



YHA Brecon Beacons - Access Statement

Introduction

If you're looking for Brecon Beacons accommodation for a cheap family break, this cosy 19th Century farmhouse is set in a tranquil position with access to some of the best walking in Wales. The hostel is in 15 acres of ancient woodland, overlooking the River Tarell with views towards Y Gyrn - great countryside for a walking or cycling holiday. In summer, take a guided walk or mountain safety course at the nearby Brecon Beacons Visitor Centre.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 44-bed hostel; a property made up of two 2-storey buildings located in the Brecon Beacons. We have ground floor bedrooms. Our most accessible bedroom is located in the converted Barn; it has step free access and the bathroom is level with a wet room style shower.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01629 592700 or email customerservices@yha.org.uk. You can also take a virtual tour of our hostel at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/brecon-beacons.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Merthyr Tydfil which is 13.8 miles away.
- The T4 bus operates from Cardiff Bus Station and there is a stop right at the top of our drive. This bus continues to and from Newtown via Brecon. Please see Traveline Cymru for timetables and further details.
- The roads approaching and surrounding the hostel can be steep. The main road is evenly surfaced with tarmac, but without pavements or street lights. The hostel driveway is also surfaced with tarmac, and slopes down moderately to the hostel.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website www.yha.org.uk; please scroll down to the Maps and Directions section to view a map and transport options.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (please see contact information).

Car Parking and Arrival

The hostel car park is located on the left of the hostel driveway, approximately 50 metres from the main entrance. From here there is a steep slope down to the hostel.

Guests can be dropped off at the bottom of the drive where there is a level drop off area. This area is unsurfaced and leads to a level, but unsurfaced, access road to the front of

the building. Just in front of the entrance the floor is surfaced with loose gravel. If you let us know what time you are coming we will do our best to provide assistance moving to and from cars.

Main Entrance and Reception

There are three steps without a handrail up to the main entrance of the hostel. There is a manual door (1 metre opening width) which opens inwards into the reception area. The floor here is level and surfaced with flagstones. The area is well lit with ceiling lights.

An induction loop is available on request at the reception desk. Seating can be found nearby in the lounge. It is possible to access the reception and public areas of the hostel via the fire exit at the opposite end of the building to reception. If you need to use this entrance please let us know in advance

Public Areas

Halls, Corridors and Stairs

There is good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building. All public areas, halls, stairs and landings are well lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights.

The corridor flooring in the main house is flagstones on the ground floor. This can be slightly uneven in places. The corridor flooring on the first floor of the main house and the ground floor of the barn complex is carpet.

We do not have a lift, so access to the first floor is by stairs only. The stairs are made of polished wood and have a handrail on one side. There is no riser between each step, and the treads are quite narrow. There are 12 steps to the first floor.

Lounge

Our cosy lounge is located on the ground floor of the main house and has level access via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with flagstones. A large rug covers the flagstones in the centre of the room. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The room is furnished with sofas, coffee tables and stools. All furniture can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

Dining Room

The dining room is located on the ground floor of the main house. There are two steps down from the reception area. The floor from here is level and surfaced with red quarry tiles. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

There are dining tables and straight backed chairs without armrests. All furniture can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

Table service is available; please ask at reception and we will be happy to help. We are also happy to cater for dietary requirements or any particular likes or dislikes. Please advise us of these before your arrival.

Self-Catering Kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor of the main building and has level access from the dining room via a wide doorway. The floor is level and surfaced with red quarry tile. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The kitchen is equipped with gas hobs, gas oven and grill, cordless kettles, a microwave, a toaster, domestic fridge and sinks. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units. We would be happy to move these to lower storage if required.

Drying Facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor and has level access from the reception area. There is a single leaf door into the corridor and then a single door into the room. Flooring in this area is concrete and coat hangers are provided for you to hang clothes which are drying.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

All rooms without en-suite have a washbasin. Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds. All bedrooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling and individual bunk lights. All bedding is provided.

All of the bathrooms have fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. The standard showers have a step up to enter.

Main House - Ground Floor

From the reception area there is a long corridor to the accommodation area. Along this corridor there is a short ramp down to:

- One 6-bedded room
- One 8-bedded room
- Two WCs and two showers.

Main House - First Floor

- Four 2-bedded rooms
- Three 4-bedded rooms
- One 2-bedded en-suite room
- Two WCs and two showers

Barn Complex – Ground Floor

This building is accessed via an uneven surface leading up to the door, where there is a low door jamb. Inside there is:

- One 5-bedded room (double with a single over and two additional singles) with en-suite bathroom. The bathroom has a wide doorway and the shower is a wet room style, but does not contain grab rails or a fold down shower chair.
- One 3-bedded en-suite room with one double bed and a single bed.

Camping Pods

We have two large camping pods which sleep 4 people on a double futon and two single beds. The pods can be reached via stone steps from the side of the main building. The area where the pods are set is surfaced with chipped stone.

There is one step up onto the wooden porch of each pod, followed by a raised threshold to enter. All bedding is provided and campers have access to the facilities in the main building.

Grounds and Garden

We have approximately 15 acres of woodland surrounding the hostel, which guests can explore. Streams run through these woods which are ideal for paddling in the summer.

To the front of the hostel there is also a level area surfaced with large loose gravel. There are picnic benches here, where guests can relax and admire the view!

Cycle Shed

The cycle shed is at the rear of the hostel and is accessed via a short grassed area. Access is via a rustic gate.

Additional Information

- We do not permit pets, but assistance dogs are very welcome.
- We do not permit smoking anywhere in the hostel.
- A member of staff is always available on site, including at night (access via emergency phone at Reception).
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation. Arrangements for guests needing assistance to evacuate in case of fire should be discussed beforehand.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.

- Mobile phone reception is poor within the hostel and in the immediate vicinity.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: YHABrecon Beacons, Llwyn-y-Celyn, Libanus, Brecon, Powys, LD3 8NH
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- Ordnance Survey Map 160; Grid reference SN973225

We welcome your feedback to help us to continue making improvements. Please contact us directly if you have any queries or if you would like to make any comments.