



YHA Sherwood Forest - Access Statement

Introduction

This modern Sherwood Forest accommodation is on the edge of Robin Hood's fabled territory. The visitor centre and majestic Major Oak are nearby, as well as the village of Edwinstowe. There are lots of routes for walking holidays and cycling holidays and several parks are within easy reach, making the hostel ideal for activity breaks.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 48-bed hostel; a 2 storey building right on the edge of Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve. We have ground floor rooms. One of these is accessible with an adapted en-suite bathroom.

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 Mansfield Woodhouse which is 6 miles away. Nottingham is 20 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is within 150 metres of the hostel. There is a frequent 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 hostel is just outside of Edwinstowe. The roads are level and evenly surfaced with tarmac. There are pavements and limited street lights on these roads (forest corner only has one street light and can be very dark in the evenings).
- 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 for about 15 cars on site and there is one marked accessible bay within 15 metres of the hostel entrance. The car park is level and evenly paved. The car park is lit at night and a security camera is in place.

From the car park there is a dropped kerb onto a paved path which slopes slightly up to the main entrance. 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

To enter the hostel there is a level threshold through a set of double doors which open outwards. There is then a second set of double doors which lead into the reception lobby. The floor is level and surfaced with tile, and the area is well-lit.

There is a low level service section, and a portable induction loop is available on request. There are armchairs in this area for guests to use. There is also a payphone with adjacent seating.

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, apart from in the reception lobby.

The ground and first floors are level throughout. Unfortunately we do not have a lift, so access to the first floor is by stairs only. The staircase is wide and has a handrail on both sides. There are 20 steps up to the first floor.

Public WCs

There are three WCs on the ground floor in the accommodation area. One of these has level access and includes grab rails around the WC and low washbasin. There is also a shower in this room; however, this is next to the WC and there is limited space.. The transfer in this WC is left-handed. All WCs have non-slip flooring and are well-lit.

Lounge

Our cosy lounge is located on the first floor. There are 20 steps to the first floor and then level access from here via two single leaf doors. The floor is level and surfaced with carpet. The room is brightly lit by natural light in the day, and by ceiling lights at night.

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

Our spacious dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with a wooden floor, and the room is well-lit. The dining room is furnished with 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

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor and has level access from the dining room via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with non-slip lino. The room is well-lit.

The kitchen is equipped with two electric ovens (four hobs, a grill and one oven each), a microwave, a toaster, two cordless kettles, a large fridge freezer and a good range of kitchen utensils, baking trays, 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.

Work surfaces and sinks are 860mm high.

Drying Facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor and has level access from reception via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with tile, and the room is well-lit. The room is equipped with a pole with hangers to hang wet clothes and a shoe rack.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

All rooms have an en-suite shower, but the 4-bedded rooms and one 5-bedded room do not have a WC. 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

- One 5-bedded accessible room (double bed with a single bunk over and a set of bunk beds) with an adapted en-suite bathroom. The bathroom is step free and is fitted with grab rails around the toilet and the shower. There is also a fold down shower seat. The transfer onto the toilet is left-handed.
- Two 2-bedded rooms
- Three 4-bedded rooms
- Four 5-bedded rooms (double bed with a single bunk over and a set of bunk beds)

- Three WCs in the corridor

First Floor

- Two 5-bedded rooms (double bed with a single bunk over and a set of bunk beds)
- One 5-bedded room (double bed with a single bunk over and a set of bunk beds) with shower only

- Two WCs

Grounds and Garden

There is a level, paved path which encircles the whole hostel. We have a small lawn area which is edged by a slope.

The accessible bedroom has level access to the paved patio area outside the room with bench, and level access to the garden and car park.

Cycle Shed

The cycle shed is located in a small outhouse opposite the main entrance.

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

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Sherwood Forest, Forest Corner, Edwinstowe, Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG21 9RN.
- Telephone: 0345 371 9139
- Email: sherwood@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 120; Grid reference SK625673
- Local buses: From Nottingham, catch the Sherwood Arrow and get off at Maythorne Grove. For more information see the [Stagecoach website](#).
- Local taxi: Mansfield Cabs -07800 606 169

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.