



YHA Truleigh Hill – Access Statement

Introduction

This quiet spot is close to some fabulous walking and cycling holiday routes and spectacular views. Set in the South Downs National Park, just inland from coastal towns of Shoreham, Brighton, Hove and Worthing, YHA Truleigh Hill provides modern accommodation – ideal for family activity breaks and school trips – plus a pleasant, open garden away from busy roads.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this three-storey building located 4 miles from Shoreham-by-Sea. We have ground floor bedrooms but none of our bedrooms or bathrooms meet modern standards of accessibility.

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-truleigh-hill.

This access statement was last updated in April 2024.

Pre-arrival

- The nearest rail station is Shoreham-by-Sea, 4.3 miles away.
- The nearest bus stop is also in Shoreham-by-Sea.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when pre-booked.
- The road from Shoreham-by-Sea is a narrow single lane with passing places. The final 200m is steep and unsurfaced with no pavements or streetlights.
- The hostel's location can be viewed on YHA's website at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-truleigh-hill/directions.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (see contact information).

Car parking and arrival

There is parking space for 20 cars on site. There are no marked bays but we are happy to reserve a space close to the entrance. The car park is sloped and surfaced with gravel. It is not lit during the 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

There are two concrete steps without a handrail followed by another step up to the main entrance. The door is a manual single leaf which opens inwards. From here there are a further 3 steps up to the ground floor.

Reception is located on the first floor. From the ground floor entrance hall, there is a flight of 17 steps up to the first floor followed by a single leaf door into the lounge and reception area. The floor here is level and surfaced with wooden floorboards. It is well-lit with ceiling lights.

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. The corridor flooring is carpet throughout.

There is no lift at this hostel, so access to the first floor is by a set of 17 steps only. The stairs are carpeted and have a handrail fitted on one side.

Lounge

Our lounge is located on the first floor with level access from the stairs via a single leaf door. The room is level with wooden floorboards and well-lit with ceiling lights. The room is furnished with sofas, armchairs, coffee tables and stools. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you require assistance.

Dining room

The dining room is located on the first floor and has level access from the lounge via an open doorway. The floor is surfaced with floorboards and the room is brightly lit by natural light during the day and by ceiling lights at night.

There are dining tables, benches and stools without armrests here. All furniture can be moved – please ask at reception if you require assistance. Table service is available (please ask at reception). We can also cater for dietary requirements or particular likes or dislikes – please advise us of these before arrival.

Self-catering kitchen

The self-catering kitchen is located on the first floor and has level access from the stairs via two single leaf doors. The floor is level and surfaced with non-slip lino. The room is well lit with ceiling lights.

The kitchen is equipped with 2 small ovens, large fridge, 8 electric rings, microwave oven and a range of kitchen equipment, crockery and cutlery. Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units. We are happy to move these to lower storage if required.

Drying facilities

The drying room is located on the ground floor. There is level access from the entrance area. The drying room has non-slip flooring and is well-lit by ceiling lights. There are boot racks and rails, including low rails for drying coats and clothes.

Bedrooms and bathrooms

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

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

Ground floor

From the entrance hall, there is a single leaf door and two steps up to the following.

- Three rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- Two rooms that sleep up to 6 people each. They include 3 sets of bunk beds.
- 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.
- One washroom with two showers and a toilet.
- Two separate showers and a toilet.

First floor

- Three rooms that sleep up to 2 people each. They include a set of bunk beds.
- One room that sleeps up to 4 people. It includes a single high-sleeper bunk with a double bed underneath and a single bed.
- Two rooms that sleep up to 6 people each. They include 3 sets of bunk beds.
- 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.
- One male washroom with a shower and a toilet.
- One female washroom with a shower and a toilet.
- Two separate showers and two toilets.

Grounds and garden

The gardens surround the hostel on three sides. The plot is sloped to approximately a 30 degree angle. There is a flat courtyard area to the front of the hostel. Most of the grounds are grassed and surrounded by trees.

The South Downs Way long-distance footpath passes by the front of the hostel. This is an unsurfaced road, with many potholes and loose gravel. Other paths around the hostel are also made of loose gravel. There are picnic tables in the courtyard area to the front of the hostel.

Cycle store

The cycle shed is a garage on the side of the building, which is accessed by an unsurfaced sloped driveway. There are 8 semi-vertical bike racks inside the shed as well as ground storage for up to 12 bikes. The shed is padlocked and the key available at reception.

There are also 3 Sheffield stands for up to 6 bikes located outside at the front of the hostel, alongside a public repair station and pump for guest use. Essentials including puncture repair kits and locks are available from the hostel.

Camping & Cabins accommodation

There are two safari tents located to the east of the building. These are accessed by via a set of 6 or 8 steps up to a wooden decking area. Two Landpods are also in this area, along with 3 shower shacks and 3 toilet shacks.

Two bell tents are located in the field opposite the hostel, around 100m from the main building. There is sloped access to the tents (no steps) though toilet facilities are located in the main building. An accessible toilet with ramp access is being installed during spring 2024.

Additional information

- Pets are not permitted at YHA Truleigh Hill, except in our Camping & Cabins accommodation. Assistance dogs are welcome throughout – please notify us at the time of booking.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hostel.
- Staff are not always on-site but can be contacted via an emergency phone at reception. It can take up to 45 minutes for staff to attend site.
- 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 poor within the hostel and immediate vicinity.
- Limited Wi-Fi is available in the lounge.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Truleigh Hill, Tottington Barn, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5FB
- Telephone: 0345 3719047
- Email: truleigh@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey map: 198
- Local taxis: Access Taxis 01903 755533

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.