

YHA Boswinger

ACCESS STATEMENT JUNE 2007

Introduction

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 40-bed hostel, a 2-storey building located on the south-west coast of Cornwall and gateway to the Roseland's fine walks & unspoilt beaches and handy for visits to The Lost Garden of Heligan, the Eden Project and the China Clay Country Park. The following statement is a summary of our provision. If you have any specific questions about access, please call us and we will endeavour to help. We can provide a floor plan of the hostel on request.

Pre-Arrival

- Good train links to within 10 miles (St Austell).
- Bus services to within 1 mile of the hostel; then an easy walk along narrow, unlit country lanes. Please note there are no paths or verges to walk on.
- Taxi services to the hostel from outside the train station are available.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website: www.yha.org.uk
- You can contact the hostel by phone, fax or e-mail (details below).

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- Car parking at the rear of the hostel (approx 30 metres from main entrance). There is no dropping-off point, as the hostel entrance is on the corner of the through road.
- Pathway from car park to main entrance includes walking along a relatively un-busy road, followed by a gravel courtyard.

Main Entrance & Reception

- 1 small step up to main entrance, followed by a step down from the entrance hall into the Reception and dining area. There is also a door to open immediately after the step down.
- Induction loop at Reception.
- Seating is available in the Reception area.
- Emergency pager to connect to a member of staff (on site) at night.

Public Areas – General

- Good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building.
- Well-lit corridors.
- Floor covering is carpet.
- Public payphone is on level 1, with a chair adjacent to it.

Public Areas – Dining Room & Common Room

- Step down from main entrance hall and self-catering kitchen to dining room; then a step up and a narrow corridor to Common Room.
- Common Room tables are movable; Dining Room tables are not. All chairs lack armrests.
- Table service is available in Dining Room or Common Room if requested in advance at Reception.

Self-catering kitchen

- Two entry doors; one from courtyard; one from main entrance hall.
- Stainless steel worktop running length of room, with 2 ovens and mid height hobs.
- 1 tall fridge; 2 waist height fridges.
- All crockery stored on above shoulder height shelves.
- 1 stainless steel table in centre of room; leaving only a small amount of room for manoeuvring.

Drying Room

- Located at top of staircase.

Bedrooms – Ground Floor

- One small 6-bedded dormitory/family room, not ensuite. All lower bunks located close to floor level.
- One 4-bedded rooms, not en-suite. External door directly to courtyard; as well as internal door to corridor. All lower bunks located close to floor level.
- Individual bed lights fitted adjacent to bed head.
- Sinks in each room.
- Chair in each room.
- Nearest washrooms and WCs at end of narrow corridor, passing through one doorway. Step up to each shower cubicle. They do not meet DDA standards.

Bedrooms – First Floor; Corridor 1

- Staircase to 1st Floor has 2 flights, the first of 3 steps, and the second of 8 steps. Handrails are fitted on one side (left hand side when going upstairs). Stairs are open, i.e. open space between each step, and between each banister.
- Pass through a door at the top of the stairs into a narrow corridor with 3 bedrooms, one 6-bedded room and two 4-bedded rooms. All lower bunks located close to floor level.
- Sinks located in each room.
- A chair located in each room.
- Individual bed lights fitted adjacent to bed head.
- Fire Exit from corridor, leading onto wide concrete steps (6 steps), which take you onto the road in the direction of the car park.
- Nearest Washrooms located at top of stairs (through 2 doors). There is a step up to each shower cubicle. They do not meet DDA standards.

Bedrooms – First Floor; Corridor 2

- From first floor landing there are 3 steps down, then through a door to two 2-bedded rooms.
- Both have a bunk bed in, with the lower bunks located close to floor level.
- Sinks located in each room.
- A chair located in each room
- Individual bed lights fitted adjacent to bed head.
- Nearest washrooms are located adjacent to one of these rooms, and down a narrow corridor from the other.
- There is a step up to the washrooms, then a small step into each shower cubicle.
- They do not meet DDA standards.
- A second Fire Exit is located next to the washrooms. This is a descent down a steep staircase, into the gardens, where a narrow path and 3 unlit steps leads into the car park.

Bedrooms – First Floor; Corridor 3

- Located through a door from Corridor 2, a 4-bed room with lower bunks located close to floor level.
- Sink located in the room.
- A chair located in the room
- Individual bed lights fitted adjacent to bed head.
- Up a step in the corridor to a 2 bedroom and a 6 bedroom.
- Bunks in each are located 1 foot off the floor.
- Sink located in each room.
- A chair located in each room
- Individual bed lights fitted adjacent to bed head.
- Nearest washrooms and WCs are those at end of Corridor 2.

Grounds & gardens

- A small lawn is located outside the common room, with access through sliding glass doors.
- Plastic chairs and wooden picnic tables with benches are located in the gravel courtyard.
- Cycle shed is at the bottom of the car park.

Additional information

- No smoking.
- A member of staff is available on site during reception hours and at night (access via emergency phone at Reception).
- A central fire alarm system is fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation.
- Evacuation procedures shown in each bedroom on a notice board or back of door.
- There is no mobile phone reception within immediate vicinity.
- OS 204 GR 991411

Contact information

- Address: YHA Boswinger, Gorran, Cornwall PL26 6LL.
- Telephone and Fax: 0870 770 5712
- E-mail: boswinger@yha.org.uk
- Hours of operation: Reception open from 8.30 am to 10 am and from 5 pm to 9 pm.
- Local buses: Traveline 0870 6082608

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.