



YHA Coniston Coppermines - Access Statement

Introduction

YHA Coniston Coppermines is perfect for mountain lovers looking for great climbing holidays. Beautifully located, this hostel offers a 500ft head start on the ascent of the Old Man of Coniston. There are many other walks and splendid views to enjoy from this rural retreat. It is a great base for outdoor activity breaks and walking holidays.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 26-bed hostel; a 2-storey building located at the heart of the Lake District National Park. We have one ground floor room. Unfortunately none of our facilities is accessible to modern standards.

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/coniston-coppermines.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Windermere which is 12.8 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is within a mile of the hostel. There is a limited bus service which runs to this stop.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance. Please see the contact information section for more details.
- The hostel is a mile out of Coniston Village. The roads approaching and surrounding the hostel can be steep. There is no pavement or street lighting from the village 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

We have ample parking onsite just opposite the hostel. There are no marked bays, but we would be happy to reserve a space for you if required. The car park is uneven and the floor is surfaced with gravel. There is no lighting at night, except the lighting at the entrance.

The gravel runs right up to the entrance on the first floor. The main entrance is to the back of the hostel. If you let us know what time you are coming we will do our best to provide assistance moving to and from cars.

The route to the front door (1st floor) is on a slight gradient upwards towards the door. The path is uneven with gravel. To the back door (ground floor) there is a gravel slope down, followed by a level path surfaced with flagstones.

Main Entrance and Reception

The first floor entrance is just in front of the car park; there are two uneven, slate steps up and then through a single leaf door which opens inwards into a carpeted corridor. The reception is on the ground floor and from here there are 11 steps down to it, followed by a single leaf door.

The back door opens directly into reception. The flooring here is level and the floor is flagstones. The reception lobby is well-lit by ceiling lights.

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 is carpeted on the first floor.

Unfortunately we do not have a lift, so access to the first floor is by stairs only. There are 11 steps to the first floor. The staircase is carpeted and has a handrail to one side.

Public WCs

There is a ladies WC and a gents WC on the ground floor. There is level access to each through a single leaf door from the reception lobby. The floor is surfaced with non-slip lino and the WCs are well-lit with fluorescent lighting.

Lounge

Our cosy lounge is located on the first floor and has level access from the stairs via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with carpet. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The room is furnished with sofas, coffee tables, comfy chairs with and without armrests and cushioned 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 and has level access from the lobby through one single leaf door. N.B. access is narrow due to the staircase. The floor is level and carpeted. 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 and has level access from the dining room. The floor is level and surfaced with non-slip vinyl. The room is well-lit.

The kitchen is equipped with two electric domestic sized cookers, one microwave, toasters, cordless kettles, a fridge, a freezer and a range of kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in shelving units.

There is another table and straight backed chairs in the centre of the kitchen for guests to use.

Drying Facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor and has level access from the lobby via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with concrete, and the room is well-lit. There are hanging rails for guests to use, a radiator and a dehumidifier.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Out of 5 bedrooms, 3 have wash basins, 2 do not and all contain bunk beds. None of the rooms are en-suite. 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. The washrooms are all on the ground floor.

Ground Floor

- One 8-bedded room
- Two ladies' and two gents' WCs
- Two showers

First Floor

- Three 4-bedded rooms
- One 6-bedded room

Grounds and Garden

To the back of the hostel is a small uneven grass area. There is a footpath surfaced with flagstones here. There are three picnic benches available for guests to use here.

Cycle Shed

The cycle shed is located beside the back door. From the door there is a level footpath surfaced with flagstone.

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 within the hostel varies depending on the mobile operator.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Coniston Coppermines, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8HP.
- Telephone: 0345 3719630
- Email: coppermines@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 96; Grid reference SD289986
- Local buses: Catch the 505 from Windermere and get off at the Crown Inn at Coniston. For more information see www.stagecoachbus.com.
- Local taxi: Windermere Taxis - 015394 44144

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.