



## **Black Bull House**

Indoor Accommodation for groups of Scouts and Guides

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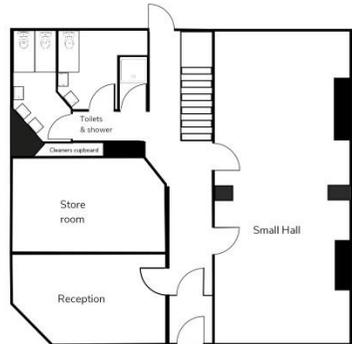
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## Layout

Black Bull House is across three floors.

On the ground floor there is a reception room with comfortable seating, a small hall for games etc., male and female toilets and a shower.

## Ground floor

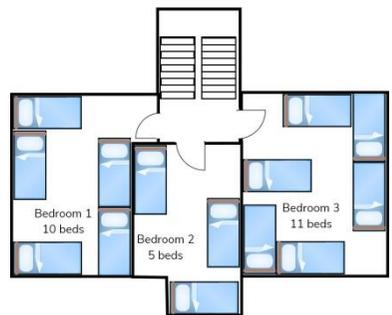


## First floor



On the first floor is the kitchen with large cooker, fridge and microwave. There is also the main hall and the office which has a small double sofa bed.

## Second floor



The second floor is the main dormitory area, with three rooms sleeping 26 people.

Due to the location of the toilets on the ground floor some Beaver Scout colonies prefer to use the downstairs hall to sleep on the floor.

There are tables and chairs to seat 70 persons, and enough crockery and cutlery. There is also a yard to the rear of the building for two vehicles and a large grassed area suitable for games, activities and bouncy castles.

**Please note, due to the layout of the building across three floors it is not suitable for people with mobility difficulties.**

# Things to do

The beauty of the Derwent Valley hides its once industrial heritage. As well as



[Derwentcote Steel Furnace](#)

many former coal pit villages, it is the home of [Tanfield Railway](#), the oldest railway in the World, and [Causey Arch](#), the oldest single span railway bridge in the World. It is also the home of steel making, with Britain's oldest [Steel furnace at](#)

[Derwentcote](#). All of these within walking distance

of the headquarters. [The Land of Oak and Iron](#) website has more information on local historical sites and walks to explore this amazing area. You should also catch a view of the Red Kites gliding across the sky.

[Beamish Open Air Museum](#), just 10 minutes away, is a fantastic museum with recreated villages and mines from the early 1800s to the 1950s, for a chance to see what life was like in the north east of England. Close by there is also the [Beamish Wild](#) high ropes and treetop adventure.



[Beamish Museum](#)



[Hadrian's Wall near Housesteads](#)

A bit further back in time, there are remains of Roman Forts close by in Lanchester and [Ebchester](#), which were on Dere Street, the Roman road to Hadrian's Wall. [Corbridge Roman Town](#), about 25 minutes away, has impressive remains, and Hadrian's Wall itself is just an hour away. The most impressive part of the wall is at [Housesteads](#), or you can see a recreation of a Roman fort at [Arbeia Roman Fort](#) in South Shields.

## High Force, North Pennines



We are also just 10 minutes away from the North Pennines AONB, with many walks, cycle routes and the chance to take part in outdoor activities.

The C2C cycleways are close by, with the Derwent Walk to Newcastle to the north,

and Consett to Sunderland route less than mile to the south, making the headquarters an ideal final night's accommodation for your C2C challenge.

The cities of Newcastle and Durham are within 30 minutes drive. With many museums and attractions, including Durham Cathedral which was one of the locations for the Harry Potter films.

Just some of the many other local attractions include:

- Diggerland
- Gibside National Trust
- Gateshead Metrocentre, including Clip and Climb, bowling and Cinema
- Battlezone Laser and No Limits Paintball/Laser
- The Durham Treasure Trail
- Newcastle Code Breaking Walk or The Newcastle Spy Mission Treasure Trail
- Adventure Valley
- Hexham Abbey and Old Gaol

## Arrival and Departure

There is parking for two vehicles in the yard to the rear of the building and one at the side. If children are being dropped off and picked up by parents, can you ask them not to stop in front of the building, and to park in the public car park, which is just 50 metres up the road?