



Lockerbrook Physical Accessibility Statement

The purpose of this statement is to assist users of Lockerbrook to understand the physical layout and access to the Centre. It may be particularly useful to users with physical limitations.

We understand that there are many different experiences of disability and we are happy to talk through specific limitations and solutions to ensure all our users feel welcome.

Access to Lockerbrook

Lockerbrook is situated in a remote area on the side of a hill. It is surrounded by rough tracks, steep wooded hillsides and rocky terrain.

It can be accessed from the A57 along a 1 mile rough-surfaced bridleway. Vehicular access is by car or minibus (maximum 19 seat).

There are a minimum of two gates that need opening and closing along the track. Access out of the vehicle is required to operate these.

There is pedestrian access up the bridleway or up a path from Fairholmes Visitors Centre. These routes are steep, uneven, have steps in places and can be very muddy and are typical of public access in the Peak District.

The path directly from the car-park into the Centre is stepped with minimal handrails. We recommend anyone with limited mobility is dropped off by the main gate from the track, where there is level access around the site.

Buildings and communal areas

Courtyard

The majority of the main paved communal area is accessible by wheelchair. There is level access to the ground floor entrances of both buildings.

East Barn

The East Barn consists of 4 twin rooms (bunks) and three dorms with 12, 10 and 6 bunk beds in, a total of 36 bed spaces. It also has male and female toilets and showers.



A 6 bed dormitory room is situated on the ground floor and has level access from the courtyard via the East Barn foyer. Two of the bunk beds are detachable, enabling the top bunks to be removed (creating single beds) to improve access and space. There is an option for an emergency pull cord (please let us know if you wish this to be installed).

Adjacent to the 6 bed dormitory is an wheelchair accessible toilet and shower with emergency pull cord. The surface from the foyer into the toilet/shower is level.

West Barn

The kitchen and dining room are level access with a short ramp down to the dining room from the inner foyer and a level surface from the outside into the kitchen and dining room area.

There are two unisex toilets in cubicles that are level access, but not wheelchair accessible.

At present, the activity room is up a flight of stairs which is therefore not accessible independently to those in a wheelchair or if mobility is severely restricted.

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