



YHA Brecon Beacons Danywenallt - Access Statement

Introduction

Surrounded by wooded slopes, high peaks, waterfalls and trails, this lovely converted farmhouse makes an ideal rural retreat for a family holiday, school trip or an activity break in Wales. Secluded? Yes, but with all the opportunities for walking, sailing, boating, cycling and horse riding you'll always have plenty to do.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 35-bed hostel; a multi building hostel comprising the 2-storey main house and a single storey annexe. We have ground floor bedrooms, but none of our bedrooms or bathrooms meets modern standards of accessibility.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01629 592700 or email customerservices@yha.org.uk.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Abergavenny which is 19 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is 2 miles away in Talybont-on-Usk. There is a limited bus service which runs to this stop.
- There is a Brecon taxi company which can provide accessible taxis if booked in advance. For more details please see the contact information section.
- The roads approaching the hostel can be level or steep in places. There is no pavement and there is no street lighting along the route from the village. The driveway to the hostel is approximately 300 metres long. There is a cattle grid at the beginning, but it can be bypassed on foot via a grass verge.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website www.yha.org.uk; please scroll down to the Maps and Directions section to view a map and transport options.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (please see contact information).

Car Parking and Arrival

We have ample parking onsite. There are no marked bays, but we would be happy to reserve a space for you close to the hostel if required. The car park is level and surfaced with gravel. There is lighting at night, which works via a motion sensor.

From the car park there is a level drive, followed by a paved slope up through a wide doorway and into the courtyard. From here there is level access to the main entrance.

If you let us know what time you are coming we will do our best to provide assistance moving to and from cars.

Main Entrance and Reception

There is a level threshold through a single leaf door which opens outwards. This leads into the entrance hall which is level throughout and well-lit with ceiling lights. The flooring here is quarry tiles.

Our reception is through the glass doorway (single leaf) on the left as you enter the conservatory. There is level access and it is level throughout. The flooring is non-slip wood effect vinyl, and the area is well-lit.

Dining room tables and chairs are available in both the entrance and the reception/dining room.

Public Areas

Halls, Corridors and Stairs

There is good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building. All public areas, halls, stairs and landings are well lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights.

In the main house the corridors are surfaced with quarry tiles on the ground floor, and carpet on the first floor. The Annex has 3 units, each with a very small entrance hall, one is quarry tile, one is carpet and one is non-slip vinyl.

Unfortunately we do not have a lift, so access to the first floor is by stairs only. The stairs are timber and have a handrail to one side. There are 11 steps to the first floor.

Lounge

The lounge is located on the ground floor and has level access from the entrance hall via two single leaf doors. The floor is level and surfaced with carpet tiles. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The room is furnished with coffee tables, and sofas with armrests. All furniture can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

Dining Room

The dining room is located on the ground floor and has level access from the entrance hall via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with non-slip vinyl wood effect flooring. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

There are dining tables and straight backed chairs without armrests. All furniture can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

Table service is available; please ask at reception and we will be happy to help. We are also happy to cater for dietary requirements or any particular likes or dislikes. Please advise us of these before your arrival.

Drying Facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor. It is approximately 15 metres from the main entrance and there is level access from the covered courtyard outside through a single leaf door.

The floor is level and surfaced with quarry tiles, and the room is well-lit. There is limited space in this room, but staff are happy to help.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds and are not en-suite. All bedrooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling lights. All bedding is provided.

All of the bathrooms have fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. The standard showers have a step up to enter.

Ground Floor

These rooms are in the annexe. This is accessed from the covered courtyard outside. There is level access to:

Rooms 5 & 6:

- One 4-bedded room with en-suite bathroom. The bathroom is fitted with grab rails and visual fire alarms
- One 4-bedded room - private shower room with toilet beside the bedroom door.

Rooms 3&4 have one step up:

- One 3-bedded room
- One 4-bedded room
- Two WC and shower rooms

Rooms 1&2:

- One 3-bedded room (double with a single over)
- One 4-bedded room
- Two WC and shower rooms

First Floor

- One 3-bedded room with shower and washbasin
- One 4-bedded room with wash basin only
- One 2-bedded en-suite room
- One 4-bedded en-suite room

- One WC and one shower separately accessed and on the corridor

Grounds and Garden

In our courtyard there is seating in the covered walkway. From here there are steps up to the grassed area between the buildings, and further steps with a handrail to the viewing area.

Our front lawn is an uneven grassed area with molehills. It runs the length of the front of the building. There are no formal paths; the banks around the perimeter of the property are steep and unsuitable for walking/climbing on.

We also have orchards. The ground here is very uneven with low tree branches and small streams. A wire fenced enclosure surrounds the pond area, and there is a padlocked gate on this.

Camping Facilities

The YHA Danywenallt campsite is situated in our apple orchard, next to the car park about about 50 metres from the main Youth Hostel building.

Campers have use of the annexe block toilets and showers which are generally shared with hostel users. Access is 24 hours and they are situated about 50 metres from the orchard. Campers are welcome to book their meals in the YHA Danywenallt restaurant. If you prefer to self-cater, camping stoves are welcome and there is a small kitchen area for washing up and storing chilled food. BBQs can be used but only inside the fire circle.

Families, individuals and organised groups are all welcome, although our facilities only allow for up to 25 campers at any one time. This is subject to hostel occupancy.

Cars must be parked in the car park, as they cannot be driven into the orchard.

The campsite is open throughout the season, which runs from February to November

Additional Information

- We do not permit pets, but assistance dogs are very welcome.
- We do not permit smoking anywhere in the hostel.

- A member of staff is available on site, including at night, except between the hours of noon and 5pm (Check sign in the entrance hall for nightly directions).
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation. Arrangements for guests needing assistance to evacuate in case of fire should be discussed beforehand.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception within the hostel and the immediate vicinity is poor.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: YHA Danywenallt, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7YS.
- Telephone: 0345 371 9548
- Email: danywenallt@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 161; Grid reference SO105213
- Local buses: Catch the X43 from Brecon or Abergavenny and get off at the Post Office in Talybont. For more information see the [Stagecoach website](#).
- Local taxi: Accessible (wheelchair friendly) A & A Cabs, Brecon - 01874 622288

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.