



## YHA Snowdon Ranger – Access Statement

### **Introduction**

Offering a relaxed and comfortable stay nestled at the foot of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon), this rural retreat in the mountains is located near the village of Beddgelert, Sygun Copper Mine, Caernarfon Castle and the Welsh Highland Railway.

The hostel is a three-storey building located on the western side of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) in Eryri (Snowdonia) National Park. Unfortunately, none of our bedrooms or bathrooms currently meet modern accessibility standards.

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](mailto:customerservices@yha.org.uk). You can also view photos of the hostel at [www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-snowdon-ranger](http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-snowdon-ranger).

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### **Pre-arrival**

- The nearest rail station is Bangor, 16 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is within 150m of the hostel. This offers a limited service which usually runs accessible buses.
- Local taxi companies can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance.
- From the bus stop the road to the hostel is level and evenly surfaced with tarmac. However, there is no pavement or street lighting.
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at [www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-snowdon-ranger/directions](http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-snowdon-ranger/directions).
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

### **Car parking and arrival**

The hostel is located on the roadside. There is space for 8 cars to park in the layby opposite the hostel. There are no marked bays here, but we are happy to reserve a space if needed. The layby is level and evenly surfaced with tarmac. From here guests must cross the road to reach the hostel. The road can be busy, and the speed limit is 60mph.

Guests can be dropped off outside the main entrance. There is further pay and display parking 50m away, which is free overnight. 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**

From the forecourt there is a small 5cm step up onto the tiled porch, followed by a level threshold through a single-leaf door which opens outwards. This door leads into the entrance hall, which is level and has flagstone flooring. There is seating to the

sides of the corridor and two rubber-backed welcome mats on the floor. The payphone/emergency contact phone is located here.

There is then a set of double doors into the main hallway with the same flooring, followed by a single-leaf door and a ramp up into the reception area. The flooring on the ramp and in the reception area is tile. The area is well-lit with ceiling lights. A portable induction loop is available on request at reception.

## **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 a mixture of flagstones, tile and lino on the ground floor. On the upper floors the flooring is lino. There is level access to all public facilities on the ground floor.

We do not have a lift so access to the upper floors is by stairs only. The stairs have non-slip contrasting nosing. There is a banister fitted to one side. There are 15 steps to the first floor and then another 13 steps up to the second floor.

### **Lounge**

Our lounge is located on the ground floor and there is a single-leaf door to enter from the entrance hall. The floor is level and surfaced with carpet. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights and furnished with sofas, coffee tables, dining tables and straight-backed chairs without armrests. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you need assistance.

### **Dining room**

The dining room is located on the ground floor opposite the self-catering kitchen and has a single-leaf door from the main hallway. The floor is level and surfaced with lino, and the room is evenly lit with ceiling lights. There are dining tables and benches and stools without armrests. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you need assistance.

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 you arrive).

### **Self-catering kitchen**

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor opposite the dining room and has a single-leaf door from the main hallway. The floor is level and surfaced with quarry tile. The room is well-lit.

The kitchen is equipped with 2 cookers (oven, grill and 4 hobs on each), large fridge-freezer, microwave, continuous hot water boiler and full range of kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units. We would be happy to move these to lower storage if required.

### Drying facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor with level access from reception via a single-leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with quarry tile. The room is spacious and has plenty of drying racks and rails, but no washing machine.

### Bedrooms and bathrooms

Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds. All bedrooms are carpeted (except room 1 on the first floor which is fitted with lino) and well-lit with ceiling and individual bunk lights. Some rooms include a wash basin. All bedding is provided.

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

### First floor

- One room that sleeps up to 1 person. It includes a single bed.
- One room that sleeps up to 3 people. It includes a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed underneath.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- Four rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 6 people. It includes 3 sets of bunk beds.
- Communal bathroom with 2 showers and 2 WCs.
- Two communal showers.
- Three communal WCs.

### Second floor

- 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 room that sleeps up to 7 people. It includes 3 sets of bunk beds and a single bed.
- One room that sleeps up to 8 people. It includes 4 sets of bunk beds.
- Communal bathroom with 2 showers and a WC.

### Grounds and garden

We have partly wooded, grounds opposite the hostel, leading down to the lake shore of Llyn Cwellyn. There is a sloping gravel path part way down, which becomes a grass path that can be very muddy and boggy.

The grounds are wild and open to the public, so supervision of children is recommended. A map of the grounds is available at reception.

### Cycle store

We have a lean-to shelter at the rear of the main building, accessed along a level passageway to the right hand side of the building (minimum width is 85cm).

### **Additional information**

- Pets are not permitted at YHA Snowdon Ranger, 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 not always available on site. However, staff can be contacted 24 hours a day via the emergency phone in the entrance hall.
- 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 poor within the hostel and immediate vicinity.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

### **Contact information**

- Address: YHA Snowdon Ranger, Rhyd Ddu, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 7YS
- Telephone: 0345 3719659
- Email: [snowdonranger@yha.org.uk](mailto:snowdonranger@yha.org.uk)
- Ordnance Survey map: 115
- Local buses: Snowdon Sherpa Bus Service route S4 passes the hostel
- Local taxis: Contact details available at reception

**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.**