



YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass – Access Statement

Introduction

Tucked away in the heart of the Snowdonia National Park, YHA Pen-y-Pass is the ideal location for your holiday. With stunning views of the mountainous landscape, the hostel makes a great base for walking and climbing holidays or just exploring the area. The hostel is situated at the top of steep winding roads through the Llanberis pass.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 112-bed hostel, a cosy retreat situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon. Accommodation at YHA Pen y Pass is split over two buildings; the main building and The Barn. In The Barn we have one 5-bedded accessible room with accessible en-suite. There are further standard ground floor rooms in the main building and The Barn.

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 [Snowden Pen-y-Pass Hostel Page](#).

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Betws-Y-Coed which is 10.7 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is approximately 30 metres away. Daily buses service this stop.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance. Please find details in the contact information section.
- The hostel is in the centre of the Snowdonia National park, so all roads leading to it have moderate to steep approaches. The roads do not usually have a pavement and also tend to be unlit. If you are arriving on foot after dark please be sure to take a torch. The outside and entrance of the hostel are lit with wall lights.
- 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

YHA Snowdon Pen y Pass does not have car parking facilities. A public car park is located opposite the hostel, which provides a drop off point. During peak season, this car park can be very busy and spaces are limited. As an alternative, the Sherpa Bus service offers a regular park and ride from Nant Peris and Penygwryd car parks.

Access to the hostel from the Pen y Pass car park is level, across the road, onto a pavement with a dropped kerb and over a paved area. 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 & Reception

A set of double doors, which open outwards, leads into the entrance hall over a 5cm weather threshold. The entrance hall is a spacious area equipped with benches and information about the local area. This area has a hard paved floor, which provides level access to the reception desk via a set of double doors which are usually propped open.

The reception desk has a lower level service point at the reception desk and an induction loop is fitted. The flooring here is hard tiled and there is a small amount of seating close to the reception desk. The area is brightly lit with ceiling lights. There is one vibrating pillow alarm available at reception.

Public Areas

Halls and Corridors

There is a good colour contrast to the walls, floors and doorways throughout the building. All corridors are well lit. Corridors on the ground floor are stone, laminate or carpet, and are carpet on the first floor. Accommodation areas are carpeted.

Access to The Barn is external, out through the main hostel entrance, along the paved path and up a moderate, tarmac slope. The threshold is level and there are two single leaf doors to enter. There is internal access from the first floor of the main building via two single leaf doors, with some steps on the corridor between.

Public WCs

Within the main hostel building there is a unisex accessible WC and two further unisex WCs which have level access from the entry hall. All are well-lit and have non-slip flooring. The accessible WC has an emergency cord, a low basin fitted with a lever tap and grab rails. It is a left-handed transfer.

Café Bar

The café bar is linked to the reception desk and provides a range of hot and cold drinks and snacks. There is a gentle ramp providing access from the reception area down to the café bar.

The counter here is at a higher level but café menus are available on the tables in the café lounge and table service can be provided if it is required.

Café Lounge and TV room

These rooms are located opposite the café bar, fitted with carpet and a range of soft armchairs and low level coffee tables. All furniture within the café lounge and TV room is moveable and a member of staff will be happy to move any items of furniture to make this space more accessible for you.

There is level access to the larger lounge from the café bar. The smaller lounge has level access via a single leaf door from the large lounge, or via a step down from the reception.

Dining Room and Servery

The dining room is located at the end of the hostel building on the ground floor. There is level access either through a doorway in the café lounge or through a large opening from server area which links to café the café and bar.

This room is fitted with a mixture of bench and chair seating, and tables. This furniture can be moved, please let us know if you would like us to do this for you. The flooring in this room is hard wood and level. The lighting is very good, provided by ceiling lights.

The dining room links through to the servery, where breakfast and evening meals are served. The floor of the servery is paved as in reception. The servery has limited space when busy, but table service is available on request. 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

Our self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor of The Barn. There is level access from the front door. The flooring is laminate, and the room is evenly lit.

The self-catering kitchen is equipped with four hobs, four sinks with lever taps, four microwaves, two fridges and some dining furniture. The ovens have drop down doors, and the microwaves are at a lower level.

Laundry & Drying Facilities

The laundry is located on the ground floor of the main hostel building, behind the entrance hall. This room is equipped with a washing machine.

The drying room is located next to the laundry and has a large amount of drying hanging space.

Classroom/ Games Room

The games room is located on the ground floor of the main building. There is level access from the entry hall and then through a single leaf door. There are armchairs and low coffee tables available here.

The room is level throughout with carpet flooring and it is well-lit. There is also a pool table in this room; please note that this is only available to use when the room has not been booked as a classroom.

For school groups and meetings we can provide tables and straight backed chairs in a variety of seating arrangements. Please call us on the number below to discuss your requirements if you would like to book a meeting room.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

All bedrooms are carpeted, and well lit with ceiling and individual bunk lights. Rooms without en-suite facilities all contain a washbasin fitted with a lever tap. All bedding is provided.

There are three split level en-suite rooms – Rooms 16, 17 and 18 – all located on the first floor of the Main Building. The WC and shower are on one level, and the beds on another lower split level with 5 stairs down.

All of the bathrooms have fluorescent lighting, non-slip flooring and are fitted with lever taps. Standard showers and WCs have a step up to enter.

Main Hostel Building

Ground floor

- Two 6-bedded rooms

Then up a flight of 5 steps with a handrail on one side:

- Two 6-bedded rooms

- One 2-bedded room with en-suite
- Three showers
- Three WCs

First Floor

The first floor is separated into two areas; each has a staircase with 16 steps providing access from the ground floor, both of which have a handrail. On the first floor we have:

Area One – West Wing

- Two 2-bedded rooms
- Three 4-bedded rooms
- Three 2-bedded en-suite rooms
- Two 4-bedded en-suite rooms
- Two showers
- Three WCs

Area Two – East Wing

- One 6-bedded room
- One 3-bedded en-suite room with
- One 5-bedded en-suite room
- Two 6-bedded en-suite rooms
- One 7-bedded en-suite room
- One shower
- One WC

The Barn

The Barn building is accessed externally from the main hostel, along a paved pathway and up a gentle slope. The Barn building is split over ground and first floor levels and offers the following:

Ground Floor

- One 5-bedded accessible bedroom; a double bed with a single bunk over and another set of bunks. The en-suite bathroom has a wheel-in shower, fold down shower chair, grab rails and emergency alarm cord. There is left-handed transfer to the WC.
- One 4-bedded en-suite room

- One 6-bedded en-suite room

First Floor

The first floor is accessed via a staircase with 14 steps and handrail.

- One 2-bedded room
- One 2-bedded room with en-suite shower room
- One 4-bedded room with en-suite shower room

- One toilet accessed off the corridor for use by all guests.
- One shower accessed off the corridor for use by all guests

Grounds & Gardens

YHA Snowdon Pen y Pass has limited outdoor space. There is a paved area to the front of the hostel with picnic style benches, this area is level.

Additional Information

- We do not permit pets, but assistance dogs are very welcome.
- We do not permit smoking anywhere in the hostel.
- Some staff live on site. There is a payphone in the foyer of the main building linked to an overnight emergency phone system.
- 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 shown on information board in each bedroom.
- There is no mobile phone signal in the hostel or the immediate vicinity.
- There is no Wi-Fi available.

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass, Pen-y-Pass, Nantgwynant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4NY.
- Telephone: 0345 3719534
- E-mail: snowdonpenypass@yha.org.uk.
- Ordnance Survey Map 115; Grid Reference SH647556.

- Local bus: The Snowdon Sherpa line S2 runs from Betws-y-Coed and most buses have low level access. Express Motors line 87 runs from Llanberis and Caernarfon. For the hostel, get off at Gwastadnant, Pen-y-pass. For more information see [their homepage](#).
- Local accessible taxi: Ivan's Taxi & Private Hire - 01286 881590.

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.