



YHA Wasdale Hall – Access Statement

Introduction

If you're looking for a rural retreat with a difference, then YHA Wasdale hall is the ideal location. This beautiful 200 year old country manor still contains many of its original features and boasts stunning views of Britain's deepest lake and the Wasdale Screes. The hostel is 1.5 miles from the village of Nether Wasdale and is close to numerous routes for walking and climbing.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 46-bed hostel; a 2-storey National Trust building which is set on the shores of Wastwater Lake in the Wasdale Valley. All of our rooms are on the first floor which is only reachable by stairs.

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/wasdale-hall.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Seascale (7.9 miles away).
- There is no bus service to the hostel.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance. Please see the contact information section for more details.
- The roads leading to and surrounding the hostel have level and steep sections. There is no pavement and no street lighting.
- The driveway to the hostel is fairly level and surfaced with compacted gravel which can be uneven. It is approximately 75 metres long. There is a cattle grid part way along with a gate to one side allowing access around it.
- 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. Please do not use a Satnav to find the hostel as the postcode covers a large area; please use the directions found in the tab mentioned.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (please see contact information).

Car Parking and Arrival

We have ample parking on site. There are no marked bays but we would be happy to reserve a space in front of the hostel entrance if required. The car park has an extremely

gradual slope away from the hostel, with a hard floor covered with loose gravel. There is no lighting at night but some areas are illuminated by the hostel lights.

It is also possible to drop off right 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

To enter the hostel there is a step up into a small carpeted entry hall, and then a level threshold through a manual single leaf door which opens inwards. The flooring from here is painted stone, and there are two loose/rubber backed welcome mats as you enter.

The reception is on the ground floor and has level access from here. There are low chairs without armrests nearby, and the area is well-lit with ceiling lights. The reception desk does not have a low level section, but we do have a portable induction loop available. There is also an emergency phone to connect to a member of staff (on site) at night.

Hot and cold drinks are also served from here.

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.

The corridor flooring on the ground floor is painted stone. Corridors on the first floor are carpeted. The ground floor is level throughout, but due to the age of the building the first floor has two steps in the corridor, and additional steps to some of the rooms.

Unfortunately we do not have a lift. Access to the first floor is by stairs only. The staircase has 18 steps to the first floor. It is carpeted and has a bannister on one side. There are 11 steep steps to the basement. These are stone and have a handrail on one side.

Public WCs

Unisex WCs can be found on the ground floor. They have level access from the reception area. They are well-lit and have non-slip flooring. They are not accessible to modern standards.

Lounge

Our cosy lounge is located on the ground floor and has level access from reception via a single leaf door. It is level throughout with polished wood flooring. The lighting is even, provided by ceiling lights and standing lamps.

The room is furnished with coffee tables, sofas and bench-style seating. Furniture can be moved and we are happy to assist, but space in this room is quite limited.

Dining Room

The dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access from the entry hall via a single leaf door. It is level throughout with polished wood flooring and good lighting from ceiling lights.

Available here are 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 and Dining Room

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor and has level access via a single leaf door. It is level throughout with non-slip flooring.

The kitchen is equipped with, a standard sized oven and a low level oven both with gas hobs and grill, microwave, 1 fridge, 1 fridge-freezer, 2 cordless kettles, a toaster and a range of crockery, cutlery and utensils for 30 people. Tea Towels are provided. Sinks are fitted with standard twist taps.

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

The self-catering dining room has level access from here and shares the same flooring and lighting. There are tables and chairs which are all moveable.

Drying Room

The drying room is located in the basement and can be accessed via steep stone stairs as described above. There is level access over a level flag stone corridor.

The flooring is flag stones and the room is well-lit.

Games Room

The games room is also located in the basement. There is level access from the stairs. The flooring is level flag stones and the room is well-lit with wall lights. There is a pool table, a table tennis table and some seating here.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

None of the rooms are en-suite but they do have a washbasin. Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds. All bedrooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling and individual bunk lights. The beds are made for convenience, but guests are asked to remove the linen on departure. If you require any assistance with this please let us know when you check-in.

All of the bathrooms have fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. The standard showers have a step up to enter.

Ground Floor

- Three unisex showers

First Floor

From the stairs there is level access to:

- One 4-bedded room
- Two unisex WCs

There are two steps up to:

- One 4-bedded room
- Two 5-bedded rooms (double with a single on top and a bunk)
- One 6-bedded room
- One 8-bedded room
- One 14-bedded room
- Four unisex showers

Grounds and Garden

We have a large lawn to the front of the hostel, which slopes down to the shore of Wastwater Lake. Guests may walk down to the lakeside, although it is not advisable to swim or enter the lake. There are also picnic benches available in the garden.

Cycle Shed

Our cycle shed can be found to the rear of the building. There is a level path and then a small step down to access it.

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 and in the surrounding areas is reasonable for Vodafone and O2, but for other operators is poor.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: Wasdale Hall, Wasdale, Seascale, Cumbria, CA20 1ET.
- Telephone: 0345 3719350
- Email: wasdalehall@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 89; Grid reference NY145045.
- Local accessible taxi: Gosforth Taxis - 019467 25308; White Line Taxis (Cumbria) Ltd - 01946 6611.

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.