



YHA Streatley-on-Thames – Access Statement

Introduction

YHA Streatley-on-Thames is a comfortable Victorian house located a five-minute walk from one of the prettiest stretches of the River Thames. It is set at the crossroads of the Thames Path and Ridgeway National Trails, and has gorgeous National Trust woodlands stretching out behind. There are plenty of leisurely walks and cycle rides in the vicinity, not to mention rowing at nearby Pangbourne.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this two-storey building set in the picturesque village of Streatley. We have a ground floor bedroom, though none of our bedrooms or bathrooms 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-streatley-on-thames.

This access statement was last updated in September 2025.

Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Goring & Streatley, a mile away.
- The nearest bus stop is within 100m of the hostel. A frequent service runs to this stop, usually served by accessible buses.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when pre-booked.
- The roads approaching the hostel are level to moderately inclined. There is a narrow pavement on at least one side of the road and limited streetlighting.
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-streatley-on-thames/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

Parking for 10 cars is available on our drive but please be aware that the drive is very steep (30m at a gradient of 1:8). It levels out at the top and we can reserve a space there for you with advance notice. The drive is surfaced with concrete. Additional free roadside parking can be found 5 minutes away.

From the car park there are 8 stone steps up with a handrail on one side. Then there is a paved walkway to the main entrance. We are more than happy to help with your luggage. The car park and the main entrance are well-lit at night. 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

From the paved walkway there are 5 stone steps up with handrails on both sides. There is then a single leaf door which opens inwards into the entry hall. From here

there is level access to the public areas of the ground floor. There is a set of double doors through into the reception lobby.

The flooring in this area is short-pile carpet and it is well-lit with ceiling lights. An induction loop is available on request at the reception desk. There is also a payphone and an emergency phone number to connect to a member of staff (on site) at night. There is no seating here, but the dining room is close and we can bring a chair through if required.

Public areas

Halls, corridors and stairs

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

We do not have a lift, so access to the first floor is only by a set of carpet stairs with non-slip contrasting nosing and a hand rail on one side. The stairs to the basement are also carpeted and have a handrail on one side.

Public toilets

There are two gender-neutral toilets on the ground floor with level access from reception, though neither is accessible to modern standards. Both have non-slip flooring and are well-lit.

Lounge

The lounge is located on the ground floor. From the entrance hall there is a single leaf door into the room. The floor is level throughout and the flooring is short pile carpet. It is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The room is furnished with coffee tables, sofas, armchairs, a circular dining table and straight-backed chairs with armrests. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you require assistance.

Dining room

The dining room is located on the ground floor. From the entrance hall there is a single leaf door into the room. The floor is level and surfaced with carpet tiles. It is well-lit with ceiling lights.

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

Table service is available – please ask at reception. We are also happy to cater for dietary requirements or any likes or dislikes (please let us know before arrival).

Self-catering kitchen and dining area

The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor. There is a single leaf door into this room. The floor is level and there is non-slip vinyl flooring. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The kitchen is equipped with a fridge freezer, a microwave, a cordless kettle, a toaster, a cooker with hobs and grill, and additional gas hobs set into the worktop. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units. We are happy to move these to lower storage if required. The sinks are fitted with round head taps.

There are tables available in the kitchen, along with stool seating.

Drying facilities

The drying room is located in the basement. There are 8 steps down to the basement with level access to the drying room from here. There is good lighting and the flooring is non-slip. There are washing lines for guests to hang clothing.

Classroom

The classroom is located on the ground floor of the annexe building. From the main entrance there are the 5 steps down, followed by a level path to access it. There is level access from inside the hostel via a single leaf door from the main hostel kitchen. If you let us know in advance, we are happy to make this route available.

The classroom is level and has short pile carpet flooring. It is well-lit with ceiling lights. We can provide tables and chairs in a variety of seating arrangements.

Bedrooms and bathrooms

Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds and a washbasin. Our rooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling lights. Bedding is provided.

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

Ground floor

- One room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes 2 sets of bunk beds. This room does not include a washbasin and there are two steps down to enter.
- Two toilets.
- One shower.
- One washroom with two washbasins and a water filling station.

First floor

Access to this floor is via a set of 18 steps.

- Two rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- Two rooms that sleep up to 4 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds.
- Two rooms that sleep up to 5 people each. They include 2 sets of bunk beds and a single bed.
- Three rooms that sleep up to 6 people each. They include 3 sets of bunk beds.
- Five showers.
- Four toilets.

Grounds and garden

We have approximately a quarter of an acre of gardens which slope moderately away from the main building. There are 7 steps down to the garden from the main entrance. Four picnic benches are available in the garden.

Cycle store

The cycle shed is 20m from the main entrance, connected by paved and concrete paths and two steps.

Additional information

- Pets are not permitted at YHA Streatley-on-Thames, though assistance dogs are welcome throughout – please notify us at the time of booking.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hostel.
- Staff may not always be on-site but can be contacted, including at night, via the phone in reception.
- Braille signs are fitted on room and corridor doors.
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms are fitted. Our teams won't fetch you in the event of an emergency so, if the alarms go off, please don't wait for a member of staff – get yourself out of the building by the nearest exit. Arrangements for guests needing assistance to evacuate should be discussed beforehand.
- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception is good within the hostel.
- Wi-Fi is available.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Streatley-on-Thames, Hill House, Reading Road, Streatley, Berkshire, RG8 9JJ
- Telephone: 0345 3719044
- Email: streatley@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: 174
- Local buses: Catch the BB4 or the 135 from the train station and get off at The Bull – for details, see www.oxfordbus.co.uk
- Local taxis: Purbeck Taxi Centre & Private Hire 01929 501205

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.