

Waiheke Island - New Zealand

General Information

Waiheke Island has a laid-back, independent island lifestyle which is characteristic of the traditional Kiwi way of life. Green landscape with great outdoors and genuine hospitality of the people make it a wonderful place to visit.

The main town of Oneroa is located on a ridge and affords expansive views over other Gulf islands. The visitor centre is also located here (in the Artworks complex) about 0.6 miles/1 km on the main road from the Waiheke ferry wharf. Onetangi, the most eastern settlement, has a nice sandy beach popular for swimming, surfing and wind surfing and few local cafes. The eastern end of the island is mainly farmland and native fern forest.

Many artists made Waiheke Island their home; and as a result, you will find many artist's shops and art galleries in Oneroa and in the other small settlements on the island.

Also, several vineyards on Waiheke Island provide opportunity for wine tasting tours.

Total # of Rides Listed: 1

Family Rides: 0

Road Rides: 1

MTB Trails: 0

Bike Path Rides: 0

 Loop Rides: 0

 Out & Back Rides: 1



When to Visit

The best time to visit Waiheke Island is during the summer months and into the early autumn (southern hemisphere). The maritime weather is calmer and at its warmest.

Climate and Weather

Waiheke Island is in the Hauraki Gulf and enjoys a warm climate.

How to Get There

Ferry service runs daily between Auckland and Waiheke Island. Take the Fullers passenger ferry from Auckland Ferry Terminal to Waiheke Island. The ride begins at the Waiheke Ferry Terminal. Check Fullers schedule for the latest ferry time tables at <http://www.fullers.co.nz>.

At the time of this writing - February 2007 - the fare from Auckland to Waiheke Island is NZ\$ 28.50 for round trip and NZ\$ 15.60 for a one way trip for an adult and less for senior citizens and children. There is no charge for transporting bicycles.

Note that transporting bicycles is subject to available space, which should not be an issue, unless you are traveling on an event day such as the Waiheke Wine Festival; in which case, you should check with Fullers ahead of time. Tandem bicycles can also easily fit on the ferry.

The Auckland Fullers' Ferry Terminal is located across the street from Britomart Transportation Station. You can take local train transit (MAXX) <http://www.maxx.co.nz/> to the Britomart Station (Auckland's Central Business District and transportation hub). A bicycle ticket must be purchased for each train trip at the cost of NZ\$1 (as of February 2007). Carrying of bicycles onboard trains is dependent on space and at the discretion of onboard staff. Avoid travelling with bicycles at peak times, as space will be limited.

If you are traveling by car to Waiheke check the SeaLink Ferry Service <http://www.sealink.co.nz/> or other ferry services from Auckland's Half Moon Bay.

Accommodations

The accommodation on Waiheke Island range from campgrounds to youth hostels, motels, and B&Bs. Reservations are recommended during summer season.

The Roads

The roads on Waiheke Island are mostly of paved sealed chip surface and quite narrow in places with minimal or no guardrails. The very eastern part of the island is accessible only by gravel or unfinished surface roads.

What You Need To Know

Waiheke Island is only 35 minutes by ferry from Auckland. It is favored by Aucklanders for a nice one day getaway, offering a reprieve from the city hustle and enticing visitors with its art galleries and vineyards.

Road Rides (1-1 of 1)

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