

**YHA Okehampton (Adventure Okehampton) manages three sites in the Okehampton area The Goods shed, 25 bedrooms, Bracken Tor, 11 bedrooms.**

## **ACCESS STATEMENT**

## **BRACKEN TOR**

### **Introduction**

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 11 bedroom hostel. There are two buildings on the site **The Main house** and **The Filter House** both are 2-storey buildings which are set in about 4 acre grounds within the Dartmoor National Park. There is direct access over a stile to open Moorland from the grounds. The following statement is a summary of our provision. If you have any specific questions about access please contact us and we will endeavour to help.

### **Pre-Arrival**

**Train.information:** Okehampton Station (half a mile), Sun, Jun - Sep; otherwise Coplestone 13m, Exeter St David's 22m.

**Bus.information:** First Western X9/10 Exeter-Bude ( BR Exeter St David's), alight Okehampton, then Steep hill from town centre to Hostel. half mile, 187 BR Gunnislake-Okehampton station (Sun, Jun-Sep only).

**Taxi service** has accessible taxis if required. We can make a booking for you.

**Shop-mobility scheme,** the nearest is situated in Exeter 20 miles away at Deck F King William Street Car Park, King William Street, Exeter,EX4 6PD Tel: 01392 494001.

**Contact.** The hostel's details can be seen on the YHA website: [www.yha.org.uk](http://www.yha.org.uk) or on our own website [www.adventureokehampton.com](http://www.adventureokehampton.com). You can contact the hostel by phone 01837 53916, fax 01837 53965 or e-mail YHA Okehampton [okebookings@btconnect.com]

**Arrival & Car Parking Facilities** All visitors should check in to the Goods Shed reception before going to Bracken Tor. The Bracken Tor site is a 10minute walk from the goods shed with some steep uphill, or a few minutes drive, directions can be given in reception. Special arrangements can be made to meet visitors at Bracken Tor but this should be booked in advance. Part of the track from the main road is un-surfaced and is not accessible to coaches or large vehicles.

**The Goods Shed reception.** There is a low bridge just before the entrance to the car park 10.3 feet, we do have alternative dropping off and parking facilities at the railway station, this should be pre booked, should your vehicle be too high for the bridge. This option will involve about 100mtr. Road walk to the Hostel

**Car Parking at the Goods shed.** Ample parking (40 yards from main entrance). One marked bay, disabled parking. Please try to provide advance notice if assistance will be needed to move to and from cars. Level pathway with even surface leading from car park to main entrance.

**Main Entrance & Reception** Seating is available in the Reception hallway.

## **BRACKEN TOR**

**Car Parking Facilities at Bracken Tor** There is ample parking close to the entrance of Bracken Tor, parking is not permitted in front of either building.

**Main Entrance** Level access from car park to the Filter house, 30 yards, a steep up hill walk to the Main house. 50 yards.

### **Public Areas –**

**General** Good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building. Well lit corridors, Floor covering is carpet, ceramic tile or laminate flooring.

### **WCs**

**Main house** Disabled WC with chair access shower in main house close to entrance.

Three further WC and showers on first floor

**Filter house** One WC on ground floor two shower rooms with WC on first floor

### **Dining Room / lounge**

**Main house** This is on the ground floor and is one room for both uses Dining Room tables are movable. Table service is available in Dining Room if requested in advance at Reception.

**Filter House** This is on the ground floor and is one room for both uses. Dining Room tables are movable. Guests are welcome to use the dining room when available as a lounge.

**Self-catering kitchen** There is no self catering at the main house guests are welcome to use the self catering at the filter house. Level access to self-catering kitchen. Clear, visible signs for advice on equipment use. 1 electric cooker with 4 burners and 1 stainless steel table (height 3' / 900mm).

**Laundry & drying facilities** No laundry facilities a drying room down steep stairway in main house

#### **Bedrooms – Ground Floor**

**Main House** 1 bedrooms on ground floor ,

**Filter house** 0 bedrooms on ground floor

#### **Bedrooms – First Floor**

**Main house** Staircase to 1<sup>st</sup> Floor has 2 flights, each of 7 steps. Handrails are fitted on one side (right hand side when going upstairs). 6 bedrooms on first floor. 3 en-suite shower rooms.

**Filter house** 4 bedrooms on first floor

#### **Washrooms – Ground Floor**

##### **Main house**

A wheel-in shower (with toilet and low level basin) built to DDA standards is situated in the downstairs entrance..

**Filter House** 1 washroom

#### **Washrooms – First Floor**

##### **Main house**

Three washrooms not sexed each with 3 showers, 3 WCs and 3 washbasins.

##### **Filter House**

Two wash rooms.

**Grounds & gardens** Grounds (approx 4 acre) some level areas but generally sloping. Outside seating area next to both buildings loose chippings.

#### **Additional information**

No pets/dogs are allowed inside the buildings but dogs are allowed in the grounds, please ensure any mess is cleaned up immediately (service dogs are welcome).

No smoking in hostel.

A member of staff is usually available on site or a emergency contact phone number is left at quiet times,.

Emergency lighting and fire alarms fitted to both buildings. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation.

Evacuation procedures shown (in each bedroom on back of door).

Mobile phone reception is good within immediate vicinity.

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#### **Contact information**

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Hours of operation: Reception open from 8 am to 10 am and from 5 pm to 11 pm.

**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.**