



YHA Snowdon Ranger - Access Statement

Introduction

A relaxed & comfortable stay nestled at the foot of Snowdon. A rural retreat at the foot of the mountain, this former inn is great accommodation to use as a base when you're tackling Snowdon on a walking or hiking holiday. It's in an area steeped in the culture of Wales – the village of Beddgelert, Sygun Copper Mine, Caernarfon Castle and the Welsh Highland Railway are nearby. In summer, swim in the lake from our own beach, and then share your experiences with other guests over a tasty meal and drink.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 60-bed hostel; a 3-storey building located on the western side of Snowdon, in the Snowdonia National Park. We have two ground floor rooms in the annexe. Unfortunately none of our bedrooms or bathrooms currently meets modern accessibility 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 Bangor which is 16 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is within 150 metres of the hostel. There is a limited bus service which usually runs accessible buses to this stop.
- A taxi company in Caernarfon can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance. Please see the contact information section for more details.
- From the bus stop the road to the hostel is level and evenly surfaced with tarmac. However, there is no pavement and no street lighting.
- 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

The hostel is located on the roadside. There is space for 8 cars to park in the lay-by opposite the hostel. There are no marked bays here, but we would be happy to reserve a space if required. The lay-by is level and evenly surfaced with tarmac. From here guests must cross the road to reach the hostel. The road can be busy, and the speed limit is 60mph.

Guests can be dropped off outside the main entrance. There is further pay and display parking 50 metres away, which is free overnight. 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

From the forecourt there is a small 5cm step up onto the tiled porch, followed by a level threshold through a single leaf door which opens outwards. This door leads into the entry hall, which is level and has flagstone flooring. There are two benches to the sides of the corridor and two rubber-backed welcome mats on the floor. The payphone is located here.

There is then a set of double doors into the main hallway with the same flooring, followed by a single leaf door and a ramp up into the reception area. The flooring on the ramp and in the reception area is tile. The area is well-lit with ceiling lights. A portable induction loop is available on request at the reception desk.

The emergency phone to contact a member of staff at night is also located in the reception area.

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 a mixture of flagstones, tile and lino on the ground floor. On the upper floors the flooring is lino. There is level access to all public facilities on the ground floor.

Unfortunately we do not have a lift, so access to the upper floors is by stairs only. The stairs have non-slip contrasting nosing. There is a bannister fitted to one side. There are 15 steps to the first floor and then another 13 steps up to the second floor.

Lounge

Our lounge is located on the ground floor and there is a single leaf door to enter from the entrance hall. The floor is level and surfaced with carpet. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The room is furnished with sofas, coffee tables dining tables and straight backed chairs without armrests. 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 opposite the self-catering kitchen and has a single leaf door from the main hallway. The floor is level and surfaced with lino, and the room is evenly lit with ceiling lights.

There are 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 opposite the dining room and has a single leaf door from the main hallway. The floor is level and surfaced with quarry tile. The room is well-lit.

The kitchen is equipped with two cookers (oven, grill and four hobs on each), a large fridge-freezer, a microwave, continuous hot water boiler and a full 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

The drying room is located on the ground floor and has level access from the reception area via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with quarry tile. The room is spacious, and has plenty of drying racks and rails. There is no washing machine, but there is a sink which guests may use to hand wash clothes.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Some rooms have a washbasin. Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds and are not en-suite. All bedrooms are carpeted, except rooms 1 and 12 which have lino flooring and a rug. The rooms are 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

- One 2-bedded room
- One 3-bedded room
- Four 4-bedded rooms
- One 6-bedded room
- One 4-bedded en-suite room

- A washroom with 4 WCS
- One separate WC and four showers

Second Floor

- Two 2-bedded rooms
- One 4-bedded room
- One 6-bedded room
- One 7-bedded room

- A washroom with 3 WCs

The Annexe

From the main building there is level tarmac over to the annexe building. There is a 14cm step into the annexe through a single leaf door which opens outwards. The floor from here is level throughout. Here we have:

- Two 4-bedded rooms
- A WC
- A shower

The shower has a 22cm step up to enter, and then a small step up into the shower stall.

Grounds and Garden

We have extensive, partly wooded, grounds opposite the hostel, leading down to Lake Cwellyn. There is a Sloping gravel path part way down, which becomes a grass path, which can be very muddy and boggy. The grounds are open to the general public.

The grounds are wild and open, so supervision of children is recommended. A map of the grounds is available at reception.

Cycle Shed

We have a lean-to shelter at the rear of the main building, accessed along a level passageway to the right hand side of the building. The minimum width of this passageway is 850mm.

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 is poor within the immediate vicinity.
- Wi-Fi is available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Snowdon Ranger, Rhyd Ddu, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 7YS.
- Telephone: 0345 3719659

- Email: snowdonranger@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 115; Grid reference SH565550
- Local buses: You can catch the S4 from Caernarfon and get off at Snowdon Ranger. For more information see the [Express Motors website](#).
- Local taxi: Mark's Cabs - 07900 917688

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.