



SCHOOL GROUPS INFORMATION

BLUE MOUNTAINS YHA FOR SCHOOLS



Thank you for your enquiry regarding accommodation at the Blue Mountains YHA.

Conveniently located in the heart of Katoomba, the Blue Mountains YHA offers groups affordable accommodation and modern facilities in one of the largest YHAs in the Australia. Opened in May 2001 the Blue Mountains YHA brings the glory days of Katoomba in the 1920s-30s back to life. Our fully renovated Art Deco guesthouse retains its original charm (as well as its Cabaret stage & sprung dance floor!)

We can accommodate groups of all shapes, sizes and ages up to approximately 100 people.

THE FACILITIES

- Comfortable 4 to 8 share dormitory-style accommodation for group members
- Limited number of single/twin/double rooms.
- 24 Hour access
- Reception from 7am to 10pm and night supervisor after hours
- Meeting and conference facilities available on request
- Wheelchair access
- Lockers in all shared rooms
- Room card keys for security
- Information desk and tour booking service
- Internet and email access
- Off-street parking, including a space for buses
- Separate kitchen, lounge and dining room for groups.
- BBQ
- Laundry facilities
- Central heating
- Games area
- Large screen TV with free video rental
- Luggage storage available in coin-operated lockers after checkout.

Activities

Teachers, take the hassle out of organising your next school trip. Blue Mountains YHA has joined forces with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens to help time-starved teachers organise school group itineraries that can be tailored to suit any school needs or curriculum requirements.

We offer a range of environmental bushwalks and cultural programs, developed and led by specialist Discovery Rangers, The Blue Mountains Botanic Garden's Education Team, and Aboriginal Discovery Rangers.

Blue Mountains YHA now has a dedicated Group Coordinator who will be able to arrange all of your chosen activities (at no extra charge), along with all accommodation and meals. Please fill out the attached booking requests and fax back to Blue Mountains YHA.

Blue Mountains YHA

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YHA's Commitment to your Group

Blue Mountains YHA has a Group Reservations Co-ordinator to ensure your requirements are met and you have an enjoyable stay.

- YHA will take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety and security of your group and their property.
- YHA staff are trained and capable of handling emergency situations.
- A member of staff will be available 24 hours a day and can be called upon to help with any emergencies.
- You will be allocated separate group bedrooms and will not be expected to share with other guests not in your group.
- If your group comprises of children under 18 years old your group leaders, including the coach driver and any other accompanying adults will be allocated separate rooms from the group.
- These rooms will be allocated as close as possible to the rest of the group to facilitate effective supervision. If however you have a group of a young age and prefer to be in the same room as them, this can be arranged.

Risk Management

Blue Mountains YHA is pro-active in taking preventative measures as its property to ensure we maintain the highest possible standards in the field of risk management. YHA staff are trained and capable of handling emergency situations.

A comprehensive risk assessment is available on request or can be downloaded at:

[Blue Mountains risk assessment form](#)

Nearest Medical Centre:

Katoomba Medical Practice
143 Katoomba St, KATOOMBA, NSW, 2780
(02) 4782 3888

Nearest Hospital:

Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital
Great Western Highway, Katoomba
(+61 2) 4784 6500





The Accommodation

All bedding is provided (doonas, sheets and pillows) however you must bring towels. Bathroom facilities are situated on each floor and shared by the people in dormitory-style rooms.

There are lockers in all share rooms (you need to provide your own padlocks or we have them for sale at reception). Please note that due to the layout of rooms, groups may have to be located on different levels of the building. All rooms within the building require swipe keys for access and a duplicate set can be provided for leaders to access all rooms allocated to your group.

Dorm Rooms

Group members are accommodated in comfortable 4, 6 or 8 share dormitory style rooms. Please bring your own towels for shower and beach. Communal bathrooms are conveniently located on each level.

Supervisor and Driver rooms

Supervisors are accommodated in single, twin and triple rooms with private ensuite.* These rooms include all bed linen, a desk, a television and tea and coffee making facilities. Professional coach drivers are not expected share with group members and will be allocated a single room with ensuite unless otherwise requested.

*Subject to availability.

Group Rates

(NB: all prices are quoted in Australian Dollars and inclusive of GST).

Room type	From 1st Jan 2011 to 31st Dec 2011	From 1st Jan 2012 to 31st Dec 2012
Dormitory room	\$31 B&B	\$31.50 B&B
Single/Twin/Double (bunk-style) room	\$83 B&B	\$84 B&B
Single/Twin/Double (bunk-style) room with en-suite	\$93 B&B	\$94 B&B

All rates include a continental breakfast.

Meals

Groups can self cater for all meals in either the group kitchen (open 24 hrs) or the main guest kitchen (open 6.30am to 10pm).

We can also cater for you: packed lunch \$9.00pp, dinner \$17pp and morning / afternoon tea \$5pp (H2O+Muffin + Muesli bar or a piece of fruit)

There are numerous local restaurants and cafes within walking distance of the hostel for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Groups are required to bring their own Eski's and freezer blocks for food being taken off site.

NOTE: The washing up of crockery, cutlery & cleaning of the dining area is the sole responsibility of the group. If required the caterer will do washing up for an additional 20% of the total.

Group Membership

Groups booking accommodation at any YHA must hold a current group membership. Benefits of joining YHA include special group rates at YHA hostels in Australia and around the world with access to discount-priced travel services for groups. Group membership covers 10 or more persons travelling as part of a registered group. Group membership is available for \$42 and is valid for 12 months worldwide.

*Please fill out membership booking form attached.



HOW TO REACH THE HOSTEL AND PARKING

By Train

Katoomba is a 2 hour train ride from Sydney Central Station. Trains leave at least hourly from early morning to late at night. The hostel is a 700 metre walk down the main street (Katoomba Street) on the right hand side, located next door to the police station. For those with lots of luggage, a taxi rank is located to the right of the station exit.

By Car from Sydney

Take Parramatta Rd west and then the M4 motorway to Emu Plains. This becomes the Great Western Highway that winds west through many of the mountain villages prior to arriving in Katoomba. In Katoomba there is an exit left into Katoomba township that passes over the railway line. Turn left at the first roundabout then right at the second one onto Katoomba Street. The hostel is located on the right just pass the first cross street (Waratah Street), next door to the Police Station.

By Car from Lithgow or further west

Take the Great Western Highway east from Lithgow in the direction of Sydney. You will pass through the townships of Mt Victoria, Blackheath and Medlow Bath before entering Katoomba. Turn right over the railway line at the first set of traffic lights in Katoomba, and then follow directions above from the first roundabout.

Parking

The hostel has 2 car parks, both accessible from Edward Street. One has space for 5-6 cars, while the other has space for 20-25 cars and a coach. To access these car parks, turn right between the hostel and the Police Station.

When both these car parks are full, we recommend parking on Edward Street as there are no parking restrictions. Parking on Katoomba Street is allowed at certain times but please refer to the signposts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or would like a hostel inspection.

We look forward to having you stay with us!

Edward Morris

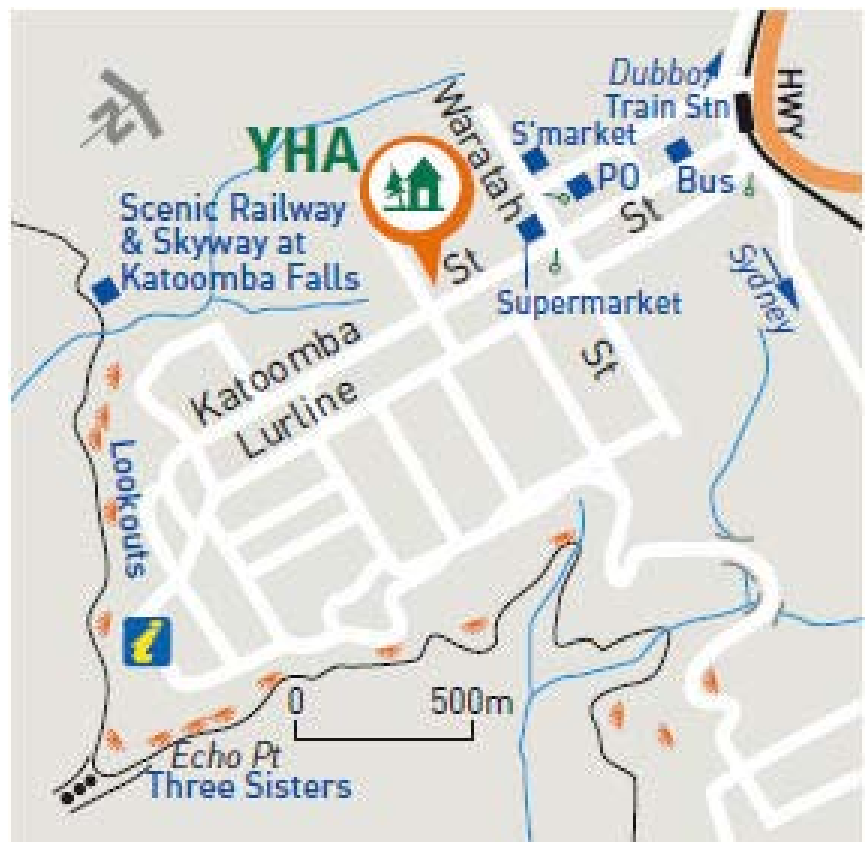
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BOTANIC GARDEN
Mount Tomah

SCHOOL GROUP BOOKING FORM

Blue Mountains YHA

Thanks for your interest in our hostel. Please return completed booking forms either via fax or email. Please contact us if you require any assistance completing these forms.

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GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of School	
Teachers Names	
Phone (daytime)	
Mobile Phone	
Email	
Fax	
Postal Address	

YHA abides by the National Policy Principles in the collection of personal information. Personal information is not disclosed to any third party except as is required by law.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Are you YHA Members?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES. Membership Number: _____ Expiry date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO. Membership is a compulsory requirement for all groups & will be issued at check in. Please complete the group membership details below.		
YHA Group Membership Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year: \$42	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 years: \$84	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 years: \$126
I would like to receive the following free information on YHA Hostels and Services:			
YHA Australia Hostels and Discounts Guide	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks	
Backpacker Essentials – YHA’s Travel Magazine	<input type="checkbox"/> Online	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks
Please also provide me with:			
Voting Material	<input type="checkbox"/> Online	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks	
Annual Report (also available at yha.com.au)	<input type="checkbox"/> Online	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks	

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR HOSTEL?

Has your group stayed at our hostel in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Has your group used other YHA facilities in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – where? _____
How did you first hear about our YHA or where have you found further information about the YHA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth. <input type="checkbox"/> Another website – which website? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> www.yha.com.au . <input type="checkbox"/> Travel agent/Tour operator - which company? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> An advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> YHA brochure or direct mail.

Itinerary selection

Curriculum will be adjusted by the Rangers on each activity to suit age group in the stage (topic).

Stage 3 (grades 5 +6)

- 2 day itinerary
 3 day itinerary

Stage 4 and up (grades 7 & up)

- 2 day itinerary
 3 day itinerary



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Please enter 3 different dates in order of preferred, 1st 2nd & 3rd. Certain times of the year can be booked out well in advance and we will endeavour to find another available date to suit.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS		
Arrival date:	Departure date:	Nights:
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GUEST COMPOSITION			
Number of Guests	Males	Females	TOTAL
Participants			
Leaders			
Professional Bus Driver			
<i>When allocating share rooms YHA provides separate accommodation for male & females unless otherwise requested.</i>		TOTAL GUESTS:	

NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS
Preference 1
Preference 2
Preference 3

GROUP LEADER'S WARRANTY AND UNDERTAKING	
Please refer to the final page of the booking forms for the Group Booking Terms & Conditions	
I/we hereby undertake to accept responsibility for any damage caused to a hostel or organisation property by members of the above group or myself and to recompense the organisation for any such loss. I/we understand that YHA Ltd does not accept responsibility for injury or damage that may occur to any person or property whilst taking part in organisation activities or using the organisation's hostels and facilities, or those associated or affiliated with the organisation or with the International Youth Hostel Federation. The leaders may represent and vote, or may appoint a person 18 years of age or over to represent or vote on behalf of the group at any General Meeting.	
SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: _____

YHA USE ONLY	
Please select:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing
Amount Paid: _____	Receipt No: _____
Payment Type: _____	Date: _____
Hostel: _____	Received By: _____
Valid Until: _____	