



## YHA Grinton Lodge Access Statement

### Introduction

If you're in the mood for a spot of walking or cycling and you love a spectacular view, then YHA Grinton Lodge is the perfect place to stay. This former hunting lodge is located on the Coast to Coast walk and is close to a variety of hiking and cycling routes. You can find us on the southern slopes of Swaledale, just  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile up a steep hill from Grinton village.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 101 bed hostel; a 2-storey building located in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. We have ground floor en-suite rooms; however they do not have level access and neither 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](mailto:customerservices@yha.org.uk). You can also take a virtual tour of our hostel at [www.yha.org.uk/hostel/grinton-lodge](http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/grinton-lodge).

### Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Darlington which is 23.7 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is 0.6 miles away. There is a daily bus service to this stop; it does not usually run accessible buses.
- The roads leading to the hostel are tarmacked country lanes which are steep in places. There is no pavement on either side and there is no street lighting. There is a cattle grid at the beginning of the drive, with a narrow gate to one side. The car park and hostel entrance are approximately 250 metres from here and the drive is tarmacked and has a gradient of approximately 1:19 for 45 metres.
- 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

There is ample parking 20 metres from the front door. There are no marked bays but we would be happy to reserve a space close to the entrance for easier access. If you let us know what time you are coming we will do our best to provide assistance moving to and from cars.

The car park is level and surfaced with loose gravel, and it is lit at night.

## Main Entrance and Reception

There is a step up to the main door and then a level threshold through a manual single leaf door which opens inwards. The reception desk is just through this door. The area is level throughout, the flooring is flag stones and it is well-lit with ceiling lights.

There is no seating in this area as it is quite small. We do not have a low level service section, but there is a low shelf below the desk which can be used to write on. There is a portable induction loop available on request.

## 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 building is either flag stones, which are worn in places, or short pile carpet. In the annexe the flooring is short pile carpet. Due to the age of the building none of the floors are level throughout, and there are steps up and down to reach different corridors.

Unfortunately we do not have a lift, so access to the first floor is by stairs only. The stairs are carpeted with non-slip contrasting nosing. There is a handrail fitted to one side. There are 15 steps to the first floor.

### Lounge

The lounge is located on the ground floor. From the reception to here there are 3 steps in total. The threshold is level through a single leaf door. The flooring is carpet and the room is well-lit with natural light during the day, and ceiling lights at night.

The room is furnished with sofas, armchairs and coffee tables. Chairs and tables can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require this.

The TV lounge is close by. There is one step in the corridor from reception and then three step steps up to enter. The furnishings are the same as above, but the room has more limited space.

### Dining Room

The dining room is located on the ground floor opposite the lounge. From the reception to here there are 3 steps in total. The threshold is level through a single leaf door.

The floor is laminate and the room is lit with small chandeliers. There are tables and straight backed chairs. All the furniture can be moved.

Table service is available in the dining room; 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 is located on the ground floor. There is a step in the corridor from the reception, but the threshold is level. Space can be very limited when the kitchen is busy.

Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units. We would be happy to move these to lower storage if required.

The small dining room is next door. The threshold is level and the flooring and lighting is the same as the kitchen.

### Laundry and Drying Facilities

The laundry room and drying rooms are located on the ground floor and have level access from reception via single leaf doors. The floor in both rooms is flagstones. There is a washing machine available in the laundry room.

### Games Room

The games room is located on the ground floor in the annexe building and has level access from the courtyard through a single leaf door.

The flooring is carpet and the room is well-lit. The room is equipped with a pool table. There is bench seating available here.

### Classroom

The classroom is located on the ground floor in the annexe building and has level access from the courtyard through a single leaf door. The flooring is carpet and the room is well-lit with ceiling lights. We can provide tables and chairs in a variety of seating arrangements.

### Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Most rooms without en-suite have a washbasin fitted with a lever tap. 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.

### Ground Floor

Access to these rooms is not level. From the reception there are two steps in the route to the rooms.

- One 4-bedded en-suite room (double with a bunk bed)
- One 4-bedded en-suite room

## First Floor

From the stairs there is level access to:

- One 2-bedded room
- Five 4-bedded rooms
- Three showers
- Four WCs

Due to the age of the building there are then a number of steps up or down to:

- Three 2-bedded rooms
- One 3-bedded room (Double with a single over)
- Three 4-bedded rooms
- Two 6-bedded rooms
- One 2-bedded en-suite room
- Two 6-bedded en-suite rooms
- 3 Showers
- 3 WCs
- One washroom

## Grounds and Garden

The hostel courtyard is a large space which gives spectacular views of the rolling hills close by. There is a bench seating here so that you can admire the scenery in comfort.

The back garden can be accessed from the ground floor, with two shallow steps down from the corridor of the dining room. Here there is a small paved patio and a large lawn which is mostly level. There are wooden picnic tables available here.

## Cycle Store

The cycle store is approximately 20 metres from the main entrance, in an out-building on the main drive.

## Camping

Campers have 24 hour access to showers and WCs located 250 metres away, and can use the self-catering kitchen during the day.

They can be accessed via hard earth paths from the main drive. This may become muddy and slippery when it rains, and the area slopes gently upwards from the drive.

There is one big step up into the unisex camping washroom, but it is mostly level throughout once inside. There is a small step up into each shower. The flooring is non-slip lino.

### Camping Pods

Our camping pods are located in our wooded front garden and are an excellent alternative to camping! We have three four person pods and two three person pods available.

They can be accessed via hard earth paths from the main drive. This may become muddy and slippery when it rains, and the area slopes gently upwards from the drive. There is a step up onto a wooden porch which contains two plastic garden chairs with armrests and a small coffee table.

The doors are glazed and open outwards. The pods are unfurnished, but the floor is carpeted and there is heating and lighting inside. Customers have access to the communal hostel facilities.

### 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 in the immediate vicinity.
- There is Wi-Fi at this hostel.

### Contact Information

- Address: Grinton, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL11 6HS
- Telephone: 0345 3719636
- Email: [grinton@yha.org.uk](mailto:grinton@yha.org.uk)
- Ordnance Survey Map 98; Grid reference SE048975.
- Local buses: Line 30 runs from Richmond or Reeth. For the hostel get off at Grinton, adj. Little Bridge. For more information see the [Proctor's Coaches website](#).

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.