

DOWNTOWN **Transit** **SIGHTSEEING GUIDE**



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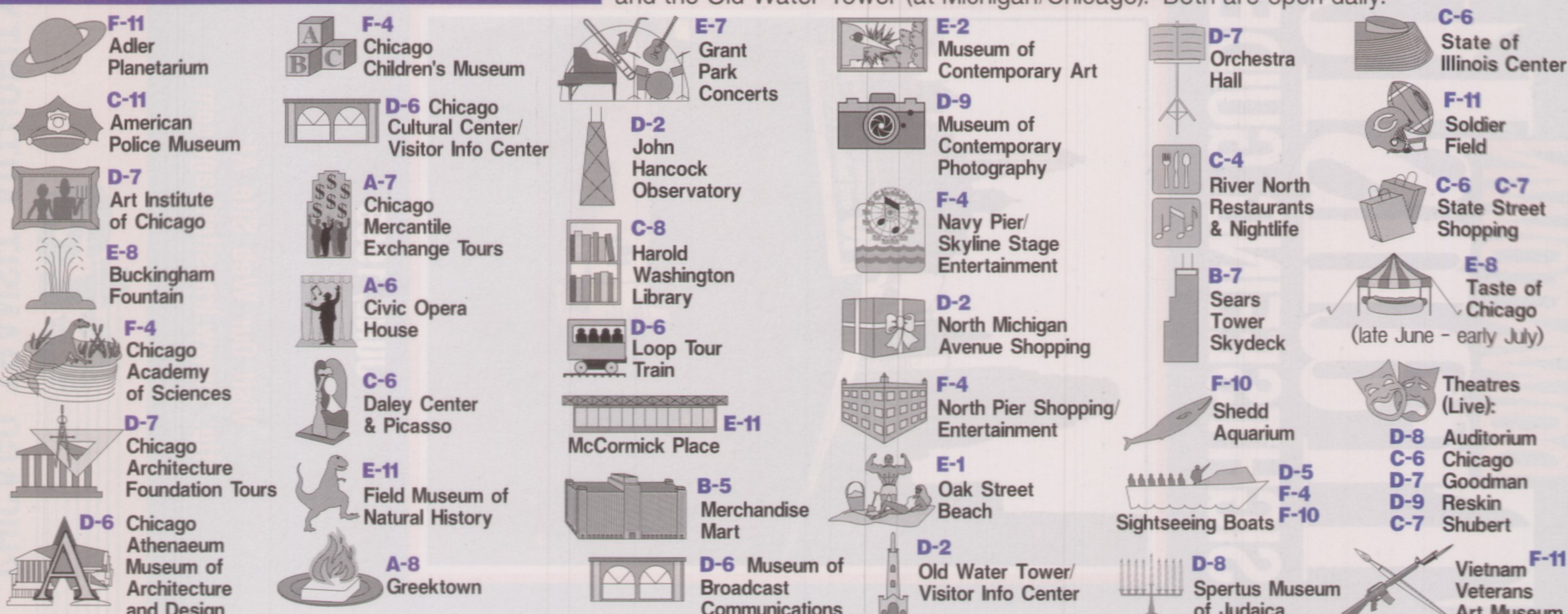
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DOWNTOWN ATTRACTIONS

Visitor Information Centers are located in the Cultural Center (at Michigan/Randolph) and the Old Water Tower (at Michigan/Chicago). Both are open daily.



ALPHABETICAL LIST OF DOWNTOWN HOTELS

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| 1 Allerton Hotel, D-3 | 19 Fairmont Hotel Chicago, E-6 | 37 Park Hyatt, D-2 |
| 2 Ambassador West, C-1 | 20 Four Seasons Hotel, D-2 | 38 Quality Inn Downtown, A-7 |
| 3 Avenue Motel, D-10 | 21 HoJo Inn, B-3 | 39 Radisson Hotel and Suites Chicago, D-3 |
| 4 Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10 | 22 Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre, E-4 | 40 Ramada Congress Hotel, D-8 |
| 5 Best Western Inn Of Chicago, D-4 | 23 Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, A-5 | 41 Raphael Hotel, E-2 |
| 6 Best Western River North Hotel, C-4 | 24 Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, D-4 | 42 Renaissance Chicago Hotel, C-5 |
| 7 Bismarck Hotel, B-6 | 25 Hotel Nikko Chicago, C-5 | 43 Residence Inn By Marriott |
| 8 The Blackstone Hotel, D-9 | 26 Hyatt on Printers Row, C-8 | Downtown Chicago, E-2 |
| 9 Chicago Hilton and Towers, D-9 | 27 Hyatt Regency Chicago, D-5 | 44 Ritz-Carlton Chicago Hotel, D-2 |
| 10 Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, D-4 | 28 The Knickerbocker Chicago Hotel, D-2 | 45 The Seneca Hotel, E-2 |
| 11 Claridge Hotel, C-1 | 29 Lenox House Suites, D-4 | 46 Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, E-4 |
| 12 Clarion Executive Plaza Hotel, D-5 | 30 Midland Hotel, B-7 | 47 Summerfield Suites Hotel Chicago, E-3 |
| 13 Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Chicago, D-4 | 31 Motel 6, D-3 | 48 The Sutton Place, D-1 |
| 14 Days Inn Lake Shore Drive, F-3 | 32 Ohio House Motel, C-4 | 49 Swissotel Chicago, E-5 |
| 15 Doubletree Guest Suites-Chicago, E-2 | 33 Omni Ambassador East, D-1 | 50 The Talbott Hotel, D-2 |
| 16 The Drake Hotel, D-1 | 34 Omni Chicago Hotel, D-3 | 51 Tremont Hotel, D-2 |
| 17 Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown, C-4 | 35 Oxford House Hotel, D-5 | 52 Westin Hotel Chicago, D-2 |
| 18 Essex Inn on Grant Park, D-9 | 36 The Palmer House Hilton, D-7 | 53 Whitehall Hotel, D-2 |

INTRODUCTION

This guide shows sightseers how to use Chicago Transit Authority buses and elevated/subway trains to get around downtown, North Michigan Avenue, to the Airports, and other destinations.

It is available at hotels, Visitor Centers, O'Hare & Midway airports, Metra commuter train downtown terminals, CTA train stations, or by calling the transit information number below.

This side gives instructions on using the system. The other side has a simplified map of the downtown ("Loop") and North Michigan Avenue areas. This map shows attractions, hotels, Metra terminals, CTA rail lines, and the main bus routes sightseers are most likely to use.

For transit information, call 836-7000 (area codes 312, 815, 847). Open daily, 5am to 1am. Maps and brochures can be mailed.

For group trip planning information, call CTA Marketing at (312) 664-7200 ext. 3376 weekdays 8:00am to 4:30pm. Or fax a letter to us at (312) 664-8936.

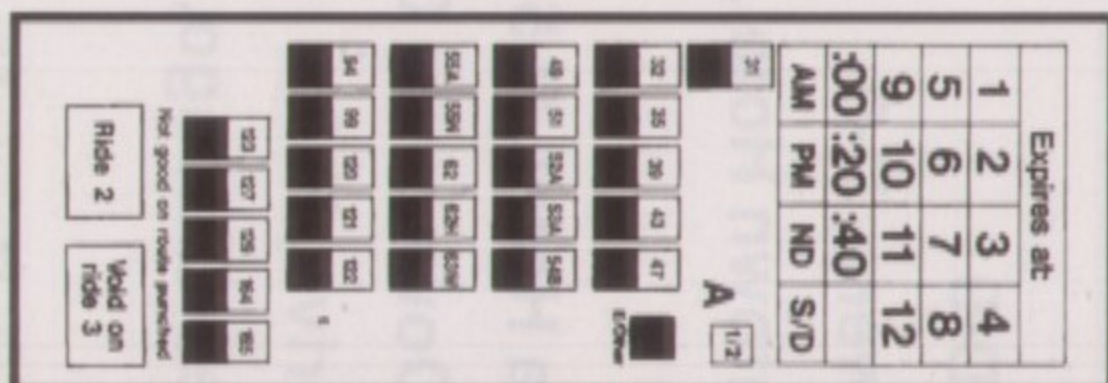
CTA FARES	12/31/95	FULL	REDUCED ⁽¹⁾
Cash Fares		\$1.50	\$.75
Transfer (2)		\$.30	\$.15
Tokens (3)		10 for \$13.50	20 for \$13.50

(1) REDUCED FARES are for children ages 7 through 11.

Seniors 65 years and older and riders with disabilities must obtain a Chicago-area "RTA Reduced Fare Card". This process takes 3 to 4 weeks. Call 836-7000.

(2) TRANSFERS allow two more rides within two hours, except on the route you started on. Purchase when you pay your fare. Paper Transfers will be replaced by Transfer Cards during spring/summer 1996. Rules and costs are the same.

Transfers are not needed between trains (free connections available).



(3) TOKENS are available at banks, currency exchanges, and Jewel and Dominick's food stores. Call 836-7000 for locations. Full fare tokens are small & silver; reduced fare tokens are large & gold.



A new farecard system will be in use throughout CTA later in 1996. Watch for details!




SERVICE OVERVIEW

Hours and Frequency: Routes shown on the map run every day, every 5 to 15 minutes from early morning until at least 10pm (some run much later). There are three exceptions:

- #10** see "Sightseeing Bus Trips" section
- #125** weekdays only 7am to 7pm
- #146** service stops at 8pm daily from Field Museum/Aquarium/Planetarium; later service on State St. & Michigan Avenue

Routing: Buses travel the same route at all times, with two exceptions:

- #146** during late evenings and Sundays/Holidays, northbound buses use Washington (instead of Lake) when traveling from State to Michigan.
- #151** certain southbound trips go to Congress/State instead of Union Station.

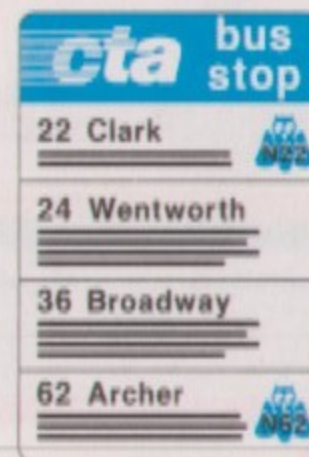
These routes are accessible:  1, 3, 10, 22, 29, 56, 151.

TAKING A RIDE

Buses stop about every two blocks, at signs like this:

The owl symbol means all-night service on that route.

These signs show the numbers, names, and descriptions of routes which stop there, but NOT the direction of travel.



When a bus approaches, read the destination sign above the front windshield. This shows the route number, name, and destination, as shown below. If it's the bus you want, flag it down.

151 Sheridan

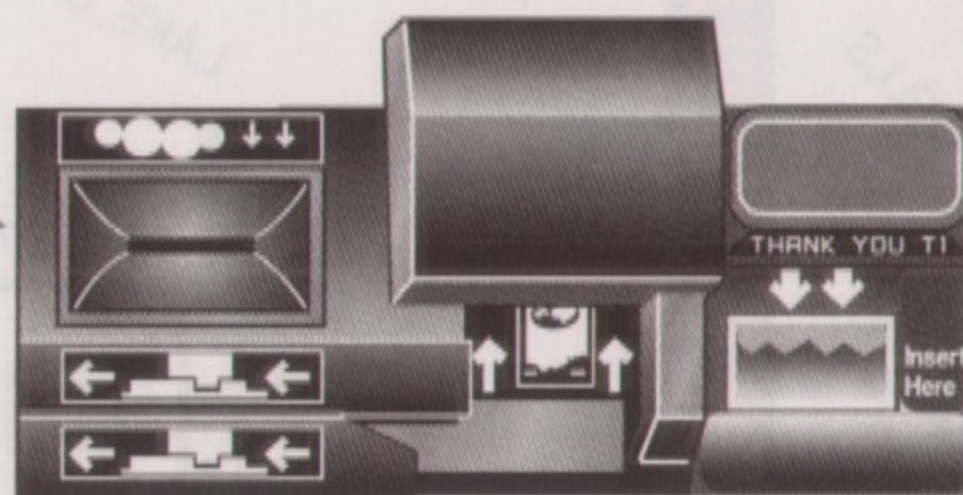
Union Station

When you board, pay your fare into the farebox. Exact fare is required. Dollar bills go into one slot, coins and tokens into another.

FAREBOX TOP

COINS & TOKENS

MONTHLY PASSES



DOLLAR BILLS

TRANSFER CARDS

If you need a transfer card, tell the operator. If you already have a transfer card and want it back, dip it into the farecard machine, while telling the operator, "return please." The machine will grab the card and pop it back up to you.

Bus operators will call stops upon request.

ELEVATED/SUBWAY TRAINS-----THE 'L'



SERVICE OVERVIEW

Train Line Names – Each line now has a color name, but as most signs have not been changed, old route names are also shown.

Service Frequency –Trains run every 5 to 15 minutes during the day and evening, and, on certain lines, every 15 to 30 minutes overnight.

Stopping Pattern –Trains make all stops along the route except when part-time stations are closed. See map for ☐ and ⊗ symbols.

WHERE AND WHEN TO CATCH TRAINS

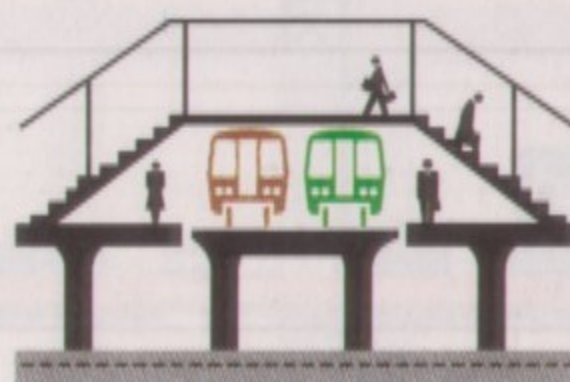
Red Line	Board in the State Street subway. 24 hour service.
Blue Line	Board in the Dearborn Street subway. 24 hour service.
Brown Line	Board on the Loop Elevated. Weekdays 5:25am to 10:05pm; Saturdays 6:15am to 8:05pm.
Green Line	Board on the Elevated above Wabash or Lake streets. 24 hour service.
Orange Line	Board on Loop Elevated. Weekdays/Saturdays 5:00am to 11:30pm; Sundays/holidays 7:25am to 11:30pm.
Purple Line Express	Board on the Loop Elevated. Weekdays 7:05am to 10:05am & 3:40pm to 6:15pm.

FREE TRAIN CONNECTIONS DOWNTOWN

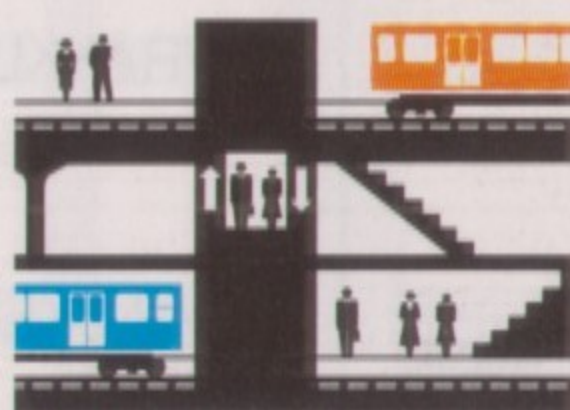
Between Red Line & Blue Line subways: Exit at Washington or Jackson, then walk *downstairs* from train platform to the other subway.



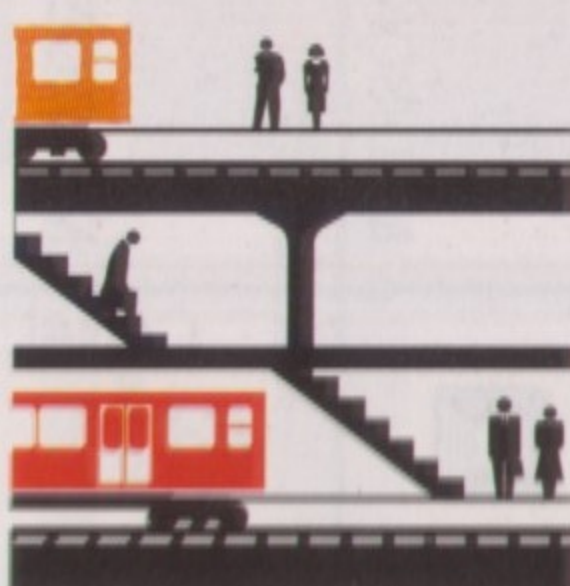
Between Loop Elevated lines (Brown, Green, Orange, Purple): Exit at Washington/Wells, Clark/Lake, or Adams/Wabash. Stay on the same platform or use overhead walkway to other platform.



Between Blue Line subway & Loop Elevated lines: Exit at Clark/Lake; walk or use elevators between subway & elevated stations thru State of Illinois Center building or 203 N. LaSalle building.



Between Red Line subway & Loop Elevated lines: Exit at Washington/State subway station (Randolph/Lake exit) or State/Lake elevated station. Obtain a free “train-to-train” transfer from specially-marked turnstiles. Push button on turnstile and go through; transfer will “pop up” on other side.



TAKING A RIDE

Entering The Station – Signs list train routes and destinations. Other signs may direct you towards different platforms.

O'Hare to Airport ✈️
Congress to Forest Park
Douglas to 54/Cermak

Paying Your Fare Thru Fall 1996 – Station agents accept bills up to \$10. If no agent is on duty, pay on the train with bills up to \$5. No “tickets” are issued. Buy a “transfer” only if you need to ride a bus within the next two hours.

If you already have a paper transfer or a Transfer Card, give it to the agent, saying “return” if you need it back. Transfer Cards ONLY can also be used in any turnstile with a “U”-shaped bar above it. Insert the card into the marked slot on top; remove it; go thru.

In later 1996, a new “farecard” system will be in use at rail stations. Watch for details!

On The Platform – Signs overhead and on the columns tell you which trains stop there, their directions, and destinations.

← Trains to West Side
Congress to Forest Park
Douglas to 54/Cermak
Trains northwest
to O'Hare ✈️ →

When A Train Arrives – Read the train signs on the front and side. On the Blue, Green, and Orange lines, the destination is shown:

O'Hare ✈️ Forest Park 54/Cermak

On other lines, only the general route name is shown:

Howard
Dan Ryan

On The Train – There are maps above the doorways. Stops and connections are announced. Watch for your stop.



TRAINS TO PLANES



Blue Line to O'Hare:

From downtown, board in subway stations at Jackson/Dearborn, Monroe/Dearborn, Washington/Dearborn, and Clark/Lake. 40-minute ride.

From O'Hare, follow “Trains To City” signs to station (between terminals 2 and 3 on lower level).

Trains To City ↑

Orange Line to Midway:

From downtown, board on Loop Elevated stations above Van Buren, Wells, Lake, or Wabash. Certain Loop stations are closed Sundays and Holidays (☐ symbol shown). 30-minute ride.

From Midway, follow “Trains To City” signs and overhead walkway to the station, across Cicero Ave.

Trains To City ↑



SIGHTSEEING BUS TRIPS



Bus 10 Museum of Science & Industry – weekends & holidays year-round; daily from Memorial Day thru Labor Day & from Thanksgiving thru New Year's Day. From North Michigan Avenue and State Street downtown to the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Museum of Science & Industry. Every 20 to 30 minutes.

Bus 56 – daily between NorthWestern Station, State Street, Navy Pier, North Pier, Chicago Children's Museum, and Chicago Academy of Sciences.

Bus 146 – daily between Water Tower Place, North Michigan Avenue, State Street, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Planetarium, Soldier Field, lakefront.

Bus 151 – daily between Union Station, Sears Tower, State Street shopping, North Michigan Avenue, Water Tower Place, lakefront, and Lincoln Park Zoo.



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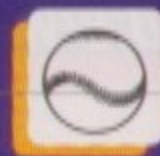
Monday-Saturday: Brown Line from Loop Elevated; 20-minute ride to Belmont station. See downtown, loft districts, historic and popular neighborhoods. Return the same way or take Red Line subway back from Belmont.

Daily: Orange Line from Loop Elevated; 25-minute ride to Pulaski station. See the skyline, industrial districts, ethnic neighborhoods. Coming back, exit at our 1890's style Quincy/Wells station (by Sears Tower/Union Station).

Saturday afternoons (mid-June to mid-Oct.): Free Loop Tour Train. Get tickets at Chicago Cultural Center (Michigan/Randolph). Board at Randolph/Wabash (on the Orange Line platform). 40-minute ride with commentary. Call 836-7000.



TO SPORTS EVENTS



Comiskey Park (Sox)	Red Line south in State St. subway to 35th
Soldier Field (Bears)	Bus 146 south on N. Michigan Ave. or State St. downtown; or Bus 128 from North Western & Union Stations
United Center	For Bulls & Blackhawks games: Bus 19 south on Michigan or west on Madison. Limited stops. For all events: Bus 20 west on Madison.
Wrigley Field (Cubs)	Red Line north in State St. subway to Addison

DESTINATIONS OUTSIDE DOWNTOWN (FROM THE "LOOP" AREA)

Not all bus routes are shown on map.

Chicago Historical Society	Buses 22, 36 north on Dearborn
Chinatown	Red Line south in State St. subway to Cermak
Frank Lloyd Wright Home/ Studio & Unity Temple	Green Line west from elevated above Lake St. or Wabash Ave. to Oak Park Ave.
Lincoln Park Zoo/Conserv.	Bus 151 north on State
McCormick Place	Buses 3, 4 south on Michigan
Museum of Science & Ind.	Bus 10 weekends year-round; daily in summer/ Christmas seasons. Or, everyday, bus 6 from State St. downtown (25¢ surcharge SB).