



YHA Coniston Coppermines – Access Statement

Introduction

YHA Coniston Coppermines is perfect for mountain lovers looking for great climbing holidays. This hostel offers a 500ft head start on the ascent of the Old Man of Coniston. There are many other walks and splendid views to enjoy from this remote, rural retreat. It's a great base for outdoor activity breaks and walking holidays.

This two-storey building is located at the heart of the Lake District National Park. We have a ground floor bedroom with toilets and showers nearby, though none of our facilities are accessible to modern 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-coniston-coppermines.

This access statement was last updated in July 2025.

Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Windermere, 12.8 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is within a mile of the hostel, offering a limited service.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when pre-booked.
- The hostel is a mile out of Coniston village. The roads approaching and surrounding the hostel can be steep with no pavement or streetlighting.
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-coniston-coppermines/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or email (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

There is on-site parking next to the hostel. There are no marked bays, but we can reserve a space for you if required. The car park is uneven and surfaced with gravel. There is no lighting at night, except the lighting at the entrance.

The main entrance door is at the rear of the building on the ground floor. There is a gravel slope down, followed by a level path surfaced with flagstones. The route to the first floor entrance is on a slight gradient upwards towards the door. The path is uneven with gravel.

Main entrance and reception

The first floor entrance is up a gravel slope the car park. There are two uneven, slate steps up and then through a single leaf door which opens inwards into a carpeted corridor. There is a lounge on the left-hand side and bedrooms along the corridor. There are 11 steps down to the ground floor.

The ground floor entrance door opens inward and has a small threshold into a carpeted corridor with two doors into the reception lobby. This area is well-lit by ceiling lights. The corridor leads to a ground floor bedroom, toilets and showers plus the dining room and kitchen areas.

Public areas

Halls and corridors

There is good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building. All communal areas, halls, stairs and landings are well-lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights. The corridor flooring is carpeted on the first floor.

Access to the first floor is by a set of 11 steps only. The staircase is carpeted and has a handrail to one side.

WCs

There are toilets on the ground floor. There is level access to each through a single leaf door from reception. Flooring is non-slip lino and each room is well-lit with fluorescent lighting.

There are showers on the ground floor adjacent to the toilets. Both have a step into the cubicle and another step into the shower unit itself.

Lounge

The lounge is located on the first floor with level access from the stairs via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with carpet. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights and furnished with sofas and coffee tables.

Dining room

The dining room is located on the ground floor with level access from the entrance through a single leaf door (access is narrow due to the staircase).

The floor is level and surfaced with non-slip vinyl. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights. There are dining tables and straight-backed chairs without armrests. All furniture can be moved.

Self-catering kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor with level access from the dining room. The floor is level and surfaced with non-slip vinyl. The room is well-lit.

The kitchen is equipped with 2 domestic-sized electric cookers, microwave, toasters, cordless kettles, fridge, freezer and range of kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in wall-mounted units or shelving.

There is another table and straight-backed chairs in the centre of the kitchen which limits access around the room.

Drying facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor with level access from the entrance via a single leaf door. The floor is level and surfaced with concrete. The room is well-lit and contains hanging rails and a radiator.

Bedrooms and bathrooms

Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds. Each room is carpeted and well-lit with ceiling and individual bed lights. A washbasin is also available in some of our bedrooms (but not all). All bedding is provided.

All bathrooms have fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. Showers have a step up to enter.

Ground floor

- One room that sleeps up to 7 people. It includes a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed underneath and 2 sets of bunk beds.
- Two communal showers.
- Four communal WCs.

First floor

- Four rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 5 people. It includes a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed underneath and a set of bunk beds.

Grounds and garden

At the back of the hostel is a small uneven grass area. There is a footpath surfaced with flagstones and three picnic benches available for guests to use.

Cycle store

Cycles can be stored in the gated storage area adjacent to the entrance door (waste and recycling are also stored here).

Additional information

- Dogs are permitted at YHA Coniston Coppermines when hiring the whole hostel through YHA Exclusive Hire. Pet dogs will have access to the public areas within the hostel but are not permitted in hostel bedrooms or kitchens and must not be left unattended. Assistance dogs are welcome throughout – please notify us at the time of booking.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hostel.
- Staff are not available on-site. You can call our out-of-hours service for assistance from the YHA team based in Coniston village (for details, see the guest information folder in the hostel).
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are fitted.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.

- Mobile phone reception varies within the hostel depending on the operator. There is an emergency landline on the ground floor.
- Wi-Fi is available at this hostel via a Sky hotspot called 'The Cloud'. This is free to use and does not require a password.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Coniston Coppermines, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8HP
- Telephone: 0345 3719630
- Email: coppermines@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: 96
- Local bus: Catch the 505 from Windermere – for the hostel, get off at the Crown Inn at Coniston www.stagecoachbus.com
- Local taxi: Windermere Taxis 015394 44144

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.