



YHA Snowdon Bryn Gwynant - Access Statement

Introduction

Bryn Gwynant sits among 42 acres of hillside and boasts stunning views of Llyn Gwynant. Built in 1832 this Victorian mansion was once the summerhouse of James Wyatt, a former agent of the Penrhyn Estate.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 73-bed hostel; a multi-building site with two 2-story buildings. We have ground floor rooms in the Coach House, but unfortunately none of our bedrooms or bathrooms is accessible to modern standards.

Prior to any stay customers are encouraged to discuss their needs with staff at any stage. This will vary depending on the type of customer. Group leaders are encouraged to undertake a "Pre-visit" in order that they can fully understand the opportunities and limitations that the site has, and how we can best meet their needs. Where possible these visits can involve an overnight stay.

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/snowdon-bryn-gwynant.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is either Porthmadog (11.5 miles away) or Betws-y-Coed (13 miles away).
- The roads leading to and surrounding the hostel are level, but can be hilly and steep in places. There is a pavement running along one side of the main road, but there is no street lighting.
- From the main road there is a tarmac driveway which has a moderate incline up to the hostel. It is approximately 600 metres long. This drive is not accessible by coaches. Coach Parking is available on the side of the A498 just below the hostel.
- 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 ample onsite parking behind the Coach House, within 30 metres of the main entrance. There are no marked bays, but we would be happy to reserve a space closest to the hostel if required. There is one accessible parking bay just outside the front door.

The car park is unsurfaced, uneven, poorly lit and frequently quite busy. It is possible to drop off luggage directly in front of the Main House and the Coach House before parking. Guests can also be dropped off just in front of the entrance.

From the car park there is a tarmac drive which slopes down towards the hostel. There are 3 stone steps (7-12cm high) without a handrail into a covered porch area. This route is lit at night. 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 13cm step up into the hostel through a large, manual door which opens inwards into the reception lobby. The reception area is spacious and level throughout with stone paved flooring. It is well-lit with ceiling lights. A portable induction loop is available on request at the reception desk, and a public payphone is also available. Seats are available in the lounge and dining room nearby.

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.

In the main building the corridor flooring is paved stone on the ground floor or tile and carpet on the first floor. In the Coach House the flooring is a mixture of carpet and wood.

There is no lift at YHA Bryn Gwynant so access to the first floor in both buildings is by stairs only. The stairs in both buildings are carpeted and have a handrail to one side.

Lounge

Our spacious lounge is located on the ground floor and has level access from the entry hall via a wide single leaf door. It is level throughout, with carpet flooring and even lighting provided by ceiling lights.

The room is furnished with coffee tables, low stools and sofas. All furniture is well-spaced and can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

We also have a small Library. From reception there are two steps up to reach this room. There is then a single leaf door with a level threshold into the room. The room is carpeted

and well-lit with natural light during the day and by ceiling and floor lamps at night. There are two sofas in this room. The bookshelves are quite high; if you would like any help reaching books please just ask at reception.

Dining Room

The dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access from the reception lobby via a wide single leaf door. The room is level and has wooden flooring and even lighting.

We have 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.

Laundry and Drying Facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor on the same level as the self-catering kitchen. The floor is level and surfaced with stone. It is well-lit and spacious. The room is equipped with a washing machine and drying racks.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Rooms without en-suite 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

There are 13 steps up to a unisex WC, followed by a further 9 steps to:

- Five 2-bedded rooms
- Two 9-bedded rooms
- One 4-bedded en-suite room
- One 5-bedded en-suite room
- One 5-bedded en-suite room. This room contains a double bed with a single over and a bunk. The en-suite bathroom has a shower over a bath.
- Three WCs and 3 showers

The Coach House

Entrance

There is a small step up into this building through a single leaf door. This door has a code which will be provided on check-in. Through the door is a porch with seating

Communal Area

On the first floor is a large communal living, dining and kitchen area accessed via two narrow flights of stairs and a small step. This has self-catering facilities which are suitable for food preparation for up to 30 people. Tables and chairs are available for the same number. Sofas complete the furnishings. The living and dining area is carpeted and the kitchen area has non-slip vinyl floor covering.

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

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Ground Floor

These rooms have external access and there is one step up to enter each one:

- One 3-bedded en-suite room
- One 6-bedded en-suite room

These rooms are accessed from inside the Coach House:

- One 4-bedded room
- One 8-bedded room
- Two WCs and a shower
- A step up to two more WCs and another shower

First Floor

There are 16 steps up to:

- One 4-bedded room
- One 5-bedded room
- Two WCs and a shower

Grounds and Garden

We have 42 acres of grounds which are split into two distinct areas. Those in the vicinity of the main building are well laid out, reasonably level and grassed. Picnic tables and benches are available for the use of guests.

The wider area that covers the majority of the grounds is “wild” in nature although work has been done in order to make the area accessible in the form of nature trails with signage and benches. These trails can become overgrown, are muddy in nature and can be very steep. Care needs to be taken when using these areas.

There is a deep freshwater pond in the grounds which although fenced off could cause a hazard and as such care should be taken in its vicinity.

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 in Main Hostel).
- 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.
- There is no mobile phone reception within the immediate vicinity.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Bryn Gwynant, Nantgwynant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4NP.
- Telephone: 0345 3719108
- Email: bryngwynant@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 19; Grid reference SH641513.
- Local buses: Sherpa Travel line cymru 08712002233
- Local taxi: 01286 870027

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.