



YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass – Access Statement

Introduction

Tucked away in the heart of Eryri (Snowdonia National Park) with stunning views of the mountainous landscape, YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass makes a great base for walking and climbing holidays or just exploring the area. The hostel is situated at the top of steep winding roads through the Llanberis pass.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this cosy hostel situated at the foot of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon). Accommodation at YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass is split over two buildings – the main building and The Barn, which includes an accessible ensuite room that sleeps up to 5 people.

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 view photos of the hostel at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-snowdon-pen-y-pass.

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Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Betws-y-Coed, 10.7 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is approximately 30m away offering a daily service.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance (see contact information).
- The hostel is in the centre of Eryri (Snowdonia) National Park, so all roads leading to it have moderate to steep approaches. The roads do not usually have a pavement and also tend to be unlit. If you are arriving on foot after dark, please be sure to bring a torch. The outside and entrance of the hostel are lit with wall lights.
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-snowdon-pen-y-pass/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass does not have car parking onsite. A public car park is located opposite the hostel (charges apply and spaces must be pre-booked), which provides a drop-off point. Access to the hostel from here is level, across the road, onto a pavement with a dropped kerb and over a paved area. If you let us know what time you are coming, we will do our best to assist with moving to and from cars.

During peak season, this car park can be very busy and spaces are limited. There is one Blue Badge parking space, which does not need to be pre-booked. As an alternative, the Sherpa Bus service offers a regular park and ride from Nant Peris

and Pen-y-Gwryd car parks. These buses also link the hostel to local towns, such as Llanberis, Betws-y-Coed and Capel Curig.

Main entrance and reception

A set of double doors, which open outwards, leads into the entrance hall over a 5cm weather threshold. The entrance hall is a spacious area equipped with benches and information about the local area. This area has a hard paved floor, which provides level access to the reception desk via a set of double doors which are usually propped open.

The reception desk has a lower level service point at the reception desk and an induction loop is fitted. The flooring here is hard tiled and there is a small amount of seating close to the reception desk. The area is brightly lit with ceiling lights. There is a vibrating pillow alarm available at reception.

Public areas

Halls and corridors

There is a good colour contrast to the walls, floors and doorways throughout the building. All corridors are well lit. Corridors on the ground floor are stone, laminate or carpet, and are carpet on the first floor. Accommodation areas are carpeted.

Access to The Barn is external, out through the main hostel entrance, along the paved path and up a moderate, tarmac slope. The threshold is level and there are two single-leaf doors to enter. There is internal access from the first floor of the main building via two single-leaf doors, with some steps on the corridor between.

WCs

Within the main hostel building there is a gender-neutral accessible WC and two further gender-neutral WCs which have level access from the entry hall. All are well-lit and have non-slip flooring. The accessible WC has an emergency cord, a low basin fitted with a lever tap and grab rails. It is a left-handed transfer.

Café bar

The café bar is linked to the reception desk and provides a range of hot and cold drinks and snacks. There is a gentle ramp providing access from the reception area down to the café bar.

The counter here is at a higher level but café menus are available on the tables in the café lounge and table service can be provided if it is required.

Lounge and TV rooms

These rooms are located opposite the café bar, fitted with carpet and a range of soft armchairs and low-level coffee tables. All furniture within the café lounge and TV room is moveable and a member of staff will be happy to move any items of furniture to make this space more accessible for you.

There is level access to the larger lounge from the café bar. The smaller lounge has level access via a single-leaf door from the large lounge or a step down from reception.

Dining room

The dining room is located at the end of the hostel building on the ground floor. There is level access either through a doorway in the café lounge or through a large opening from server area which links to the café and bar.

This room is fitted with a mixture of bench and chair seating, and tables. This furniture can be moved, please let us know if you would like us to do this for you. The flooring in this room is hard wood and level. The lighting is very good, provided by ceiling lights.

The dining room links through to the servery, where breakfast and evening meals are served. The floor of the servery is paved as in reception. The servery has limited space when busy, but table service is available on request. 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

Our self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor of The Barn. There is level access from the front door. The flooring is laminate, and the room is evenly lit.

The self-catering kitchen is equipped with four hobs, four sinks with lever taps, four microwaves, two fridges and some dining furniture. The ovens have drop down doors, and the microwaves are at a lower level.

Laundry and drying facilities

The laundry is located on the ground floor of the main hostel building, behind the entrance hall. This room is equipped with a washing machine.

The drying room is located next to the laundry and has a large amount of drying hanging space.

Games room or classroom

The games room is located on the ground floor of the main building. There is level access from the entry hall and then through a single-leaf door. There are armchairs and low coffee tables available here.

The room is level throughout with carpet flooring and it is well-lit. There is also a pool table in this room; please note that this is only available to use when the room has not been booked as a classroom.

For school groups and meetings we can provide tables and straight backed chairs in a variety of seating arrangements. Please call us on the number below to discuss your requirements if you would like to book a meeting room.

Bedrooms and bathrooms

There are a range of bedrooms spread across the main hostel building and The Barn building. Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds. Our rooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling and individual bunk lights. Those without an en-suite contain a washbasin with a lever tap. All bedding is provided.

All bathrooms have fluorescent lighting, non-slip flooring and a washbasin with a lever tap. Showers and WCs have a step up to enter.

Main hostel building

Ground floor

- Two rooms that sleep up to 6 people each. They include 3 sets of bunk beds.

Plus the following rooms up a flight of 5 steps with a handrail on one side.

- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 3 people. It includes a single bunk with a double bed underneath.
- Two rooms that sleep up to 6 people each. They include 3 sets of bunk beds.
- Three communal showers.
- Three communal WCs.

First floor

The first floor is separated into two areas. Each has a staircase with a handrail and 16 steps providing access from the ground floor.

West Wing

- Three en-suite rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- Two rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- Two en-suite rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.
- Three rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.
- Two communal showers.
- Three communal WCs.

East Wing

- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 3 people. It includes a set of bunk beds and a single bed.
- Two en-suite rooms that sleeps up to 5 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds and a single bed. The en-suite WC and shower are located on one level with the beds on another split level with 5 stairs down.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 6 people. It includes 3 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 7 people. It includes 3 sets of bunk beds and a single bed. The en-suite WC and shower are located on one level with the beds on another split level with 5 stairs down.

- One communal shower.
- One communal WC.

The Barn

The Barn building is accessed externally from the main hostel, along a paved pathway and up a gentle slope. The Barn building is split over ground and first floor levels and offers the following:

Ground floor

- One accessible en-suite room that sleeps up to 5 people. It includes a single bunk with a double bed underneath and a set of bunk beds. The en-suite bathroom has a wheel-in shower, fold-down shower chair, grab rails and emergency alarm cord. There is left-handed transfer to the WC.
- One room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 6 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds.

First floor

The first floor is accessed via a staircase with 14 steps and handrail.

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

Grounds and garden

YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass has limited outdoor space. There is a paved area to the front of the hostel with picnic style benches, this area is level.

Additional information

- Pets are not permitted at YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass, though assistance dogs are welcome throughout – please notify us at the time of booking.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hostel.
- Some staff live on site. There is a payphone in the foyer of the main building linked to an overnight emergency phone system.
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are fitted. We ensure that all guests evacuate 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.
- There is no mobile phone signal in the hostel or the immediate vicinity.
- There is no Wi-Fi available.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Snowdon Pen-y-Pass, Pen-y-Pass, Nantgwynant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4NY
- Telephone: 0345 3719534
- Email: snowdonpenypass@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: OL17
- Local buses: Snowdon Sherpa line S2 runs from Betws-y-Coed (most buses have low-level access) and Express Motors line 87 runs from Llanberis and Caernarfon – for the hostel, get off at Gwastadnant, Pen-y-Pass
www.gwynedd.gov.uk
- Local accessible taxis: Ivan's Taxi & Private Hire 01286 881590

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.