

YHA Llanberis Access Statement

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Introduction:

YHA Llanberis is a 50 bed hostel situated at 150 metres on the lower slopes of Yr Wydffa (Snowdon Mountain) in a semi rural location 700 metres outside the village of Llanberis.

The hostel is easily accessible by minibus, private car, taxi and bicycle. If arriving by coach or public transport guests will be required to walk 800 metres to the hostel, the last 300 metres is by an unlit narrow lane with a short steep uphill section. Luggage transfers for pre booked groups can be easily arranged with guests arriving at hostel on foot.

The following statement is a summary of our provision. If you have any specific questions about access, please contact us on the details below and we will endeavour to help.

Pre arrival:

Llanberis is situated on the A4086, which can be easily gained from the A55 Bangor/A5 junction (25km) or from the A5 at Capel Curig (20km).

The hostel is situated off Capel Goch Road, which can be found opposite Y Copa restaurant in Llanberis High Street. Signposted to Youth Hostel. Follow Capel Goch Road for 400m until past the terraced houses of Ceunant Street where the road narrows. You will see the hostel on the right after a short steep uphill section.

The nearest train station is at Bangor, which has frequent connections with Chester and Crewe.

An hourly 45 minute bus journey connects Bangor with Llanberis. Evening service is infrequent with the last bus at *20.30 hrs.*

Taxi Refail are based in Llanberis and can be contacted on 01286 870989

Main Building:

The hostel is a 2/3 storey building. Reception, kitchen, dining room and lounge areas are on the ground floor, bedrooms are on the first floor with a classroom situated on the lower ground floor.

Arrival and Reception:

- The hostel offers ample free car parking on a well-lit uneven stone surface. 4 illuminated steps lead up to the entrance.
- Reception is open between 07.00 – 12.00 and 17.00 – 22.30hrs
- An induction loop is available in reception.
- A payphone is situated on the lower ground floor next to the classroom. This is accessed via a flight of 14 stairs.
- In an emergency a member of staff is contactable via the payphone between 22.30 – 07.00hrs. This call is free.
- The building is accessible out of hours to pre booked guests via a door access code.

Dining Room and Self-Catering Kitchen:

- The dining room seats 58 in the following configuration; 8 x 6 person tables with fixed seating. 2 x 8 person tables with upholstered chairs.
- 2 x domestic gas ovens each with a 4 burner hob and grill. 90cm high.
- 1 x domestic microwave, 2 x kettles and 1 x toaster on 90cm work surface.
- 1 x domestic fridge freezer plus 1 x fridge, both floor standing.
- 2 x sinks with mixer taps. 90cm high.
- Self-catering gas is turned off between 22.30 & 07.00hrs.

Public Areas:

- The hostel is well lit with automatic lighting sensors fitted to upstairs corridors, WC's and showers.
- Floor coverings are a combination of laminate, flotex and carpet.
- High visibility strips highlight first and last steps on internal stairs.
- There are 2 ground floor WC's. These are accessible via 3 steps.
- Upstairs is serviced by 6 x WC's, 4 x walk in showers and 1 x cubicle style shower.
- There is a drying room adjacent to the reception with drying rails and washing machine.

Bedrooms:

- Bedrooms are on the first floor off a split-level t shaped corridor. The lower level reached via 15 steps contains 1 x 4 person and 1 x 8 person bunkrooms. Access to 2 x WC's and 1 x shower cubicle on this level. The upper level contains 10 bedrooms, 4 x 2 person, 3 x 4 person and 3 x 6 person there are 2 steps halfway along this corridor.
- 1 x 2 and 1 x 4 person rooms have a double bed and are ensuite with walk in shower and small WC.

Grounds:

- Adjacent to the hostel is a grass and former orchard area, farm fencing separates this from the surrounding countryside.
- Children should be supervised at all times.

Additional Information

- The hostel is not suitable for wheelchair access.
- Emergency night staff on duty.
- Smoke detectors, fire alarms and emergency lighting are fitted throughout the hostel.
- No pets or dogs (service animals excepted)
- No smoking
- The premises are licensed to sell alcohol.

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