



## YHA Edale Access Statement

### Introduction

If you are looking for the ideal activity break then look no further! YHA Edale runs activity courses for individuals and groups and we have so much to offer; from climbing and abseiling to kayaking and orienteering. Set on the steep southern slopes of Kinder Scout in the Edale Valley, we strive to cater for disabled and non-disabled guests.

We are a multi-building hostel, with 157 beds split over 3 buildings. We have four bedrooms on the ground floor of the main building, all of which are accessible. Three have an accessible en-suite bathroom, and the last has an accessible bathroom across the corridor.

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](mailto:customerservices@yha.org.uk). You can also take a virtual tour of our hostel at [www.yha.org.uk/hostel/edale](http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/edale).

### Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Edale which is 1.5 miles away. Groups on activity packages can arrive by train and we will meet the group off the train. For individuals and families on activity packages, pickups from and returns to the station are arranged between fixed times. Again this must be organised in advance with our reception staff.
- The nearest bus stop is within 150 metres of the hostel. There is a bus service which runs to this stop on weekdays only.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance. Please see the contact information section for more details.
- The road approaching the hostel is a tarmac country road. Typical of the peak district there are level sections and moderate to steep sections. There are no pavements alongside and street lighting is extremely limited.
- The driveway to the hostel is narrow and steep in sections. There are a number of sharp blind bends, and two cattle grids. If you are arriving without transport and would find difficulty in negotiating these cattle grids please let us know and we will arrange for temporary boards to be placed over the grids.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website [www.yha.org.uk](http://www.yha.org.uk); please click on the Maps and Directions tab 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 on site. There are no marked accessible bays, but we would be happy to reserve you a space close to the main entrance if required. The car park is on a slope and is surfaced with tarmac.

There is partial lighting here. Floodlights on the external wall of the hostel light a large part of the car park, but some areas may be dark.

To reach the main entrance there are either 10 paved steps with handrails on either side, or a paved ramp (1:22), also with handrails. 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

Our main entrance is a manual double door opening inwards to a fixed welcome mat, and then a manual single leaf door opening inwards.

The reception desk is just in front of this door, on the ground floor. This area is light and spacious, with seating provided by a sofa. The hall is level throughout, and the flooring is non-slip vinyl.

The reception desk is at a low level, but there is a clipboard available for guests who may find it too high. There is an induction loop available here on request. Hot and cold drinks are also served here.

## Public Areas

### Halls and Corridors

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

The corridor flooring in all of the buildings is short-pile carpet. Stairs in all buildings are carpeted with non-slip contrasting nosing and at least one handrail.

### Public WCs

There is a public WC on the ground floor with level access from the reception hall. This bathroom is not accessible to modern standards. An accessible WC is just a couple of metres down the corridor. Both WCs are well-lit and have non-slip flooring.

## Lounge

The lounge is located in the main building on the ground floor and has level access from the reception hall via a single leaf door. The flooring is carpet and the room is well-lit with natural light in the day and ceiling lights at night.

The room is spacious and furnished with coffee tables, sofas, armchairs and straight backed chairs without armrests. It is mostly level; there is a step up into the bay window where further armchairs can be found. Chairs and tables can be moved; please ask at reception and we will be happy to help.

## Dining Room

The dining room is located in the main building on the ground floor and has level access through a single leaf door. The flooring is laminate and the room is brightly lit. There are long tables, bench style seating and stools. The furniture can all be moved.

There is also a flashing fire alarm in this room alongside the standard siren.

Food is served cafeteria style with a tray slide, but 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 in The Edge Building on the ground floor. This building is accessed from the car park. There is an awkward step into the building and we do not currently have a portable ramp. The room is on two levels with a series of steps dividing the two. There is non-slip lino flooring throughout.

The kitchen is equipped with three 4-hob gas cookers, two fridges, one freezer and two oven/microwave combi units.

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 in the main building on the ground floor and has level access via a single leaf door. The floor is laminate and the room is well-lit.

There are high and low hanging racks, but please be aware that items left by other customers may be a hindrance to access.

## Games Room

Our games room is situated in the main building on the first floor. Access to this room is via stairs only; there are 25 steps with a handrail on both sides.

This room is carpeted and evenly lit.

### Classroom

We have two classrooms; one is on the first floor of the main building and the other is on the ground floor of the Edges Building. There is no step-free access to either classroom.

Both classrooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling lights. We can provide tables and chairs in a variety of seating arrangements.

Please contact the hostel on 01433 670302 for further enquiries regarding classrooms.

### Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Most 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 Building

#### Ground Floor

These rooms have a double bed with a single over the top and an additional single bed. The bathrooms have a mixture of left and right-handed transfer.

- One 4-bedded accessible room
- Three 4-bedded accessible rooms with accessible en-suite bathrooms
- One accessible bathroom opposite the rooms

#### First Floor

There are 22 steps to this floor. The stairs are carpeted with non-slip contrasting nosing and there is a bannister on one side and a handrail on the other.

- Two 2-bedded rooms
- Four 6-bedded rooms
- Two 12-bedded rooms
- Three 4-bedded en-suite rooms
- One 6-bedded en-suite room
- Two showers
- Two WCs

## Edges Building

Access to this building is as above.

### Ground Floor

- Two female WCs and showers
- Two male WCs and four showers with a small step up.

### First Floor

There are 12 steps up to this floor. An additional toilet also on first floor (ideal for leader use)

- Two 3-bedded rooms
- One 4-bedded room
- One 7-bedded room
- Three 8-bedded rooms

## Kinder Cottage

There are 92 uneven steps up to the cottage. It is ideal for groups who may require a little independence from the main building, but is not accessible to modern standards due to its location.

### Basement

- One WC and one shower

### Ground Floor

- Two 2-bedded rooms
- One 6-bedded en-suite room

### First Floor

There are 16 steps to this floor.

- Two 2-bedded rooms
- One 4-bedded room
- One 8-bedded room
- One 8-bedded en-suite room
- Two WCs
- One shower

## Grounds and Garden

Our grounds are steep and rugged with a twisting drive running through lower areas. We have excellent views over the valley.

### Cycle Store

The cycle store is located outside, around back of the main building. To access it there is a narrow, level passageway which is surfaced with paving slabs.

### Adventure Activities

Our aim is to provide opportunity to all – as an indication High Ropes Course, Abseiling, Canoeing/Raft Building, Caving & Archery are all accessible to participants in wheelchairs.

We encourage potential guests to discuss their ambitions in detail with the Chief Instructor well in advance of the proposed visit. We also welcome preliminary visits to discuss opportunities and programmes. These visits can be overnight stays (subject to availability) and are free of charge. Our contact information can be found below; please just contact us to make an appointment.

It should be recognised however that the outdoor environment cannot be legislated for in the same way as buildings and internal services. Adaptability and flexibility on all parts is what enables us to work with all.

When working with groups who may require more attention than our usual operating ratios the group's own leaders may be required to take a more active part in delivering the programme. This will be particularly so in areas of lifting and handling physically disabled participants and closely supervising participants with behavioural difficulties whilst the instructors are working directly with others.

For example, if an instructor is managing a rope on an abseil the participants not directly involved may need to be closely controlled by the group's own leaders.

Using the same activity as an example, if our instructors are managing the lowering of a wheelchair user, the group's own leaders may be required to assist at the bottom of the abseil with lifting and handling.

### 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).
- Braille signs are fitted on room doors and corridor doors.

- 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.
- Flashing fire alarms are also fitted in the accessible bathrooms.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- There is no mobile phone reception in the vicinity.
- Wi-Fi internet connection is available to guests.

### Contact Information

- Address: Rowland Cote, Nether Booth, Edale, Hope Valley, Derbyshire, S33 7ZH
- Telephone: 0345 3719514
- Email: [edale@yha.org.uk](mailto:edale@yha.org.uk)
- Ordnance Survey Map 110; Grid reference SK139865.
- Local buses: Catch line 200 from Castleton or Edale and get off at Nether Booth. This service is extremely infrequent. For more information see [www.smithsofmarple.com/](http://www.smithsofmarple.com/).
- Local taxi: JRS Taxis - 07979 713851; 2 Nice Private Hire - 07917 710771.

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.