit, you will find a variety of things, suitable for all tastes and ages, in our gift shop. The shop is accessible to everyone, including those with limited mobility or in a wheelchair, and is located next to the visitor entrance.

Staff and volunteers are here to help you. Please ask if you need any help or information when you arrive or at any time during your visit.

Planning your visit

Car Parking: Limited free Blue Badge parking is adjacent to the visitor reception at the rear of the coach park. A sloping pathway, suitable for wheelchairs and others runs from the Blue Badge car park to the cottage. The main car park is situated a short, easy walk away (charge applies). The postcode reference for your satellite navigation device is **CV37 9HH**.

Coach Parking: For those travelling by coach, parking is adjacent to the reception area and is accessed by the same sloping pathway.

Tickets: Available at reception or online at www.shakespeare.org.uk.

Toilets: There are accessible toilets outside the cottage, to the rear of reception.

Quiet Areas: We understand there are times when you or someone you are with may need a break from the hustle and bustle of other visitors. We have several quiet areas including the Sculpture Trail and Tree Garden.

Lost property: If you lose something during your visit please speak to a member of staff or volunteer to see if it has been handed in. Anything that is found is taken to the reception area.

Medical Emergency: If you need help please ask a member of staff or one of our volunteers and they will find one of our trained first aiders to provide assistance.

What to do if someone gets lost or separated from you: If you get separated from your carer or party, please find a member of staff or volunteer and they will organise help to find them.

Opening Times

We are open all year, except for Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Winter 2 Nov to 18 Mar 2016 10.00am to 4.00pm

Spring/ Summer 19 Mar – Nov 2016 9.00am to 5.00pm

Christmas Eve 24 December 10.00am to 2.00pm (last entry 1.00pm)

New Year 1 January 11.00am to 4.00pm

Visiting first thing in the morning or later in the afternoon is often quieter. Please call us on 01789 338 532 if you would like to discuss your visit so that we can understand your needs and expectations and help you get the most out of your visit.

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| 1 Willow arbour | 8 Lavender maze | 16 Traditional orchard |
| 2 Music note willow sculpture | 9 Willow arbour | 17 Sculpture trail and arboretum |
| 3 Woodland walk entrance | 10 Seasonal refreshments | 18 Yew circle |
| 4 Woodland walk exit | 11 Willow sculpture | 19 Gift shop and exit |
| 5 Butterfly border | 12 Cottage garden | 20 Cottage Tea Garden Cafe  |
| 6 Picnic area and orchard | 13 View point | 21 Shottery brook walk |
| 7 Family activity tent | 14 Miss Wilmott's garden | |
| | 15 Anne Hathaway's Cottage | |



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