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Introduction

Castle Farm Guest House is a converted 19th century farmhouse, used as a Bed and Breakfast establishment since September 1982. We are situated at one end of the village of Fotheringhay in our own grounds and offer accommodation for business people, holidaymakers and in fact, anyone who is visiting the area for whatever reason. Although the house lends itself to its present occupation, there are areas that some people with impaired mobility might find difficult to access. For instance the bedrooms are above ground floor level and these are only accessible by using the stairs. They would therefore not be suitable for use by wheelchair users. There is one ground floor room, but this was converted from a coalhouse many years ago and has tight corners and a very small bathroom.

We do not accept any pets indoors though some guests do bring dogs that stay in their vehicles.

Pre-Arrival

Located at one end of Fotheringhay Village – a small hamlet of approximately 100 households.

We are about 3 miles from the nearest small town with shops although there is a village shop in the next village, 2 miles away.

Sporadic bus service on Thursdays and Saturdays, a car would almost be a necessity.

Few local taxi services which should be prebooked if required for specific times.

Nearest train station is Peterborough, some 9 miles away. Main line to London Kings Cross.

Our website address is www.castlefarm-guesthouse.co.uk and shows photos of our establishment as well as giving more details about us.

We can be contacted by telephone or email as per the 'Contact Information' section below.

Arrival and Car Parking

Please advise of your anticipated arrival time so that we can be sure to be here to welcome you.

To ensure your accommodation is ready we ask that guests do not normally arrive before 4.00pm. Earlier arrival is possible by arrangement.

Parking is on a level gravel drive in our courtyard. Please park facing the wall opposite the gateway, allowing for others to park alongside you.

Assistance with luggage is available if required.

Main Entrance

There is one small 6" threshold step into the porch through the front door.

The front door is often open, but in any case has an eye level door bell. Please ring on arrival.

Guest Accommodation – Public Areas

Entry into the house is via the farmhouse kitchen. There is a 2" threshold step up from the porch.

The dining room is off the kitchen, also with a small step up.

The rest of the downstairs is all on one level with the kitchen floor.

The kitchen leads into a carpeted hall and round to the guest sitting room.

There is also a door leading out onto the garden from the hallway incorporating 3 small steps down.

There are 15 stairs up to the first floor from the hallway to three of our guest bedrooms. There is a sturdy handrail on one side of the staircase. The stairs are carpeted.

Sitting Room and Dining Room

Guests are welcome to use the sitting room.

The sitting room has a settee and three armchairs. There is an open fire which can be lit if required.

We are not licenced for alcohol but guests may bring their own if wished.

Bedrooms

Three of our bedrooms are on the first floor and are carpeted throughout.

All bedrooms are en-suite with WC, wash basin and either shower or bath.

Tea and coffee making facilities are provided in all rooms. Our tap water is very drinkable.

Our beds are normally made with synthetic duvets and pillows although blankets can be provided on request.

Hairdryers are available in each bedroom and shoe cleaning facilities can be provided on request.

All rooms have television.

Our other two bedrooms are in the annexe and have their own external entrance.

Entrance to the annexe is via the courtyard and up a 6" step.

One of these bedrooms is on the ground floor and suitable for those who prefer not to negotiate stairs. This is a twin room with ensuite shower.

There are fifteen stairs to a double room above with bath.

These two rooms are particularly suitable for families who prefer to be more self-contained.

There are details of local attractions in each bedroom and more information on the noticeboard in the kitchen.

Garden

We have a large, mature garden with lawns, flowerbed and a small vegetable plot.

The lawns lead down to the River Nene at the front. This is an unfenced area so it is essential that parents watch their children.

Access to the garden is through the garden gate at the side of the house. This should be kept shut at all times. There is a 9" step down into the garden area at the garden gate.

Contact Details

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For further details, please do not hesitate to make contact in one of the above ways.