

YHA National Forest

ACCESS STATEMENT

Introduction

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this modern 74-bed hostel, a 2-storey building located in the centre of the country in the developing National Forest. 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.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest railway station is in Burton upon Trent, 6 miles away.
- Bus no. 23 (MacPhersons) runs between Ashby de la Zouch to Swadlincote, alight Moira Furnace (1/4 mile from hostel).
- There are several taxi firms in the area.
- Nearest shop-mobility schemes are in Swadlincote (4 miles) and Burton upon Trent (6 miles), more details at shopmobilityuk.org
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website: [www.yha.org.uk/national forest](http://www.yha.org.uk/national-forest)
- You can contact the hostel by phone, fax or e-mail (details below).

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- Ample parking (20m from main entrance). There are three marked bays closest to the entrance.
- Please try to provide advance notice if assistance will be needed to move to and from cars.
- Sloped pathway with even surface leading from car park to main entrance.
- Moira village and furnace are approximately ½ a mile away and has very limited facilities. There is a pavement and partial street lighting along this route.

Main Entrance & Reception

- Main entrance is all on one level.
- Induction loop at Reception.
- Seating is available in nearby lounge area.
- The reception desk includes a low level section.
- Payphone available.
- Emergency phone 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 coverings are Burmatex carpet and Marmoleum vinyl.

Public Areas – WCs

- 1 large, adapted WC in reception with rails and wireless call system.
- Clinical waste disposal unit
- Lever taps fitted

Public Areas – Dining Room, Bar and Lounge

- Located on the ground floor, all on one level.
- Dining Room tables are movable with ample space between.
- Bistro service it to table with option also available to groups on request.
- Table service for drinks available.
- Internet access terminal and WIFI available

Self-catering kitchen

- Located on the ground floor, all on one level.
- Clear, visible (in large font) safety sign
- Lever taps fitted.
- 2 x 4 electric hobs with ovens within a fitted kitchen. Hobs and work surfaces are 80cm from the ground. One 70cm wide access space is available.
- Two dining tables are provided. Tables and chairs are moveable.

Laundry Room

- Located on the ground floor, all on one level.
- A coin operated washer and dryer are available.

Meeting/classroom

- Located on the ground floor, all on one level.
- Induction loop and ceiling mounted microphone fitted.
- Room is well lit and has strong floor to wall contrast

Bedrooms – Ground Floor

- Three bedrooms have adapted large bathrooms fitted with level, wet room floor, alarm calls, rails and shower seat.
- Alarm call adjacent to bed (double with single over)
- These bedrooms are fitted with visible and vibrating fire alarms.
- There are also two 4 bedded rooms (2 x bunk beds), fully en-suite
- Individual bed lights fitted adjacent to bed head.
- Rooms have own, same level fire exit with lever handles on doors.
- All bedrooms have contrasting wall to floor colour schemes

Bedrooms – First Floor

- Staircase to 1st Floor has two landings 4 steps to the first then 10 to the second, 5 remaining steps take you to the first floor. Handrails are fitted on both sides of the stairs. Good wall to floor colour contrast with step edging.
- Seating area at the top of the stairs
- Twelve 4 bedded rooms (2 x bunks) fully en-suite
- Six 2/3 bedded rooms (Double bed with single over) fully en-suite
- Two 4/5 bedded rooms (Double bed with single over plus bunk) fully en-suite
- Individual bed lights fitted adjacent to bed head.
- All bedrooms have contrasting wall to floor colour schemes

WC's First Floor

- Two standard unisex WC's are located by the first floor landing seating area.

Grounds & gardens

- Gardens, mostly grassed, are gently terraced down to the driveway.
- A large patio with tables and chairs is accessed from the bar lounge area. It is the same level as the ground floor.
- Cycle store is located in the compound close to the main entrance. It is on the same level as the ground floor.

Additional information

- Braille signs fitted on room doors and corridor doors.
- No pets but assistance dogs welcome.
- No smoking. Smoking areas are located away from the building.
- Disability awareness courses – as part of the 'Welcome Host' scheme – are undertaken by all of our staff.
- A member of staff is always available on site, including at night (access via emergency phone at Reception).
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation.
- Fire and emergency information is detailed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception is good within immediate vicinity, though variable inside.
- OS SK305156

Contact information

- Address: YHA National Forest, 48 Bath Lane, Moira, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 6BD
- Telephone: 0870 770 6141

- Fax: 0870 770 6142
- E-mail: nationalforest@yha.org.uk
- Reception open from 0800 to 2300.
- 24hr access available once guests have checked in.

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.