

## A12\_(Netherlands)

The **A12** is a highway in the Netherlands, going from Den Haag in the west till Beek in the east of the country.

It passes the cities of Den Haag, Zoetermeer, Gouda, Utrecht, Ede, Arnhem and Zevenaar. At the border the **A12** connects to the German A3.

Some part of the **A12** belongs to the European road E30.

[See full map](#)

## Hitching the A 12

Legend:  (*very good*) |  (*good*) |  (*average*) |  (*bad*) |  (*senseless*)



**Beginning of the motorway.** The motorway starts next to the *Park Malieveld* at the end of the road *Boslaan*. Just before the road splits (A12 goes off to the left in the tunnel) there is a Boslaan bus stop. This bus stop is an **official hitch-hiking spot** (although the blue thumb sign has been covered in various stickers). Lnx tried to hitch from there to Hilversum (via Utrecht) in April 2008 - it took about 30 minutes to leave this first spot.

(1) 

(2)  Den Haag-Centrum

It is easy to stop cars going east at the cycling lane in front of the traffic lights.

(3)  Den Haag  (*good*)

(4)  Voorburg  
 Knooppunt Prins Clausplein **A 4**

(5)  Nootdorp

 service station Knorrestein

(6)  Zoetermeer-Centrum

 (*average*)

(7)  Zoetermeer

(8)  Bleiswijk

(9)  Zevenhuizen

(10)  Waddinxveen

 Knooppunt Gouwe **A 20**

 (*good*)

(11)  Gouda

 (*good*)

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### service station De Andel

(12)  Reeuwijk

### service station Bodegraven

(12a)  Bodegraven

(13)  Nieuwerbrug

(14)  Woerden

### service station Bijleveld

(good) Towards Eindhoven this one seems to be a bit less effective, since most drivers from Den Haag and Rotterdam seem to drive towards Eindhoven over Dordrecht and Breda.

### service station Hellevliet

(15)  De Meern

 Knooppunt  
Oudenrijn A 2

(16)  Nieuwegein

(17)  Kanaleneiland

 (good) There is a sign "forbidden for pedestrians" short before the ramp, which you have to ignore. It is also possible to hitchhike on the bus stop next to the tram stop Kanaleneiland.

(18)  Utrecht-Oost

 (good) for going west to Den Haag, Rotterdam, Leiden and Gouda. You can only reach this spot easily by hitchhiking. There is a huge roundabout / traffic square connecting to the motorway. Just behind the traffic lights on the on ramp there is good space to stop a car, so use a sign with one of the mentioned cities.

 Knooppunt  
Lunetten A 27

### service station De Forten

There is a bus stop on 10 minutes walk away (bus going to Bunnik, and this service area can be reached in 20 minutes from Utrecht city center by bus and walking.

(19)  Bunnik

 (good) There is enough traffic and easy stopping.

(20)  Driebergen

To the west there is no space besides the ramp to stop easily.

(21)  Maarn

(22)  Maarsbergen

### service station Bloemheuvel

### service station Oudenhorst

(23)  Veenendaal-West

(23a)  Veenendaal

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 Knooppunt  
Maanderbroek **A 30**

(24)  Ede-Zuid

 service station Buulderkamp

(25)  Oosterbeek

 Knooppunt  
Grijsoord **A 50**

 t Ginkelse Zand. Infamous cruising spot

 service station De Schaars  (*good*) This petrol station is located only in direction Den Haag. Quite busy, directly between two highway junctions. Enough space at the end of the parking area to stand and stop cars. Get out here if you want to go south towards Eindhoven. This is a busy petrol station. It is possible to get nearby from Arnhem by public transport, then walk to it by the side of the motorway and forest. However, there is a high fence around which is impossible to climb. In the end of 2007 there was a hole in the fence however. To be sure, you may have to take a tool for cutting away one line of barbed wire. This will grant access to this service area ;). From here it is easy to go to all cities in the west of the Netherlands, and it is one of the best places in the east of the Netherlands to find a ride to Brabant or Limburg.

 Knooppunt  
Waterberg **A 50**

(26)  Arnhem-Noord

 (*average*) This ramp is combined with junction Waterberg. Cars cannot stop on the ramp to the west, but it is quite easy to get a ride from the traffic lights, and every car can take you to the next great petrol station. Here you can go north towards Apeldoorn along the A50.

(27)    
Velperbroek **A 348**

(27)  Westervoort

(28)  Duiven

 service station Oudbroeken

(29)  Zevenaar

 Knooppunt  
Oud-Dijk **A 18**

(30)  Beek

 service station Bergh Zuid

 service station Bergh Noord

border crossing \*  
connection to the  
German **A 3**



Dutch motorways



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