



YHA Eyam - Access Statement

Introduction

If you are looking for a weekend break in Derbyshire with a difference then YHA Eyam is the perfect location. Built in 1887, the hostel resembles a tiny, turreted castle set on the hillside above the historic village of Eyam. The hostel is ideal for individuals, families and school groups; we are close to history, stunning Peak District scenery and plenty of routes for cycling and walking.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 60-bed hostel; a 2-storey Victorian country house set on the hillside above the famous “Plague Village” of Eyam. We have two ground floor rooms, but unfortunately none of our bedrooms or washrooms is currently 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/eyam.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Grindleford which is 3.4 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is half a mile away. There is a limited bus service which runs to this stop between Sheffield, Buxton, Chesterfield and Bakewell.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance. Please see the contact information section for more details.
- The streets approaching and surrounding the hostel can be hilly and steep in places. The hostel is located on a steep hill approximately half a mile from the village centre. Most of this route has a pavement and some street lighting, but the last 500 metres do not.
- 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

There is ample parking at the bottom of the drive approximately 50 metres from the main entrance. There are no marked bays but we would be happy to reserve a space closest to the hostel if required. The car park is level and surfaced with uneven gravel.

From the car park there is a moderately steep tarmac driveway which is lit at night. There are 12 stone steps up to the main building with handrails on either side. Guests can also be dropped off at the foot of these steps. 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 two stone steps up and a single leaf door which opens inwards into the porch, followed by a set of double doors which open inwards. From here there is another step up into the reception hall. From here this area is level throughout and has carpet flooring. It is well-lit with ceiling lights.

There is a portable induction loop available on request from reception, as well as a vibrating pillow alarm and personal pager. There is also a payphone available with adjacent seating, and an emergency phone to connect to a member of staff (on site) at night. There are four wooden chairs in the hall-way for guests to use.

Public Areas

Halls and Corridors

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 the first floor in both buildings is by stairs only. The staircases are carpeted and have a handrail fitted to one side.

Public WCs

In the classroom building there are two unisex WCs; one of these is accessible. Both have non-slip flooring and are well-lit with fluorescent lighting. The accessible WC has left-handed transfer.

Lounge

Our lounge is located on the ground floor of the main building and has level access from reception via a single leaf door. It is level throughout, has carpet flooring and is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The room is furnished with coffee tables, sofas and armchairs. 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 building and has level access from reception via a single leaf door. It is level throughout, has carpet flooring and 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 and Dining Room

The self-catering kitchen and dining room are in an open plan space located in a separate building opposite the Coach House. There is a step up through a single leaf door that opens outwards. The room is level throughout and has non-slip flooring in the kitchen and carpet in the dining area. It is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The kitchen is equipped with a domestic cooker and additional electric hobs, sinks, a microwave, kettle, pots, pans and cutlery. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units. We would be happy to move these to lower storage if required.

There are dining tables and straight backed chairs for guests to use. All furniture can be moved.

Drying Facilities

The laundry room is located on the ground floor of the main building and has level access from the entry porch via a single leaf door. The room has very limited space inside. The floor is level and has non-slip flooring.

Classrooms

We have two classrooms in a separate building which has level access over a paved path from the driveway. These are both level throughout and are well-lit with ceiling lights. They both have carpet flooring. We can provide tables and chairs in a variety of seating arrangements.

There are two WCs one of which is accessible in the same building which is described above.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

We have one 6 bedded en-suite bedroom and all rooms have a washbasin. All bedrooms have bunk beds, carpet flooring and are 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 - First Floor

There are 11 steps up to:

- Three 2-bedded rooms
- Five 4-bedded rooms
- Four 6-bedded rooms

- Six WCs and four showers

Coach House –Ground Floor

To access this floor there is a ramp up to the doorway from the drive, followed by a single leaf door which opens outwards. There are then two steps up to:

- One 2-bedded room
- One 4-bedded room

Coach House - First Floor

To access this floor there are either 15 steps on the internal staircase or 3 external stone steps down from the self-catering kitchen followed by a single leaf door.

- One 2-bedded room
- One 4-bedded room
- One WC and a shower

Grounds and Garden

We have sloping grounds of 6-7 acres, extending to wooded hillside behind the hostel. Four picnic-style benches are available outside the self-catering kitchen. Sixteen concrete steps lead from the hostel main entrance level to a grassy bank with bench seating and Interpretive Display area.

The cycle shed is adjacent to the games room, halfway up the drive, with even, level access.

Additional Information

- We do not permit pets, but service 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.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception within the hostel is good.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Eyam, Hawkhill Road, Eyam, Hope Valley, Derbyshire, S32 5QP.
- Telephone: 0345 3719738
- Email: eyam@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 119 Grid reference SK219769.
- Local buses: Catch the 275 or the 65 from Sheffield and get off at Eyam Hall. For more information see www.hulleys-of-baslow.co.uk or www.tmtravel.co.uk.
- Local taxi: 2 Nice Private Hire - 07917 710771 or 01298 212352.

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.