



## YHA Snowdon Llanberis - Access Statement

### Introduction

If you're tackling Snowdon, the Llanberis Path (the easiest route up) starts near to this great Snowdonia accommodation. Mountain bikers, climbers and walkers are spoilt for choice at this picturesque hostel. It is also close to Blue Flag beaches on the Welsh coast, making it ideal for school trips, family holidays or just a weekend getaway!

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 52-bed hostel; a 3-storey building located on the lower slopes of Yr Wydffa (Mount Snowdon) in a semi-rural location just outside the village of Llanberis. Unfortunately none of our bedrooms or bathrooms meets modern standards of accessibility.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 0845 371 9645 or email [customerservices@yha.org.uk](mailto:customerservices@yha.org.uk).

### Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Bangor which is 12 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is half a mile away. Limited bus services run 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 approximately half a mile from the centre of Llanberis. The roads approaching and surrounding the hostel can be narrow and are surfaced with tarmac. There are sections which are steep and there are no pavements or street lights. From the road there is a short tarmac drive of approximately 60 metres to the main entrance.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website [YHA company website](http://www.yha.org.uk); please scroll down to 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 located behind the building within 20 metres of the entrance. There are no marked bays, but we would be happy to reserve a space close to the main entrance for you. The car park has a slight slope and an uneven stone surface. It is well-lit by external floodlights.

From here to the main entrance there is access across a loose stone path and onto the concrete forecourt. There are 3 well-lit steps without a handrail up into the porch. Guests

can also be dropped off in front of 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

There is no level access to the hostel. To enter the hostel there is another step up through manual double doors which open inwards into a small porch. There is a single leaf door then into the entry hall and reception area.

The area is well-lit and the floor is level throughout with laminate flooring. A portable induction loop is available on request at the reception desk. A payphone is situated on the lower ground floor next to the classroom. This is accessed via a flight of 14 stairs. In an emergency a member of staff is contactable via the payphone between 10pm – 7am. This call is free.

The nearest seating is in the dining room about 10 metres from the front door along a level surface. If required, we would be happy to bring through chairs from the dining room.

## Public Areas

### Halls and Corridors

There is good colour contrast to floors, 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 upper corridors, WCs and showers have automatic lighting sensors fitted.

The corridor flooring is carpet on the ground and first floor. Due to the age of the building there are some sets of steps in the corridors of the ground and first floors.

Unfortunately we do not have a lift, so access to the first and lower ground floor is by stairs only. Internal stairs have high visibility strips on the first and last step. The main staircase is carpeted, and the staircase to the basement is stone. Both have a handrail to one side.

### Public WCs

There are two unisex WCs on the ground floor. From the reception there are three steps up and then through a single leaf door. Neither WC meets modern standards of accessibility. They are both well-lit and have non-slip flooring.

### Lounge

Our lounge is located on the ground floor. There are three steps up and two single leaf doors to reach this room. Once there, the room is level throughout and has carpet flooring. It is well-lit with ceiling lights. From here there is a fire escape onto the balcony and then seven concrete steps down to the forecourt with a handrail on one side.

The lounge is furnished with coffee tables, sofas, stools 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 and has level access from reception via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with laminate. It is evenly lit with ceiling lights.

There are tables and chairs without armrests. There is limited space between the furniture and the majority of the tables and chairs are fixed and cannot be moved. Two tables have separate chairs and can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

The servery is also located in this room. 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. It has level laminate flooring and good lighting.

It is fitted with:

- 2 x domestic gas ovens each with a 4 burner hob and grill (90cm high).
- 2 x domestic microwaves, 2 x kettles and 1 x toaster on a 90cm work surface.
- 2 x domestic fridges, both floor standing.
- 2 x sinks with single mixer tap (90cm high).

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

### Laundry and Drying Facilities

The laundry room is located opposite reception, with level access through a single leaf door. Here there are drying rails and a washing machine available for guests to use. The floor is level and surfaced with ply-wood.

### Classroom

The classroom is located on the lower ground floor. There are 14 steps down to this floor and then level access through a single leaf door from here. The flooring is carpet and the room is well-lit. We can provide tables and chairs in a variety of seating arrangements.

There is a fire door from the classroom which leads through onto a level concrete path, followed by 5 concrete steps with a handrail to one side up to the forecourt.

### Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds and a washbasin. 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 15 steps up to this floor. In the corridors there are two further sets of 2 steps.

- Three 2-bedded rooms
- Three 4-bedded rooms
- Two 6-bedded rooms
- One 8-bedded room
- One 3-bedded en-suite room (double with a single over)
- One 5-bedded en-suite room (double with a single over and a bunk)
- One 6-bedded en-suite room
  
- Five WCs and five showers

### Grounds and Garden

Next to the hostel there is a grass and former orchard area; farm fencing separates this from the surrounding countryside. Children should be supervised at all times when playing in the grounds.

### Cycle Shed

The classroom on the lower ground floor is used to store bikes when it is not in use.

### Additional Information

- The building is accessible out of hours to pre-booked guests via an access code, which is changed daily.
- Luggage transfers for pre booked groups can be arranged.
- 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 available on site in the morning and at night (access via emergency phone at Reception). From 10am-5pm there may not be a member of staff on site.
- 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 Llanberis, Llwyn Celyn, Llanberis, Gwynedd, LL55 4SR.
- Telephone: 0345 371 9645
- Email: [llanberis@yha.org.uk](mailto:llanberis@yha.org.uk)
- Ordnance Survey Map 115; Grid reference SH574596.
- Local buses: Line 85/86 runs from Bangor and line 88 runs accessible buses from Caernarfon. For the hostel get off at Dolbadarn Hotel. For more information see [www.expressmotors.co.uk](http://www.expressmotors.co.uk).
- Local taxi: Marks' Cabs - 01248 735735; Taxi Refail - 01286 870989

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