



YHA Eskdale - Access Statement

Introduction

This tranquil hostel is set in 15 acres of private grounds nestling in the peaceful western fells. The hostel has the best of both worlds - situated on the edge of arguably the Lake District's most awe-inspiring wilderness area but with a choice of good pubs within a short walk. YHA Eskdale is on the doorstep of the highest and most challenging Lakeland peaks such as Scafell but is also ideal for delightful riverside and woodland walks.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 49-bed hostel; a 2-storey building located approximately 1.5 miles from the village of Boot. Unfortunately none of our bedrooms or bathrooms 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/eskdale.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail stations are Ravenglass (9.2 miles), Drigg (9.3 miles) and Seascale (12 miles).
- There is no bus service to the hostel.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance. Please see the contact information section for more details.
- The roads approaching and surrounding the hostel are steep and evenly surfaced with tarmac. There is no pavement or street lighting. The tarmac hostel drive is winding and steep. The drive is about 130 metres long.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website 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 parking on site for around 14 cars to the side of the hostel. The car park is surfaced with tarmac and is level. The tarmac runs from here to the main entrance which is within 30 metres.

There are no marked bays, but we would be happy to reserve a space close to the entrance if required. 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 is a 12cm step from the tarmac up into the porch. To enter the hostel there are double doors leading into the entrance porch. There is then a single leaf door into the corridor. The reception is located on our bar, which can be found in the dining room. A portable induction loop is available on request from the bar.

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 carpet throughout.

Unfortunately we do not have a lift, so access to upper floors is by stairs only. The stairs are carpeted and have a bannister to one side. There are 15 steps up to the first floor. To access the classroom from inside there are eight steps down and then five steps up.

Public WCs

There is on unisex WC on the ground floor. This is located next to the lounge and has level access. It has non-slip flooring and is well-lit with ceiling lights.

Lounge

Our cosy lounge is located on the ground floor and has level access from the corridor 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 chairs with and without armrests, coffee tables and a dining table and chairs. All furniture can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

Dining Room

Our spacious dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access from the corridor via double doors. The floor is level and surfaced with wood effect laminate. The room is well-lit; natural light enters through the bay doors during the day and there are ceiling lights at night.

There are dining tables and straight backed chairs without armrests. There is also a coffee table and comfy chairs with and without armrests on a carpeted area in front of the fire. All furniture can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

As described above, our bar is also located in this room. From here we serve a range of local ales, wines and soft drinks.

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 corridor via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with tile. The room is well-lit.

The self-catering kitchen contains eight gas rings, two ovens, microwave, dishwasher, two fridges, two cordless kettles, two toasters, a range of crockery, cutlery and utensils. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units. We would be happy to move these to lower storage if required.

Laundry and Drying Facilities

The laundry room is located on the ground floor next to the lounge and has level access from the corridor via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with non-slip lino. The room is well-lit.

Here there is a sink for hand washing, rails for hanging and drying clothes, a washing machine and a rack for boot drying.

Classrooms

The classroom is located on the ground floor of the annexe. From inside the hostel there are 3 steps down followed by a single leaf door and 5 steps up to a level area followed by a further 5 steps to a corridor leading 5 metres to the single leaf classroom door. From the car park there is a single leaf door with a level threshold into the entry porch. There are then 5 steps up and another single leaf door into the classroom.

The room is level throughout and has carpet flooring. We can provide tables and chairs in a variety of seating arrangements.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

All bedrooms 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.

First Floor

- Two 2-bedded rooms
- One 4-bedded room
- Four 5-bedded rooms (double with single over and a bunk)
- One 6-bedded rooms
- One 7-bedded room
- One 8-bedded room
- One female and one male washroom with WCs and showers

Grounds and Garden

We have a large lawn; ideal for rounders and cricket (some equipment is available at reception). There is level access from the drive onto the lawn, and the lawn is mostly level. We also have 14 acres of grounds with a nature trail surround the building. The trail is unsurfaced and uneven can be steep in places.

Cycle Shed

The cycle shed is about 25 metres from the front door but only 10 metres from the car park. Access is down 8 metres of grassy slope which is a little uneven.

Camping Facilities

YHA Eskdale has limited camping space. There are two small, private pitches available beside a beautiful stream. These pitches are suitable for two person tents only as they are too small for family tents. The access is 10 metres down an uneven grassy slope.

Camping guests have daytime access to all in-hostel facilities including the self-catering kitchen and showers. There is also night time access to toilets.

Car parking is available in the hostel car park, around 30 metres from the camping pitches.

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.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Eskdale, Boot, Holmrook, Cumbria, CA19 1TH.
- Telephone: 0345 3719317
- Email: eskdale@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 89; Grid reference NY195010
- Local taxi: Gosforth Taxis – 019467 25308.

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.