

## Auckland

**Auckland** is New Zealand's biggest city.

## Hitching

### From the airport

It's easy to hitch a ride to the city center (instead of paying 15 NZD\$ for the bus). Just walk out of the airport, go right and find the Shell station and ask around. (Guaka got a ride for himself and another guy, from the first person he asked there.) Just make sure you go to the right petrol station. Dan went to the Countdown station, where a lot of the traffic was heading north...

### South towards Hamilton, Taupo, Tauranga, Wellington

Around Auckland there are a lot of highways. The multilane roads on which cyclists and pedestrians are excluded are called motorways. The main highway, State Highway 1, is a motorway as it passes through the city and suburbs. It is possible to get rides from on ramps that have a suitable berm for the vehicles to stop. Not all on ramps allow for this. Alternatively, you should get to the "service centre" dedicated to motorway traffic where you can find rides easily. It is between the Papakura and Drury motorway off ramps.

To get to service centre, get a train to papakura and then outside papkura train station you can get a bus to take you down great south road i think #475 bus which costs \$2. just get off anywhere around #490 great south rd. If you walk it, it takes about 30-40minutes. once you are near #490ish there is a st called parkhaven on your right. walk down park haven rd and follow it as it bends left. at the end of parkhaven there is a grassy area. look to your right at the wood fence next to the last house. jump the fence or (climbthrough the hole if its still there) and you are now in the grounds of the service centre. on 20 May 2013 the hole was still in the fence, but there's a house being built on the grassy area, smack-bang in front of the hole. It should still be possible to use the hole for a while, but an alternative route to the service centre may need to be sought in the future.

So so easy to get a ride:)<http://goo.gl/maps/MTUI>

## North

Apparently there's a gas station on the highway as well. There is also a Countdown petrol station right outside of the airport (closer than the Shell station) where a lot of the traffic seemed to be heading north.

There is a service centre near silverdale turn off on northern motorway before orewa and the toll road. If you can hitch from here there is a good amount of traffic going up far north.