



YHA Hartington Hall – Access Statement

Introduction

Located a stone's throw from hiking and cycling routes in the heart of the Peak District National Park, YHA Hartington Hall is an ideal base for outdoor pursuits or a weekend getaway. The building dates to 1350 and is set in beautiful grounds. It is less than half a mile from the charming village of Hartington, on a steep hill.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this hostel across four accommodation units: Main Hall, Barn, Coach House and The Roost. There are also bell tents and Landpods available in the grounds from April to October. Ground floor bedrooms are available in the Barn and Coach House. Our most accessible room is in the Barn – this has an en-suite bathroom that is not accessible, however, there is an accessible shower room in the lower courtyard.

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-hartington-hall.

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Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail stations are Buxton and Matlock, both approximately 12 miles away. From Buxton station, you can reach the hostel via the 442 bus service.
- The nearest bus stop is Hartington, adj. Youth Hostel, less than 50m away. This offers a regular service and most buses have low-level access. Buses from Ashbourne will stop outside the hostel if you ask.
- A local taxi service offers accessible taxis. We're happy to make a booking for you – please ask when booking your stay or at reception.
- The hostel is located on Hall Bank, which is an even, tarmacked road with grass verges. There is a pavement in front of the drive entrance with a dropped kerb. The road is lit with streetlighting but may be dark in places at night. The road in this section is a moderate hill (1:6).
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-hartington-hall/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

The hostel has plenty of car parking spaces less than 50m from the main entrance, though the bays are not marked. There is a drop-off point about 10m from the main entrance. We also have 3 accessible car parking bays in the hostel courtyard – if you would like to book a space, please let us know.

To get from the main car park to the hostel there is a sloped pathway with a hard, even surface. There are also 5 steps without a handrail. The car park has minimal lighting and can be quite dark at night, but the drive is well-lit.

From the accessible car parking bays, there is a slightly sloped, even surface to the main entrance. If you let us know what time you are coming, we will do our best to assist with moving to and from cars.

Main entrance and reception

There is an 8cm step up to the entrance followed by a manual door that opens inwards. We have a portable ramp – please let us know in advance if you need this.

In the entry hall, there are sofas, soft seating with armrests, straight-backed chairs without armrests and tables. The reception has level access from here. Both areas are lit with wall lights, which are brighter in reception. The floor is stone slabs. The reception desk has a low-level section.

Public areas

Halls and corridors

The hostel is a historic building and some of the walls are wood panelled. There is a good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building. In keeping with the age of the building, most of the floors on the ground floor are riven stone slabs which can be slightly uneven. Other flooring is carpet or exposed wooden floorboards. All public areas are well-lit with ceiling lamps.

Public WCs

There are two WCs on the ground floor at far end of games area. There is level access via reception. Both bathrooms contain grab rails and low sink. One toilet has right-handed transfer and the other has left-handed transfer. There is a baby changing table in one WC. The WCs are well lit and have non-slip flooring.

Lounge, dining room and games area

The lounge, reception and games area are all on one level on the ground floor and there is a single step down into part of the dining room.

The lounge is evenly lit with ceiling lights and carpet flooring. There are sofas and armchairs available – all furniture can be moved on request.

In the dining room, there is plenty of space and all tables are moveable. Chairs with and without armrests are available here.

The server is high but table service is available in the dining room (please ask at the bar). We are also happy to cater for dietary requirements or any likes or dislikes – please advise us of these before your arrival.

Sitting room

This room has level access from the entry hall and past reception. It is well-lit and has mix of stone flooring and carpet. There is some seating, sofa and chairs.

Movement around the room may be difficult for a wheelchair user due to the furniture, but this can be moved if requested.

Bedrooms and bathrooms

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

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

First floor

Access to this floor is via a single staircase with handrails on both sides. All the rooms on this floor have en-suite showers, though some don't have an en-suite WC.

- Three rooms that sleep 1 person each. They include a single bed.
- One room that sleeps up to 2 people. It includes a double bed.
- One room that sleeps up to 2 people. It includes a set of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 3 people. It includes a set of bunk beds and a single bed.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 3 people. It includes a set of bunk beds and a single bed.
- 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 4 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 6 people. It includes 3 sets of bunk beds.
- Three rooms that sleep up to 8 people each. They include 4 sets of bunk beds.
- Five communal WCs.

Second floor

Access to this floor is via a single staircase with handrails on both sides. Some of the rooms on this floor also have a washbasin.

- One en-suite 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 room that sleeps up to 5 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds and a single bed.
- Two rooms that sleep up to 6 people each. They include 3 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 8 people. It includes 4 sets of bunk beds.
- Communal showers.
- Three communal WCs.

Upper courtyard

Access to the upper courtyard is via a set of six steps with a handrail on one side. There is also a paved slope providing access for wheelchair users.

Self-catering kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is in the upper courtyard and can be accessed via a gentle ramp. We have clear visible signs on all equipment providing advice on use. All taps are lever taps. The cooker hobs are all at standard height but the grill is at low level.

Crockery, pots and pans, and a microwave are stored on a high-level shelf but we can move these down if requested. Kettles and toasters are standing on worktops. There are tables and benches to sit at – these can be moved on request. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights and the flooring is laminate.

Lower courtyard

Access to the lower courtyard is level. There are wide doorways suitable for wheelchair users.

Drying facilities

The drying room is situated in the lower courtyard. This room is well-lit with ceiling lights and the floor is concrete. We have low-level racking here.

Bathrooms (Camping & Cabins accommodation)

These bathrooms are available for guests staying in our Camping & Cabins accommodation from April to October.

Our most accessible bathroom has a shower, low washbasin and WC with left-handed transfer. It is large but not accessible to modern standards. There is also a baby changing table available in this room. Flooring is non-slip and the room is well-lit with fluorescent ceiling lights.

Barn

Meeting rooms

The meeting rooms are situated in the Barn. Each meeting room has a gender-neutral WC next to it. One of the meeting rooms has ramp access with no steps. The other meeting room has two small steps, approximately 15cm in height, to enter. The meeting rooms are carpeted and have even lighting from ceiling lights.

Bedrooms

Ground floor

- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 3 people. It includes a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed. Access to this room is extremely narrow.
- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes a double bed and a set of bunk beds. This is our most accessible room. The door is 76cm wide. The bathroom is large but not accessible to modern standards as the shower is over a bath. This WC has left-handed transfer.

First floor

Access to this floor is via two staircases with handrails on the right-hand side.

- Two en-suite rooms that sleep up to 3 people each. They include a set of bunk beds and a single bed.
- Six en-suite rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.

Coach House

The Coach House has one step down and then a step up to enter.

Lounge

The lounge is on the ground floor. It has soft seating with sofas for 4 people. Access to this room is level and the flooring is carpet.

Self-catering kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is on the ground floor and access to this room is level. The kitchen is small and is equipped with an electric oven, grill, microwave, toaster, kettle and fridge. There is a dining table and 5 straight-backed chairs.

Bedrooms and bathrooms

Ground floor

- One room that sleeps 1 person. It includes a single bed and an en-suite shower.
- One room that sleeps up to 2 people. It includes a set of bunk beds and an en-suite shower.
- Two communal WCs.

First floor

Access to this floor is via a staircase with a handrail on one side.

- One room that sleeps 1 person. It includes a single bed and an en-suite shower.
- One room that sleeps up to 2 people. It includes a double bed and an en-suite shower.
- One room that sleeps up to 2 people. It includes a set of bunk beds and an en-suite shower.
- One communal WC.

The Roost

If you're looking for some extra luxury, our self-contained premium suite (The Roost) is situated behind the lower courtyard. This space is suitable for up to 2 people and comes complete with its own living area, kitchenette, bedroom and bathroom. Access is via 5 steps from the main building or step-free via the drive.

On the ground floor is a lounge with sofa, equipped kitchenette and dining area. A set of stairs (with handrail on the right-hand side) leads to a small landing providing access to a shower room with a toilet and sink. A further short flight of stairs leads to the bedroom with a double bed. A cot is available on request.

Grounds and garden

The hall has 0.5 acres of garden with some slopes which are severe in places. Steps and ramps provide access from higher to lower levels. The pavilion overlooking the main lawn has a slightly sloping ramped access. There are a variety of benches and picnic tables available including some suitable for wheelchair users.

Cycle store

The cycle shed is 50 yards from the main entrance, connected by a gravel path.

Additional information

- Dogs can stay in our Camping & Cabins accommodation at YHA Hartington Hall. Pet dogs will have access to the ground floor of the Main Hall (including half of the dining area) but are not permitted in hostel bedrooms or kitchens and must not be left unattended. 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 available during reception opening hours.
- Cots and highchairs are available on request.
- Tactile signs are fitted on all room and corridor doors.
- 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.
- Mobile phone reception is poor within the hostel and in the immediate vicinity. Emergency phones are available across all the hostel buildings.
- There is free Wi-Fi on the ground floor of the Main House and in the Barn.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Hartington Hall, Hall Bank, Hartington, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 0AT
- Telephone: 0345 3719740
- Email: hartington@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: 119
- Local buses: The 442 service from Buxton to Ashbourne goes to the hostel www.highpeakbuses.com, Moorlands Connect service 0300 1118003

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.