



YHA Snowdon Llanberis – Access Statement

Introduction

If you're tackling Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon), the Llanberis path or the easiest route up starts near to this great Eryri (Snowdonia) accommodation. Mountain bikers, climbers and walkers are spoilt for choice at this picturesque hostel. It is also close to Blue Flag beaches on the Welsh coast, making it ideal for school trips, family holidays or just a weekend getaway!

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this three-storey building located on the lower slopes of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) in a semi-rural location just outside the village of Llanberis. Unfortunately, none of our bedrooms or bathrooms meet modern standards of accessibility.

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-llanberis.

This access statement was last updated in December 2023.

Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Bangor, 12 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is 0.5 miles away. Limited bus services run to this stop.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance (see contact information).
- The hostel is approximately 0.5 miles from the centre of Llanberis. The roads approaching and surrounding the hostel can be narrow and are surfaced with tarmac. There are sections which are steep and there are no pavements or streetlights. From the road there is a short tarmac drive of approximately 60m to the main entrance.
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-snowdon-llanberis/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

We have ample onsite parking located behind the building within 20m of the entrance. There are no marked bays, but we are happy to reserve a space close to the main entrance for you. The car park has a slight slope and an uneven stone surface. It is well-lit by external floodlights.

From here to the main entrance there is access across a loose stone path and onto the concrete forecourt. There are three well-lit steps without a handrail up into the

porch. Guests can also be dropped off in front of the main entrance. If you let us know when you are coming, we'll do our best to assist with moving to and from cars.

Main entrance and reception

There is no level access to the hostel. To enter the hostel there is another step up through manual double doors which open inwards into the entry hall and reception area. There is a wooden bench just inside the front door.

The reception area is well-lit and the floor is level throughout with laminate flooring. A portable induction loop is available on request at the reception desk. A payphone is situated on the ground floor next to the lounge. The payphone is accessed from reception by going up three steps with a handrail and through a single-leaf door. In an emergency a member of staff is contactable via the payphone between 10pm 7am (this call is free).

The nearest seating is in the dining room about 10m from the front door along a level surface. If required, we are happy to bring through chairs from the dining room.

Public areas

Halls and corridors

There is good colour contrast to floors, 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 upper corridors, WCs and showers have automatic lighting sensors fitted.

The corridor flooring is carpet on the ground and first floor. Due to the age of the building there are some sets of steps in the corridors of the ground and first floors.

Unfortunately we do not have a lift, so access to the first and lower ground floor is by stairs only. Internal stairs have high visibility strips on the first and last step. The main staircase is carpeted, and the staircase to the basement is stone. Both have a handrail to one side.

WCs

There are two gender-neutral WCs on the ground floor. From the reception there are three steps up and then through a single-leaf door. Neither WC meets modern standards of accessibility. They are both well-lit and have non-slip flooring.

Lounge

Our lounge is located on the ground floor. There are three steps up and two single-leaf doors to reach this room. Once there, the room is level throughout and has carpet flooring. It is well-lit with ceiling lights. From here there is a fire escape onto the balcony and then seven concrete steps down to the forecourt with a handrail on one side.

The lounge is furnished with coffee tables, sofas, stools and armchairs. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you require assistance.

Dining room

The dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access from reception via a single-leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with laminate. It is evenly lit with ceiling lights. The furniture consists of tables, benches and stools, all of which can be moved – please ask at reception if you require assistance.

The servery is also located in this room. Table service is available – please ask at reception. We are also happy to cater for dietary requirements though ask that you please advise us of these before your arrival.

Self-catering kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor and has level access from the dining room. It has level laminate flooring and good lighting.

It is fitted with:

- 2 gas ovens, each with a 4 burner hob and grill (90cm high)
- 2 microwaves, 2 kettles and 2 toasters on a work surface (90cm high)
- 2 floor-standing fridges
- 2 sinks with single mixer tap (90cm high)

Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units. We are happy to move these to lower storage if required.

Laundry and drying facilities

The laundry room is located opposite reception, with level access through a single-leaf door. Here there are drying rails and a washing machine available for guests to use. The floor is level and surfaced with ply-wood.

Meeting room or classroom

The classroom is located on the lower ground floor. There are 14 steps down to this floor and then level access through a single leaf door from here. The flooring is carpet and the room is well-lit. We can provide tables and chairs in a variety of seating arrangements.

There is a fire door from the classroom which leads through onto a loose stone path, followed by five concrete steps with a handrail to one side up to the forecourt.

Bedrooms

Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds and a washbasin. All bedrooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling and individual bunk lights. All bedding is provided.

First floor

There are 15 steps up to this floor. In the corridors, there are two sets of 2 steps.

- Three rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.

- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 3 people. It includes a single bunk with a double bed underneath.
- Three rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One 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.
- One room that sleeps up to 5 people. It includes a single bunk with a double bed underneath and a set of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 5 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds and a single bed.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 6 people. It includes 3 sets of bunk beds.
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Bathrooms

All of the bathrooms have fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. The standard showers have a step up to enter.

First floor

- Five WCs.
- Five showers.

Grounds and garden

Next to the hostel there is a grass and former orchard area; farm fencing separates this from the surrounding countryside. Children should be supervised at all times when playing in the grounds.

Camping pods

There are two camping pods in the hostel grounds, accessed via a loose stone path which is on a slight uphill gradient, and then up two large steps with no handrail. There is a step up on to decked patio for each pod. The path to the pods is not well lit and a torch may be needed after dark.

Both camping pods contain two single beds and a double mattress on the floor, with all bedding provided. The pods have electric underfloor heating and electric lights.

There is a toilet and shower located from the camping pods down two large steps and a loose stone path with a slight downhill gradient. The path is not well lit and a torch may be needed after dark. To access the toilet/shower room there is a step and a single-leaf door to a carpeted foyer area. Then there is level access through another single-leaf door to the toilet and shower. This bathroom is well-lit with fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. The shower has a step up to enter.

Additional information

- The building is accessible out of hours to pre-booked guests via an access code, which is changed daily.
- Luggage transfers can be arranged for pre-booked groups.
- Pets are not permitted at YHA Snowdon Llanberis, except in our Camping & Cabins accommodation and when hiring the whole hostel through YHA Exclusive Hire. Assistance dogs are welcome – please notify us at the time of booking.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hostel.
- A member of staff is available on site in the morning and at night (access via emergency phone at reception). From 10am to 5pm, there may not be a member of staff on site.
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are fitted. Our teams won't fetch you in the event of an emergency so – if the alarms go off – evacuate the building through the nearest exit (do not wait for a member of staff). Arrangements for guests needing assistance to evacuate should be discussed beforehand.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception within the hostel is good.
- Wi-Fi is available in the lounge.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Snowdon Llanberis, Llwyn Celyn, Llanberis, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4SR
- Telephone: 0345 3719645
- Email: llanberis@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: 115
- Local buses: Line 85/86 runs from Bangor and line 88 runs accessible buses from Caernarfon – for the hostel, get off the bus on Llanberis High Street near the Spar convenience store www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/residents/parking-roads-and-travel/bus-timetables
- Local taxis: Snowdonia taxi 01286 872447, Taxi Refail 01286 870989, Taxi Arfon 01286 479621

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