



YHA Borth – Access Statement

Introduction

This Edwardian property, set overlooking Cardigan Bay and beach, is perfect for family breaks as well as walking, cycling and motorbiking holidays. YHA Borth is at the north end of the village of Borth and 6 miles from the historic city of Aberystwyth.

This hostel also provides a spectacular location for meetings and school groups. Groups can enjoy our classrooms, picnic area, games room, access to the beach, self-catering facilities and more.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this three-storey building which is over 100 years old. As a result, we do not have any bedrooms on the ground floor and none of our bedrooms meet modern accessibility standards.

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-borth.

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Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Borth, 0.4 miles away.
- There is a regular bus service from the hostel to Aberystwyth.
- Local taxi companies can provide accessible taxis when pre-booked.
- The centre of the village is 0.5 miles from the hostel. There is a pavement and streetlighting along this route.
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-borth/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

We have ample on-site parking approximately 15m from the main entrance. We can reserve a place closest to the entrance if required. The floor surface is tarmac and the area closest to the hostel is lit at night.

Access from the car park is via a tarmac driveway with a slight incline. There are four steps with a handrail from here up to the hostel entrance. There are two further steps leading to reception. 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 are two doorways to enter the hostel. At the front door, the threshold is raised. There is then another step up through a manual single-leaf main door, which opens outwards. Unfortunately, we do not have a portable ramp.

Reception can be found on the ground floor through a single-leaf door followed by a narrower single-leaf door with a raised threshold. The flooring in the entry hall is carpeted.

The reception desk does not have a low-level service section. The flooring in here is carpet and the room is lit by wall lights. A seat is available here. Check-in is from 5pm until 10pm and check-out is at 10am. Alternative times may be arranged.

Public areas

Halls and corridors

There is good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building. All public areas, halls, stairs, landings and lifts are well lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights. The flooring is carpeted but may be slightly uneven in places

Access to the first and second floors is via wooden staircases. There are two of these – both have wooden steps and can be quite narrow. Due to the age of the building, none of the floors are level throughout. There are steps up to shared facilities and some rooms have steps down to access them.

Public WCs

There are no public toilet facilities in the building and no toilets on the ground floor. There are gender-neutral WCs on the first floor. These are well-lit with fluorescents and have non-slip flooring but do not meet modern accessibility standards.

The Field Study Centre has three gender-neutral toilets, one of which is accessible.

Dining room

The dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access from the entry hall via a single-leaf doorway. It is level throughout but the floor is uneven in places and is fully carpeted.

Here we have a selection of wooden tables and straight-backed wooden chairs without armrests. The tables can be moved – please ask at reception and we will be happy to assist. The room is well-lit with natural light during the day but is slightly more dimly lit at night with ceiling lights.

Table service is available by prior arrangement – please ask at reception and we will be happy to help (subject to availability). We can also cater for dietary requirements or any particular likes or dislikes – please advise us of these before arrival.

Bar

The bar is located on the ground floor next to the dining room and also functions as reception. Local Welsh beers, wine, cider and provisions are available.

Lounge

The lounge is located on the ground floor next to the dining room and reception. Access is through a single-leaf door. This is a bright room lit with ceiling lights at night and natural light in the day.

There are sofas, armchairs, cushioned stools, wooden chairs with armrests and low coffee tables. The chairs and tables are moveable. The flooring is carpeted.

Self-catering kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor next to the lounge. There is a raised threshold through a single-leaf door. Space in the kitchen can be very limited, particularly during busy periods. The flooring is laminate.

The kitchen is equipped with a toaster, microwave, 2 electric ovens with hobs, cordless kettle, fridge-freezer and 2 sinks. 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

A staff-operated laundry room is available (no public access). The washing machine costs £2 to use including detergent. The drying room is directly accessed from the foyer through a single-leaf door.

Games room

Access to the games room is through a single-leaf door from the drying room. The floor is carpeted and slightly uneven in places. The games room has table football and a pool table.

Field Study Centre

The Field Study Centre is a separate building adjacent to the car park. It consists of 2 classrooms, 3 toilets and a kitchen. Full disabled ramp access is available and one of the toilets is accessible too.

The floor in the centre is level and has single-leaf doors from the entrance to the classrooms, toilets and kitchen. We provide tables and metal chairs with padded seats which can be set out in a variety of arrangements.

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. Some rooms have a step up to access them.

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

North part of building

First floor

Access to this floor is via a set of 16 steps with a handrail fitted in the centre.

- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 4 people. It has a sea view and includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 4 people. It has a sea view and includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 6 people. It has a mountain view and includes 3 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 6 people. It has a sea view and includes 3 sets of bunk beds plus an en-suite shower.
- Three communal showers.
- Three communal WCs.

Second floor

Access to this floor is via a further set of 15 steps with a handrail fitted in the centre.

- One room that sleeps up to 6 people. It has a sea view and includes 3 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 8 people. It has sea and mountain views and includes 4 sets of bunk beds.

South part of building

Access to this part of the building is through the dining room via a single-leaf door.

First floor

Access to this floor is via a set of 16 steps with a handrail fitted in the centre.

- One en-suite room that sleeps up to 4 people. It has a sea view and includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 4 people. It has a sea view and includes 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 6 people. It has a mountain view and includes 3 sets of bunk beds.
- Two communal showers.
- Two communal WCs.

Second floor

Access to this floor is via a further set of 15 steps with a handrail fitted in the centre.

- One room that sleeps up to 5 people. It has a sea view and includes 2 sets of bunk beds and a single bed.
- One room that sleeps up to 8 people. It has sea and mountain views and includes 4 sets of bunk beds.

Grounds and garden

The back of the hostel consists of a tarmac area which can be uneven in places and access to the Field Study Centre and bike store. In front of the hostel facing the quiet road and sea wall is a gravelled area which has 2 benches and 8 picnic benches.

Cycle store

The cycle shed is accessed from the car park and is based in the Field Study Centre.

Additional information

- Dogs are not permitted at YHA Borth, though 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 always available on site including at night. Access by calling emergency number on payphone in foyer or by knocking at the staff house (instructions by reception).
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated 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 intermittent in the immediate vicinity.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Borth, Morlais, Borth, Ceredigion, SY24 5JS
- Telephone: 0345 2602561
- Email: borth@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: 135

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.