



YHA Eyam – Access Statement

Introduction

If you are looking for a weekend break in Derbyshire with a difference, then YHA Eyam is the perfect location. Built in 1887, this hostel resembles a tiny, turreted castle set on the hillside above the historic village of Eyam. The hostel is ideal for individuals, families and school groups with historical links, stunning Peak District scenery and plenty of routes for cycling and walking.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this two-storey Victorian country house, set on the hillside above the famous ‘Plague village’ of Eyam. We have two ground floor bedrooms, though none of our bedrooms or washrooms are accessible to modern standards.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require assistance, please phone 01629 592700 or email customerservices@yha.org.uk. You can also view photos of the hostel at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-eyam.

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Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Grindleford, 3.4 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is half a mile away, offering a limited service that runs between Sheffield, Buxton, Chesterfield and Bakewell.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when pre-booked.
- The hostel is located on a steep hill 0.5 miles from the village centre. The streets approaching the hostel can be hilly and steep in places. There is no pavement or streetlighting on the last 500m of this route.
- The hostel’s location can be viewed on YHA’s website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-eyam/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

There is ample parking at the bottom of the drive approximately 50m from the main entrance. There are no marked bays but we are happy to reserve a space closest to the hostel if required. The car park is level and surfaced with uneven gravel.

From the car park there is a moderately steep tarmac driveway which is lit at night. There are 12 stone steps up to the main building with handrails on either side. Guests can also be dropped off at the foot of these steps. If you let us know what time you are coming, we will do our best to assist with moving to and from cars.

Main entrance and reception

There are two stone steps up and a single leaf door which opens inwards into the porch, followed by a set of double doors which open inwards. From here there is another step up into the reception hall. From here this area is level throughout and has carpet flooring. It is well-lit with ceiling lights.

There is a portable induction loop available on request from reception, as well as a vibrating pillow alarm and personal pager. There is also a payphone available with adjacent seating, and an emergency phone to connect to a member of staff (on site) at night. There are four wooden chairs in the hallway for guests to use.

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 is carpet throughout.

We do not have a lift so access to the first floor in both buildings is by stairs only. The staircases are carpeted and have a handrail fitted to one side.

WCs

In the classroom building, there are two gender-neutral WCs. Both have non-slip flooring and are well-lit with fluorescent lighting. One of the WCs is accessible with left-handed transfer.

Lounge

Our lounge is located on the ground floor of the main building and has level access from reception via a single leaf door. It is level throughout with carpet flooring and is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The room is furnished with coffee tables, sofas and armchairs. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you require assistance.

Dining room

The dining room is located on the ground floor of the main building and has level access from reception via a single leaf door. It is level throughout, has carpet flooring and is well-lit with ceiling lights.

There are dining tables and straight-backed chairs without armrests. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you require assistance.

Table service is available (please ask at reception). We are also happy to cater for dietary requirements or any likes/dislikes – please advise us of these before arrival.

Kitchenette

In one of the meeting rooms (also used as a small dining room), there is a small kitchenette set up with a fridge, kettle and toaster. Guests also have access to the commercial kitchen for self-catering when hiring the main building & coach house through YHA Exclusive Hire.

Drying facilities

The laundry room is located on the ground floor of the main building and has level access from the entry porch via a single leaf door. The room has very limited space inside. The floor is level and has non-slip flooring.

Classrooms

We have two classrooms in a separate building with level access over a paved path from the driveway. Both are level throughout, carpeted and well-lit with ceiling lights. We can provide tables and chairs in a variety of seating arrangements.

There are two WCs in the same building, one of which is accessible (as above).

Bedrooms and bathrooms

Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds. Our rooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling and individual bunk lights plus a washbasin. Bedding is provided.

All bathrooms have fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. Standard showers have a step up to enter.

Main building

First floor

Access to this floor is via a set of 11 steps.

- Two rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- Four rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 6 people. It includes 3 sets of bunk beds.
- Two rooms that sleep up to 6 people each. They include 3 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 10 people. It includes 5 sets of bunk beds.
- Four showers and six WCs.

Coach house

Ground floor

Access to this floor is via a ramp up to the doorway from the drive, followed by a single leaf door which opens outwards. There are then two steps up.

- One room that sleeps up to 2 people. It includes a set of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds.

First floor

Access this floor is via a set of 15 internal steps or 3 external stone steps.

- One room that sleeps up to 2 people. It includes a set of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One shower and one WC.

Grounds and garden

We have sloping grounds of 6-7 acres, extending to wooded hillside behind the hostel. Four picnic-style benches are available outside. There are 16 concrete steps leading from the hostel's main entrance level to a grassy bank with bench seating and an interpretive display area.

Cycle store

The cycle shed is adjacent to the games room, halfway up the drive, with even, level access.

Additional information

- Pets are not permitted, though assistance dogs are welcome throughout – please notify us at the time of booking.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hostel.
- A member of staff is always available on site, including at night (access via emergency phone at reception).
- Braille signs are fitted on room and corridor doors.
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or similar emergency. Arrangements for guests needing assistance to evacuate should be discussed beforehand.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception is good within the hostel.
- Wi-Fi is available at this hostel.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Eyam, Hawkhill Road, Eyam, Derbyshire, S32 5QP
- Telephone: 0345 3719738
- Email: eyam@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: 119
- Local buses: Catch the 275 or 65 from Sheffield and get off at Eyam Hall – see www.hulleys-of-baslow.co.uk or www.tmtravel.co.uk
- Local taxis: 2 Nice Private Hire 07917 710771 or 01298 212352

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