



YHA Edale Activity Centre – Access Statement

Introduction

Set on the southern slopes of Kinder Scout with a panorama of the great ridge, YHA Edale Activity Centre is located centrally in the Edale valley. There is loads to do – why not access the surrounding hills from the hostel's doorstep, drive out to the caves at Castleton or discover historic sites at Lyme Park, Chatsworth and Buxton?

We offer a wide variety of outdoor activities for groups creating bespoke packages suiting your groups needs/abilities. From climbing and abseiling to kayaking and orienteering, we strive to cater for all guests including those with disabilities.

This multi-building hostel has bedrooms split over three buildings. There are four bedrooms on the ground floor of the main building, all of which are accessible. Three of these rooms have an accessible en-suite bathroom and the other has an accessible bathroom across the corridor.

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-edale-activity-centre.

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Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Edale, 1.5 miles away. If you book a group activity package, we can meet your group off the train (please arrange in advance).
- The road approaching the hostel is a tarmac country road. Typical of the Peak District, there are level sections and moderate to steep sections. There are no pavements alongside and streetlighting is extremely limited.
- The driveway to the hostel is narrow and steep in sections. There are a number of sharp, blind bends and two cattle grids. If you will find it difficult to negotiate cattle grids, please let us know in advance and we will arrange for temporary boards to be placed over them.
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-edale-activity-centre/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

We have ample parking on-site. There are no marked accessible bays but we are happy to reserve you a space close to the main entrance if required. The car park is on a slope and surfaced with tarmac. There is partial lighting – floodlights on the hostel exterior light a large part of the car park but some areas may be dark.

To reach the main entrance, there are either 10 paved steps with handrails on either side or a paved ramp (1:22) also with handrails. 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

Our main entrance is a manual double door opening inwards to a fixed welcome mat, followed by a manual single-leaf door opening inwards.

The reception desk is just in front of this door on the ground floor. This area is light and spacious with seating provided by a sofa. The hall is level throughout and the flooring is non-slip vinyl.

The reception desk is at a low level and there is a clipboard available for guests who may find it too high. Hot and cold drinks are served here.

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 in all of the buildings is short-pile carpet. Stairs in all buildings are carpeted with non-slip contrasting nosing and at least one handrail.

Public WCs

There is a public WC on the ground floor with single-step access from the reception hall. An accessible WC is just a couple of metres down the corridor. Both WCs are well-lit and have non-slip flooring.

Lounge

The lounge is located in the main building on the ground floor and has level access from the reception hall via a single-leaf door opening outwards. The flooring is carpet and the room is well-lit with natural light in the day and ceiling lights at night.

The room is spacious and furnished with coffee tables, sofas, armchairs and straight-backed chairs without armrests. It is mostly level, though there is a step up into the bay window where further armchairs can be found. Chairs and tables can be moved – please ask at reception and we will be happy to help.

Dining room

The dining room is located on the ground floor of the main building with level access through a single-leaf door opening outwards. This room has laminate flooring and is brightly lit. There are long tables, bench-style seating and stools. All furniture can be moved. There is also a flashing fire alarm in this room alongside the standard siren.

Food is served cafeteria style with a tray slide but table service is available (please ask at reception). We can also cater for dietary requirements or particular likes or dislikes – please advise us of these before your arrival.

Self-catering kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is located in the Edges building on the ground floor. This building is accessed from the car park. There is a large step into the building (a portable ramp is available). The room is on two levels with a series of steps dividing the two. There is tiled flooring throughout.

The kitchen is equipped with 3 four-hob gas cookers, 3 fridges, 2 freezers and 2 oven/microwave combi units. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units – we are happy to move these to lower storage if required.

Drying facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor of the main building with level access via a single-leaf door opening inwards. The room has laminate flooring and is well-lit.

There are high and low hanging racks. Please be aware that items left by other customers may be a hindrance to access.

Games room

Our games room is situated in the main building on the first floor. Access to this room is only via a set of 25 steps with a handrail on both sides. The room is carpeted and evenly lit.

Meeting room

We have a meeting room or classroom on the first floor of the main building. This does not have step-free access. The classroom is 9.3m x 8.6m, carpeted and well-lit with ceiling lights. We offer tables and chairs in a variety of seating arrangements.

Bedrooms and bathrooms

Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds. Each room is carpeted and well-lit with ceiling lights. All bedding is provided. Rooms without an en-suite bathroom also have a washbasin.

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

Main building

Ground floor

Bathrooms on this floor have a mixture of left and right-handed transfer.

- Three accessible en-suite rooms that sleep up to 3 people each. They include a single high-sleeper bunk with a larger bed underneath and a single bed.
- One accessible room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes a single high-sleeper bunk with a larger bed underneath and a set of bunk beds.

- One accessible bathroom opposite the rooms.

First floor

Access to this floor is via a set of 22 steps with a banister on one side and a handrail on the other. The stairs are carpeted with non-slip contrasting nosing.

- Two rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- Three en-suite rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.
- Four rooms that sleep up to 6 people each. They include 3 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 12 people each. They include 6 sets of bunk beds.
- Three female showers (with a small step up) and three WCs.
- Three male showers (with a small step up) and four male WCs.

Edges building

Access to the building is via one step up.

Ground floor

- Two female showers and WCs.
- Four male showers (with a small step up) and two WCs.

First floor

Access to this floor is via a set of 12 steps with a banister on one side and a handrail on the other. The stairs are carpeted with non-slip contrasting nosing.

- Two rooms that sleep up to 3 people each. They include a set of bunk beds and a single bed.
- One room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- Four rooms that sleep up to 8 people each. They include 4 sets of bunk beds.
- One communal WC (with two steps up).

Kinder Cottage

Access to the cottage is up a set of 92 uneven steps. The stairs have lighting. This building is ideal for groups who require a little independence from the main building, though it is not accessible to modern standards due to its location.

Basement

- One communal shower.
- One communal WC.

Ground floor

- Two rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 6 people. It includes 3 sets of bunk beds.

First floor

Access to this floor is via a set of 16 steps.

- Two rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 8 people. It includes 4 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 8 people. It includes 4 sets of bunk beds.
- One communal shower.
- Two communal WCs (on a mezzanine level).

Grounds and garden

Our grounds are steep and rugged with a twisting drive running through lower areas. There are excellent views over the valley.

Cycle store

The cycle store is located outside around back of the main building, secured with a padlock (key at reception). Access to the cycle store is via a narrow, level passageway that is surfaced with paving slabs.

Adventure activities

We aim to provide adventurous opportunities for all. As an indication, abseiling, archery, canoeing or raft building, caving and our high ropes course are all accessible to participants in wheelchairs.

We encourage groups to discuss their itinerary in detail with the activity manager well in advance of the proposed visit. We also welcome site visits before your stay to discuss opportunities and programmes. These visits can be overnight stays and are free of charge (subject to availability).

The outdoor environment cannot be legislated for in the same way as buildings and internal services. Adaptability and flexibility is what enables us to work with all.

When working with groups who may require more attention than our usual operating ratios, the group's leaders may be required to take a more active role in delivering the programme. This is particularly so in areas of lifting and handling physically disabled participants and closely supervising participants with behavioural difficulties, while instructors are working directly with others.

For example – if an instructor is managing a rope on an abseil, participants who are not directly involved may need to be closely controlled by the group's own leaders. Using the same activity as an example, if our instructors are managing the lowering of a wheelchair user, the group's own leaders may be required to assist at the bottom of the abseil with lifting and handling.

Additional information

- Dogs are not permitted at YHA Edale Activity Centre, though assistance dogs are welcome throughout – please notify us at the time of booking.

- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hostel. There is a designated smoking area in the hostel grounds.
- A member of staff is always contactable at reception (or via the emergency phone at night).
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are fitted, including flashing fire alarms in the accessible bathrooms. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or similar emergency. Arrangements for guests needing assistance to evacuate in case of fire should be discussed beforehand.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- There is no mobile phone reception within the hostel and immediate vicinity.
- Free Wi-Fi is available at this hostel.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Edale Activity Centre, Rowland Cote, Nether Booth, Edale, Hope Valley, Derbyshire, S33 7ZH
- Telephone: 0345 3719514
- Email: edale@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: 110
- Local taxis: 2 Nice 07977402060, Bill's 07426224406, Penny's 07917710771

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.