



YHA Lulworth Cove - Access Statement

Introduction

If you are looking for somewhere to stay on the Dorset coast, why not give our YHA Lulworth Cove a try? This cosy rural retreat is great for a weekend break or family holiday, with picturesque views of the Dorset hills. The hostel is located less than half a mile outside the charming village of West Lulworth and just a mile from the famous Lulworth Cove.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 34-bed hostel; a single storey building located on the Dorset coast. All of our bedrooms are on the ground floor; however, none are 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.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Wool which is 4.9 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is within 500 metres of the hostel. There is a daily 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 road leading to the hostel from the village is surfaced with tarmac, but is narrow and mostly without pavements. There is no street lighting and the road is moderately inclined,
- 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 9 cars approximately 20 metres from the hostel door. There are no marked accessible bays, but we would be happy to reserve a space close to the main entrance if required. The drop off bay is approximately 15 metres from the main entrance.

The car park is surfaced with even tarmac and slopes down towards the hostel building. From here there is a step up onto a tarmac path running up to the main entrance. There is another step part way along this path. 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

After the two steps from the car park there is a step up into the hostel through a manual single leaf door opening outwards. The drying room is just off the entrance hall and walking boots are occasionally left in the entrance hall so floor space here may be limited, particularly on busy, wet weekends. The flooring in this area is vinyl tiling.

From here there is level access to the reception via a single leaf door. There is a portable induction loop available on request. The flooring in this area is carpet tiles. A low wooden bench without armrests is available here for guests to use.

There is a payphone in this area which guests are welcome to use. There is also a bell located in reception which is to be used in a night time emergency.

Public Areas

Halls and Corridors

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

The corridor flooring is carpet tiles and once inside the hostel is level throughout.

Lounge

Next to the reception through a single leaf door we have a large open plan space which acts as our lounge, dining room and self-catering kitchen. This space is level throughout and has carpet flooring. It is well-lit with ceiling lights.

In the lounge there are coffee tables, poufs and sofas. All furniture can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

Dining Room

The dining room shares the same access and lighting as described above and the flooring is vinyl tiling. We have tables and straight backed chairs without armrests. There can be limited space to move between the tables, but all furniture can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

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

The self-catering kitchen shares the same access and lighting as described above. The flooring is non-slip lino.

The kitchen is equipped with 1 worktop stove with twin burner and grill, 2 domestic gas cookers and 1 domestic electric cooker, 1 large fridge, 1 small chest freezer, 1 microwave, 2 toasters, 2 cordless kettles and a range of kitchen utensils, crockery 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.

Drying Facilities

We do not have a laundry room, but our very warm boiler room off the entrance hall doubles as a drying room. There are shoe racks and rails to hang clothing. The flooring here is non-slip linoleum.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

All rooms have a washbasin. Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds and are not en-suite. All bedrooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling lights. All bedding is provided, but guests are asked to make their own beds. If you require any assistance with this please let us know when you check-in.

All of the bathrooms have fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. The standard showers have a step up to enter and a step into the shower tray. None are accessible to modern standards.

Ground Floor

- Two 4-bedded rooms
- Two 5-bedded rooms
- Two 6-bedded rooms
- One 4-bedded en-suite room

- One male and one female washroom each with two WCs and a shower.
- Two unisex showers

Grounds and Garden

There is a kerb up to a level lawn which runs the length of the hostel. Picnic tables and benches are available on the lawn and a seating area with benches is located just in front of the main entrance. The lawn also doubles as our campsite during the summer months.

Cycle Shed

Our cycle store is located close the main entrance. Access is from the car park via a kerb step and tarmac path

Camping Facilities

Camp by the side of YHA Lulworth Cove and enjoy the views across the fields which surround us. We have an area of level grass along the length of the hostel suitable for up to six lightweight, two person tents. To access this there is one step up.

Campers have 24 hour access to the hostel facilities with a door code. Camping at YHA Lulworth Cove is available from March to October.

Additional Information

- We do not permit pets, but service dogs are very welcome, please let us know in advance
- We do not permit smoking anywhere in the hostel.
- A member of staff is always available on site, including at night (attention via emergency bell 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 variable depending on the operator. O2 and Orange work best.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: School Lane, West Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5SA.
- Telephone: 0345 3719331
- Email: lulworth@yha.org.uk.
- Ordnance Survey Map 194; Grid reference SY832806.
- Local buses: Line 104 runs from Wool Station. For the hostel get off at West Lulworth, War memorial. For more information please see [the Traveline website](#).
- Local taxis: Silver Cars 01929 400409 / 07811 238281. Garrison Cabs 01929 463395 / 462467.

Future Plans

The bedrooms were redecorated Dec 2014. We are hoping to refurbish the hostel in the next 5-10 years. As a part of this we hope to improve facilities to meet modern accessible standards.

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.