

YHA Coverack

YHA Coverack is a Victorian country house situated in a traditional Cornish fishing village on the Lizard peninsula. The main staircase is from the U.S. liner, The Mohegan, wrecked on the nearby Manacle Rocks. The house is set in large grounds that contain an orchard Campsite and a lawned area for games. There are panoramic views across the spectacular Lizard coastline.



Food & Drink

YHA Coverack is fully licensed. We serve a range of Wines as well as a range of Cornish drinks. These include Black & Gold Cider, Local Ales and Skinners Cornish Lager.

As we are licensed you are not allowed to bring your own.

YHA Facilities

YHA Coverack has 9 bedrooms, including 6 with double beds. Five of our rooms are **en-suite** and most have **spectacular sea views!** Our Dining room with its superb sea views is a great place to sit and enjoy a meal with us.

There is a games area that includes a **pool table** that is **free to use!** We also have a **laundry facility**, large **Drying Room** and a fully equipped **self-catering kitchen**. There is also a lounge with a **book exchange**.

All the bedrooms include a washbasin; all the bedding is provided, including blankets on request. Towels are available for hire as well as a hairdryer. **Travel Cot** (please ask when booking) & **High Chair** available.

We also have a good selection of **board games** available and **beach games** (bucket & spades etc) are free for you to use.

You have **24-hour access** to the building with a bedroom key and a front door code.

The large secluded grounds are suitable for playing games. We have **outdoor games** available on request.

General Area

YHA Coverack is a popular holiday destination on the east side of the Lizard Peninsula. The area has an array of sights, attractions and activities. It is great for either a fun and action packed holiday or as a peaceful place to just relax and enjoy the views.

There are plenty of beaches accessible from Coverack, the best of which are as follows:

Main beach, Coverack (5 min walk down the hill to the village) – this wide pebble & sand beach is ideal for swimming, windsurfing, snorkelling and sea kayaking. There is no beach at high tide & the amount of sand varies year to year! Surf Skies & Kayaks for hire from harbour. Toilets at Car Park.

Mears beach, Coverack (10 min walk West along the Coast Path) - this quiet, secluded cove has a lovely sandy beach at very low tide only. Occasionally there is some surf after a strong SE wind. Good for snorkelling.

Kennack Sands, East of Cadgwith (15 min drive, 2hr walk) – the popular holiday beach, long stretches of sand at all times and shallow waters makes this an ideal family beach. Best South Coast beach for surfing. Car park & Toilets next to beach and a Café in the school holidays.

Kynance Cove, West Coast of Lizard (20 min drive) – this picture postcard beach is the most popular on the Lizard Peninsula. Spectacular rock formations, white sands and clear blue waters give this beach its great reputation. No beach at high tide. Unsafe for swimming. National Trust Car Park on the cliff top. Café & Toilets near beach are open in season.

N.B. The only Life Guarded Beaches are Poldhu, Church Cove, (to the North West of Mullion.) and Kennack Sands

Things to do in the area

Activities

Coverack Windsurfing School, Coverack (5 min walk) Tel: 01326 280939
From taster sessions to 14-day courses. Up to RYA level 5. www.coverack.co.uk

BF Adventure, Penryn (30 minute drive) Tel: 01326 340912
Full range of activities available in this network of old quarries www.bfadventure.org
Activities include canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling and use of the zip wire

Lizard Adventure on the Lizard Peninsula www.lizardadventure.co.uk
Sea kayaking, rock climbing on the cliffs and coastering

South West Coastal Path, (starts 2 min walk from hostel)
Lizard Peninsula 5 hrs walk (West), bus connections via Helston available for one-way sections
Helford River 5 hrs walk (East)

Bike Hire, Helston (20 min drive, 30 min by bus)
Family Cycles Tel: 01326 573719
Bike Success Tel: 01326 564564

Porthleven Cycle Hire, Porthleven (30 min drive) Tel: 01326 562976
Cycle hire, will deliver to the hostel email hirebikes@gmail.com

Horse Riding on the Lizard peninsula
Newton Livery, Mullion (20 min drive). Tel: 01326 240388
Poltesco Stables, Ruan Minor (15 min drive). Tel: 01326 240591

Porth Kerris Dive School, St.Keverne Tel: 01326 280620
Diving on the various wrecks around the notorious Manacles rocks

Coastal Cruises and Fishing Trips, Porhleven

Tel: 01326 561885

Make your Cornish experience complete with a cruise along our beautiful coastline, guided by a local skipper! A range of angling trips available, starting with a 2-hour Mackerel trip

Helford River Boat Hire, Helford

Tel: 01326 250770

Hire a small motorboat, sailing dinghy, rowing boat or canoe and explore this special area. Visit the romantic Frenchman's Creek, Glendurgan & Trebah gardens or visit the famous Inns on either side of the creek.

Attractions**The National Maritime Museum Cornwall**

www.nmmc.co.uk

(Falmouth, 40 min drive)

Cornish Camels, Rosuick (10 min drive).

Tel: 01326 231119

Meet the camels, visit the organic farm shop and have a tractor-trailer ride!

Poldark Mine, nr Helston (20 min drive)

Tel: 01326 573 173

Tin Mine, Museum, Gardens – All Weather Park.

Roskillys, St Keverne (5 min drive, 45min walk)

Tel: 01326 280 479

Open Working Farm and pond gardens. See how Ice cream & fudge are made, and the Jersey cows being milked. FREE entry

Gweek Seal Sanctuary, Gweek (15 min drive)

Tel: 01326 221 847

National Seal Sanctuary on the Helford River.

www.sealsanctuary.co.uk

Flambards Theme Park, Helston (15 min drive)

Tel: 01326 573404

Activity theme park with lots of attractions for children.

www.flambards.co.uk

Pendennis Castle, Falmouth (45 min drive)

Tel: 01326 316594

Cornwall's greatest Tudor Stronghold, English Nature.

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Eden Project, nr St Austell (1 to 1.5 hour drive)

www.edenproject.com

Amazing Biosphere Domes.

The Lizard, (20 min drive)

The most southerly point in England with two good cafés from where you can watch the rare Cornish Chough. This Cornish emblem breeds on the cliffs just below the café and can be seen from March onwards. This spectacular stretch of coast path has a great choice of circular walks. Lizard Lighthouse tours available.

Lands End, (1hr drive)

Tel: 01736 871 220

A range of attractions, some free, some payable.

www.landsend-landmark.co.uk

Minack Theatre, (1hr drive, nr Lands End)

Tel: 01736 810 181

Fantastic open-air theatre with productions staged all weathers, afternoons and evenings, from Easter to mid Sept.

Tourist Information Office Tel: 01872 322900

These are just a range of the main activities available in the area; if you need any further help please do not hesitate to contact us at the hostel.

We have handy local walks sheets available and OS Maps for hire.

How to find us....

By public transport: If travelling by train alight at Redruth and take the Western Greyhound bus to Helston (Tesco). Here change onto the Coverack bus. Please note buses to Coverack do not run very frequently. From the bus stop in Coverack, walk along the sea front until you see the phone box on your right. Turn right up the hill. The YHA gate is on your right near the top. To check out times try www.westerngreyhound.com or phone **01637 871 871**

A great website for planning your journey with is www.travelinesw.com

By road: Take the B3293 from Helston to the Lizard, and then Coverack/St Keverne. At Zoar garage, about 1 mile before you reach Coverack village, turn right following a signpost to the hostel. This avoids the congested village, and steep hills. Follow the narrow lane, and after 1 mile, turn left. Coverack and the hostel is one mile down the road, next to the Village School. There is only access for cars and mini buses under 20 seats. Ample parking space in hostel grounds. **If you require large coach access, contact us for details.**

If using a Sat. Nav. Please use our postcode – TR12 6SA

LATEST CHECK-IN TIME IS 10pm