



YHA Sherwood Forest – Access Statement

Introduction

Located a 15-minute walk from the Major Oak and across the road from the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, this hostel is a great base for those wanting to explore the Greenwood and immerse themselves in the folklore of the legendary Robin Hood. There are lots of routes for walking and cycling holidays plus several parks within easy reach, making the hostel ideal for activity breaks.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this two-storey building right on the edge of Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve. We have ground floor bedrooms and one of these has an adapted en-suite bathroom.

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-sherwood-forest.

This access statement was last updated in January 2024.

Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Mansfield Woodhouse, 6 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is opposite the hostel. A frequent service runs to this stop from Nottingham to Sherwood – see www.stagecoachbus.com.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance.
- The hostel is located in Edwinstowe. The roads are level and evenly surfaced with tarmac. There are pavements and limited streetlights on these roads (Forest Corner only has one streetlight and can be very dark in the evenings).
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-sherwood-forest/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

We have free on-site parking for guests, with space for around 14 cars and a marked accessible bay within 15m of the hostel entrance (there is no Blue Badge designated parking). The car park is level, evenly paved and lit at night. It has a security camera in place and utilises ANPR – all vehicles need to be registered at reception.

From the car park, there is a dropped kerb onto a paved path which slopes slightly up to the main entrance. The main entrance is then on level access with an intercom to enter the hostel – the buzzer is 1.4m from the ground floor. The entrance door opens outwards, with a clear opening width of 1.5m. If you let us know what time you are coming, we will do our best to help with moving to and from cars.

Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre also provides paid day parking with their car park closing at 4pm for arrivals and 5pm for departures. Additional parking is possible in the village – we ask all guests to park sensibly and with respect to local neighbours.

Main entrance and reception

To enter the hostel, there is a level threshold through a set of double doors which open outwards. Then a second set of double doors which lead into reception.

The floor is level and surfaced with tile, and the area is well-lit with 3 ceiling light fittings. There is a low-level service section. We can give guests a tour of hostel on arrival if requested.

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. Corridor flooring is carpeted, apart from in the reception lobby.

The ground and first floors are level throughout. We do not have a lift so access to the first floor is by a set of 20 steps only. The staircase is wide and has a handrail on both sides. Passageways are 1.27m wide.

WCs

There are three WCs on the ground floor in the accommodation area. All have level entry and non-slip flooring and are well-lit.

One of these WCs has level access, grabrails around the WC, a pull-cord alarm and a low washbasin with a pull tap. There is also a shower in this room – however, this is next to the WC with limited space. Transfer in this WC is left-handed.

The door to the accessible WC is 94cm wide, while the other WC doorways are 68cm wide.

Dining room

Our spacious dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access via a single-leaf door (this is 74cm wide). The wooden floor is level and the room is well-lit with a mixture of wall and ceiling light fittings.

The dining room is furnished with well-spaced dining tables and straight-backed chairs without armrests. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you need help. Table service is available (please ask at reception). We are also happy to cater for dietary requirements or any particular likes or dislikes – please advise us of these before your arrival.

Lounge

Our cosy lounge is located on the first floor up a set of 20 steps. There is level access from here via two single-leaf doors with a clear opening width of 81cm.

The carpeted floor in the lounge is level and the room is brightly lit by natural light in the day and by ceiling lights at night. It is furnished with well-spaced coffee tables and tub chairs. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you need help.

Self-catering kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor and has level access from the dining room via a single-leaf door with a clear opening width of 81cm. The floor is level and surfaced with non-slip lino. The room is well-lit with ceiling light fittings.

The kitchen is equipped with 2 electric cookers (each with 4 hobs, grill and oven with drop down and side opening door), microwave, toaster, 2 cordless kettles, fridge-freezer and separate fridge plus kitchen utensils, baking trays, crockery and cutlery.

Work surfaces and sinks and cookers are 92cm high. The highest shelf of the fridge-freezer is 1.5m and the height of the lowest drawer is 30cm. Sinks have a single mixer lever tap. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units – we are happy to move these to lower storage if required. There is no provision to eat within the kitchen and guests are asked to use the dining room.

Drying room

The drying room is located on the ground floor and has level access from reception via a single-leaf door. The tiled floor is level and the room is well-lit. The room is equipped with a pole with hangers to hang wet clothes and a shoe rack.

Bedrooms and bathrooms

Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds – these are fixed and cannot be moved. The height of the bed to the top of the mattress is 50cm and the height of the clear space under the bed is 24cm.

Our bedrooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling and individual bunk lights. Doors to each bedroom have a clear opening width of 74cm. All bedding is provided and a bed plan is available on request.

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

Ground floor

- Two en-suite 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.
- One accessible en-suite room that sleeps up to 5 people. It includes a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed underneath and a set of bunk beds. The adapted step-free bathroom is fitted with grab rails and a fold-down seat in the shower. The toilet also has grab rails and transfer is left-handed.
- Four en-suite rooms that sleep up to 5 people each. They include a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed underneath and a set of bunk beds.
- Three communal WCs.

First floor

- Two en-suite rooms that sleep up to 5 people each. They include a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed underneath and a set of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 5 people. It includes a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed underneath and a set of bunk beds. This room also has an en-suite shower and wash basin but no WC.
- One communal WC.

Grounds and garden

An uneven, paved path encircles the hostel. We have a small lawn area which is edged by a slope. Ground floor bedrooms have level access to the paved patio area outside the room with picnic tables and uneven access to the garden and car park.

Additional information

- Pet are not permitted except when hiring the whole hostel through Exclusive Hire, though assistance dogs are welcome throughout – please notify us at the time of booking.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hostel.
- Staff are not on-site overnight and during Exclusive Hire stays but an emergency contact number is provided.
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are fitted. Our teams won't fetch you in the event of an emergency so please don't wait to evacuate if the alarms go off – leave the building by the nearest exit. Arrangements for guests needing assistance to evacuate in case of fire should be discussed before arrival and during check in.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception is intermittent within the hostel.
- Wi-Fi is available in shared spaces only.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Sherwood Forest, Forest Corner, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire, NG21 9RN
- Telephone: 0345 3719139
- Email: sherwood@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: 120
- Local buses: From Nottingham, catch the Sherwood Arrow and get off at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, www.stagecoachbus.com
- Local accessible taxi: Mansfield Cabs 07800 606169

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.