



YHA Borth Access Statement

Introduction

This Edwardian Property, set overlooking Cardigan Bay and beach, is perfect for family breaks, ideal for walking, cycling and Motor bikes and provides a spectacular location for meetings and school groups. The hostel is at the North end of the village of Borth and 6 miles from the historic city of Aberystwyth.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 60-bed hostel; a 3-storey building which is over 100 years old, as a result we do not have any rooms on the ground floor and none of our rooms meet modern accessible standards.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01970 871498 or email borth@yha.org.uk.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Borth which is 0.4 miles away.
- There is a regular bus service from the hostel to Aberystwyth. There is also a number of local taxi services who can provide accessible taxis if booked in advance.
- The centre of the village is 0.5 miles from the hostel. There is a pavement and street lighting along this route.
- 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 on-site parking approximately 15 metres from the main entrance. We would be happy to reserve a place closest to the entrance if required. The floor surface is tarmac and the area closest to the hostel is lit at night.

Access from the car park is via a tarmac driveway with a slight incline. There are four steps with a handrail from here up to the hostel entrance. There are 2 further steps leading to reception.

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 are two doorways. At the front door the threshold is raised. There is then another step up through the manual single leaf main door, which opens outwards. Unfortunately we do not have a portable ramp.

The reception can be found on the ground floor through one single leaf door followed by a narrower single leaf door with a raised threshold. The flooring in the entry hall is carpeted.

The reception desk does not have a low level service section. The flooring in here is carpet, and the room is lit by wall lights. A seat is available here.

Public Areas

Halls, and Corridors

There is good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building. All public areas, halls, stairs, landings and lifts are well lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights. The flooring is carpeted but may be slightly uneven in places.

Access to the first and second floors is via wooden staircases. There are two of these; both have wooden steps, and both can be quite narrow. Due to the age of the building none of the floors are level throughout; there are steps up to shared facilities and some rooms have steps down to access them.

Public WCs

There are no public WC facilities in the building and no toilets on the ground floor.

There are unisex WCs on the first floor, none of which meets modern accessibility standards. These are well-lit with fluorescents and have non-slip flooring.

The Field study centre has 3 unisex toilets one of which is accessible.

Dining Room

The dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access from the entry hall via a single leaf doorway. It is level throughout, but the floor is uneven in places and is fully carpeted.

Here we have a selection of wooden tables, and straight backed wooden chairs without armrests. The tables can be moved; please ask at reception and we will be happy to assist. The room is well-lit with natural light during the day, but is slightly more dimly lit at night with ceiling lights.

Table service is available in dining room by prior arrangement and is subject to availability; 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.

Bar

The bar is located on the ground floor next to the dining room and also functions as reception. Local Welsh beers, wine, cider and provisions are available.

Lounge

The lounge is located on the ground floor next to the dining room and reception. Access is through a single leaf door. This is a bright room lit with ceiling lights at night and natural light in the day.

There are sofas, armchairs, cushioned stools and wooden chairs with armrests. There are also low coffee tables. The chairs and tables are moveable. The flooring is carpeted.

Self-Catering Kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor next to the lounge. There is a raised threshold through a single leaf door. Space in the kitchen can be very limited, particularly during busy periods. The flooring is laminate.

The kitchen is equipped with a toaster, microwave, 2 electric ovens with hobs, a cordless kettle, a fridge-freezer and two sinks. 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

An internal laundry room is available; there is a washing machine which costs £2 to use including detergent. Access is not allowed to the public, but hostel staff are on hand to operate and assist.

The drying room is directly accessed from the foyer through a single leaf door, and is available all year round.

Games Room

Access is through a single leaf door from the drying room. The floor is slightly uneven in places and is tiled.

The games room has table football and a pool table

Field Study Centre

The field study centre is a separate building adjacent to the car park, and consists of two classrooms, WCs and a kitchen.

Access via a ramp is available and of the three toilets, one is accessible.

The floor in the centre is level and has single leaf doors from the entrance to the classrooms, WCs and kitchen.

We provide tables and metal chairs with padded seats which can be set out in a variety of arrangements.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Some rooms have an extra step up to access them. Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds. All bedrooms are carpeted. They are well-lit with ceiling lights. All bedding is provided.

All of the bathrooms have automatic led lighting and non-slip flooring. All showers have a step up to enter.

All bedrooms have an integral sink.

First Floor North

There are 16 steps to this floor. Handrails are fitted in the centre.

- One 4-bedded room with sea view.
- One 6-bedded room with mountain view.
- One 6-bedded room with en-suite shower and sea view.
- One 4-bedded room. With full en-suite and sea view.

- 3 unisex shower rooms
- 3 unisex WCs

Second Floor North

There are a further 15 steps up to this floor. Handrails are fitted in the centre.

- One 6-bedded room with sea view.
- One 8-bedded room this is usually the female dormitory with sea and mountain views.

There are no toilets or shower rooms on this floor

First Floor South

Access is through the dining room through a single leaf door.

There are 16 steps to this floor. Handrails are fitted in the centre.

- One 4-bedded room with sea view.
- One 6-bedded room with Mountain View.
- One 4-bedded room. With full en-suite and sea view.

- 2 unisex shower rooms
- 2 unisex WCs

Second Floor North

There are a further 15 steps up to this floor. Handrails are fitted in the centre.

- One 5-bedded room with sea view
- One 8-bedded room this is usually the Male dormitory with sea and mountain views.

There are no toilets or shower rooms on this floor

Grounds

The back of the hostel consist of a tarmacked area which can be uneven in places, and access to the field study centre and bike store.

In front of the hostel facing the quiet road and sea wall is a gravelled area which has 2 seating benches and 8 picnic benches.

Cycle Shed

The cycle shed is accessed from the car park.

Additional Information

- We do not permit pets, but service 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 calling emergency number (the pay phone is in the foyer), or by knocking at the staff house; instructions with a plan are left by 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 in the immediate vicinity.
- There is no Wi-Fi at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Borth, Morlais, Borth, Ceredigion, SY24 5JS, Wales
- Telephone: 01970 871498
- Email: borth@yha.org.uk

- Hours of operation: Reception is open from 8.00am-10am and then from 5pm until 11pm. Reception may be closed 15 minutes in the evening to see the fabulous sunsets.

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.

This hostel is independently owned and operated under a franchise arrangement with YHA. The following access statement has been prepared by the hostel owner and is not the representation of YHA (England & Wales). For further information and clarity on accessibility at this hostel, guests are advised to contact the hostel owners directly.