



YHA Brecon Beacons – Access Statement

Introduction

If you're looking for Brecon Beacons accommodation for a cheap family break, this cosy 19th-century farmhouse, with access to some of the best walking routes in Wales, is perfect for you. Step out through the front door and be greeted by breathtaking views towards Pen-y-Fan – the highest mountain peak in South Wales.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this hostel, made up of two separate two-storey buildings. We have ground floor bedrooms. Our most accessible bedroom is located in the converted barn – it has step-free access and the bathroom is level with a wet room style shower.

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-brecon-beacons.

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Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Merthyr Tydfil, 13.8 miles away.
- The T4 bus operates from Cardiff bus station. This service stops at the top of the hostel's drive, continuing to and from Newtown via Brecon. For details and timetables, see Traveline Cymru.
- Roads approaching and surrounding the hostel can be steep. The main road is evenly surfaced with tarmac but no pavements or streetlights. The hostel driveway is surfaced with tarmac and slopes down moderately to the hostel.
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-brecon-beacons/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

The hostel car park is located on the left of the hostel driveway, approximately 50m from the main entrance. From here there is a steep slope down to the hostel.

Guests can be dropped off at the bottom of the drive where there is a level drop-off area. This area is unsurfaced and leads to a level (but unsurfaced) access road to the front of the building. Just in front of the entrance, the floor is surfaced with loose gravel. If you let us know what time you are coming, we will do our best to assist you with moving to and from cars.

Main entrance and reception

There are three steps without a handrail up to the hostel's main entrance. There is a manual door (1m opening width) which opens inwards into the reception area. The floor is level and surfaced with flagstones. The area is well-lit with ceiling lights. An induction loop is available on request and seating can be found nearby in the lounge.

It is possible to access the reception and public areas of the hostel via the fire exit at the opposite end of the building to reception. If you need to use this entrance, please let us know in advance.

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 the main house is flagstones on the ground floor, which can be slightly uneven in places. The corridor flooring on the first floor of the main house and the ground floor of the barn is carpeted.

We do not have a lift, so access to the first floor is by stairs only. The stairs are made of polished wood and have a handrail on one side. There is no riser between each step and the treads are quite narrow. There are 12 steps to the first floor.

Lounge

Our cosy lounge is located on the ground floor of the main house with level access via a single-leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with flagstones. A large rug covers the flagstones in the centre of the room.

This room is well-lit with ceiling lights and furnished with sofas, coffee tables and stools. 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 house. There are two steps down from the reception area. The floor from here is level and surfaced with red quarry tiles. The room 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 can also 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 of the main building and has level access from the dining room via a wide doorway. The floor is level and surfaced with red quarry tile. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The kitchen is equipped with gas hobs, gas oven and grill, cordless kettles, toaster, microwave, domestic fridge and sinks. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units – we can move these to lower storage if required.

Drying facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor with level access from reception. There is a single-leaf door into the corridor and then a single door into the room. This area includes concrete flooring and coat hangers for you to hang wet clothes.

Bedrooms and bathrooms

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

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

Main house

Ground floor

Access to the bedrooms is down a long corridor from reception. There is a short ramp along this corridor.

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

First floor

- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 2 people. It includes a double bed.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 2 people. It includes a set of bunk beds.
- Three rooms that sleep up to 3 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- Two rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.
- Two communal showers.
- Two communal WCs.

Barn

Access to the barn building is via an uneven surface leading up to the door, where there is a low door jamb.

Ground floor

- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 3 people. It includes a double bed and a single bed.

- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 5 people. It includes a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed underneath and 2 single beds. The bathroom has a wide doorway and wet room style shower, however there are no grab rails or fold down shower chair.

Camping & Cabins accommodation

Camping pods

YHA Brecon Beacons has two large wooden camping pods that sleep up to 5 people each. They include a double futon bed and 2 single beds.

The camping pods can be reached via stone steps from the side of the main hostel building. The area where the pods are set is surfaced with chipped stone. There is a step up onto the wooden porch of each pod, followed by a raised threshold to enter. All bedding is provided and guest can access facilities in the main hostel building.

Landpods

We have four Landpods that sleep up to 4 people each. They include two small double mattresses – both are raised and may require a slight jump or push to get up. The higher of the two beds has a storage area underneath it.

Staying in a Landpod is like camping with a few added extras including LED lighting and a cosy seating area. Landpods don't have heating, so are more suited to those who like a traditional camping experience. All bedding is provided and guests can access facilities in the main hostel building.

Grounds and garden

We have approximately 15 acres of woodland surrounding the hostel, which guests can explore. Streams run through these woods – ideal for paddling in the summer.

To the front of the hostel, there is also a level area surfaced with large loose gravel. There are picnic benches here, where guests can relax and admire the view.

Cycle store

The cycle shed is at the rear of the hostel. Access is through a short, grassed area and then via a rustic gate.

Additional information

- Pet dogs can stay in our camping pods and Landpods. Pet dogs are not permitted in the hostel bedrooms, 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 (access via emergency phone at reception).
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are 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 should be discussed beforehand.

- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception is intermittent within the hostel and vicinity.
- Wi-Fi is available in shared social spaces.

Contact information

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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.