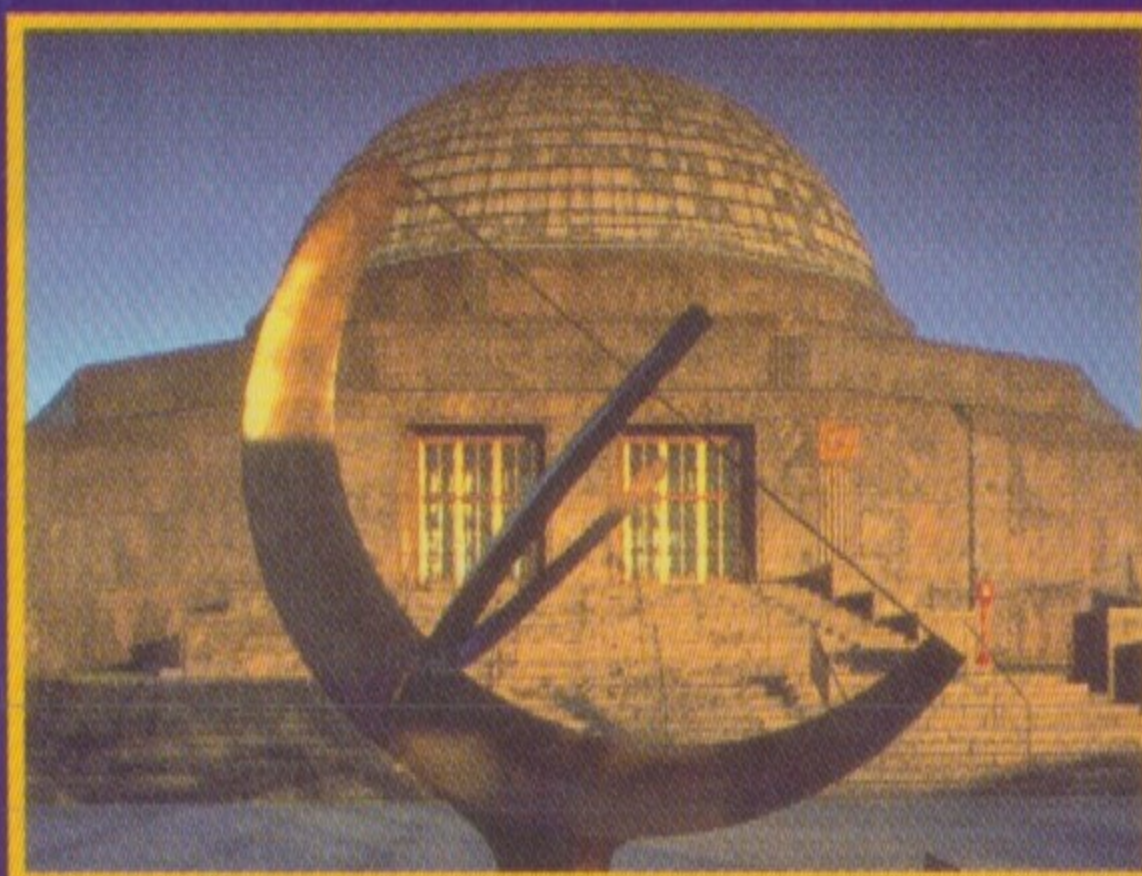
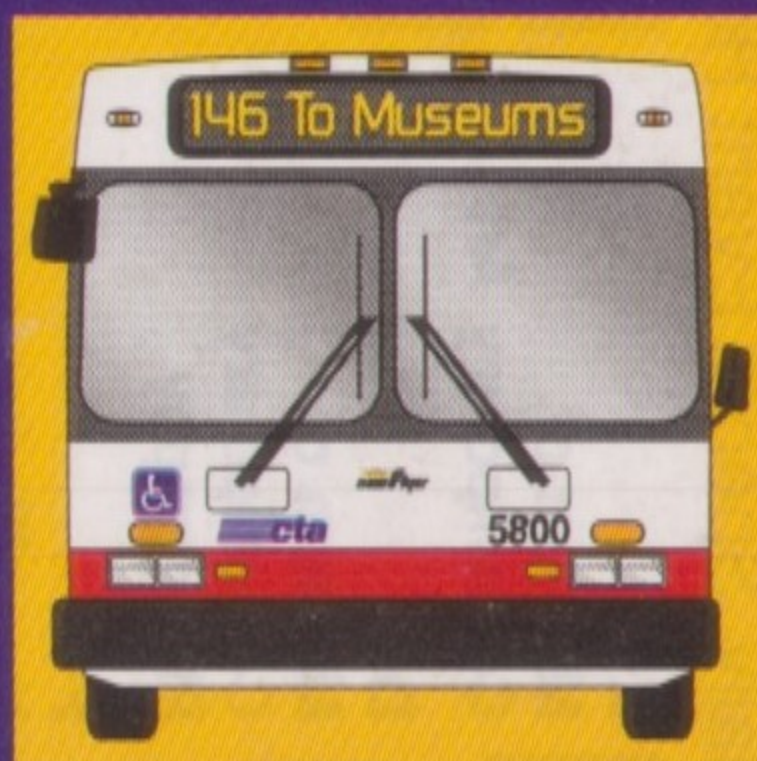


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F-11 Adler Planetarium	F-4 Chicago Children's Museum	E-7 Grant Park Concerts	E-2 Museum of Contemporary Art	C-4 River North Restaurants & Nightlife	C-6 C-7 State Street Shopping
C-11 American Police Museum	D-6 Chicago Cultural Center/ Visitor Info Center	D-2 John Hancock Observatory	D-9 Museum of Contemporary Photography	B-7 Sears Tower Skydeck	E-8 Taste of Chicago (late June - early July)
D-7 Art Institute of Chicago	A-7 Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tours	C-8 Harold Washington Library	F-4 Navy Pier/ Skyline Stage/ Visitor Info Center	F-10 Shedd Aquarium	D-7 Symphony Center
E-8 Buckingham Fountain	C-6 City Hall, County Bldg.	D-6 Loop Tour Train	D-2 North Michigan Avenue Shopping	D-5 F-4 F-10 Sightseeing Boats	Theatres (Live):
F-4 Chicago Academy of Sciences	A-6 Civic Opera House	E-11 McCormick Place	F-4 North Pier Shopping/ Entertainment	D-8 Spertus Museum of Judaica	D-8 Auditorium
D-7 Chicago Architecture Foundation Tours	C-6 Daley Center & Picasso	B-5 Merchandise Mart	E-1 Oak Street Beach	C-6 State of Illinois Center	C-6 Chicago Goodman
D-6 Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design	E-11 Field Museum of Natural History	D-6 Museum of Broadcast Communications	D-2 Old Water Tower/ Visitor Info Center	F-11 Soldier Field	D-9 Reskin Shubert
	A-8 Greektown				F-11 Vietnam Veterans Art Museum



ALPHABETICAL LIST OF DOWNTOWN HOTELS

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|---|---|---|
| 1 Allerton Hotel, D-3 | 19 Fairmont Hotel - At Grant Park, E-6 | 37 Radisson Hotel and Suites Chicago, D-3 |
| 2 Ambassador West Hotel, C-1 | 20 Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, D-2 | 38 Ramada Congress Hotel, D-8 |
| 3 Avenue Motel, D-10 | 21 Ho Jo Inn, B-3 | 39 The Raphael Hotel, D-2 |
| 4 Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10 | 22 Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre, E-4 | 40 Regal Knickerbocker Chicago Hotel, D-2 |
| 5 Best Western Inn Of Chicago, D-4 | 23 Holiday Inn - Mart Plaza, A-5 | 41 Renaissance Chicago Hotel, C-5 |
| 6 Best Western River North Hotel, C-4 | 24 Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, D-4 | 42 Residence Inn By Marriott - Chicago Downtown, E-2 |
| 7 Bismarck Hotel, B-6 (reopens 9/97 with new name) | 25 Hyatt on Printers Row, C-8 | 43 The Ritz-Carlton - Chicago, E-2 |
| 8 The Blackstone Hotel, D-9 | 26 Hyatt Regency Chicago, D-5 | 44 The Seneca Hotel, E-2 |
| 9 Chicago Hilton and Towers, D-9 | 27 Lenox Suites Hotel, D-4 | 45 Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, E-4 |
| 10 Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, D-4 | 28 Midland Hotel, B-7 | 46 Summerfield Suites Hotel Chicago - Downtown, E-3 |
| 11 The Claridge Hotel, C-1 | 29 Motel 6, D-3 | 47 The Sutton Place Hotel, D-1 |
| 12 Courtyard by Marriott / Chicago Downtown, D-4 | 30 Ohio House Motel, C-4 | 48 Swissotel Chicago, E-5 |
| 13 Days Inn Chicago - Lake Shore Drive, F-3 | 31 Omni Ambassador East, D-1 | 49 The Talbott Hotel, D-2 |
| 14 Doubletree Guest Suites - Chicago, E-2 | 32 Omni Chicago Hotel, D-3 | 50 The Tremont Hotel, D-2 |
| 15 The Drake Hotel, D-1 | 33 Oxford House Hotel, D-5 | 51 The Westin Michigan Avenue, D-2 |
| 16 Embassy Suites Hotel Chicago, C-4 | 34 Palmer House Hilton, D-7 | 52 The Westin River North, C-5 |
| 17 Essex Inn, D-9 | 35 Park Hyatt Chicago, D-2 (reopens late 1999) | 53 Whitehall Hotel, D-2 |
| 18 Executive Plaza, D-5 | 36 Quality Inn Chicago, A-7 | |

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.

Get it at hotels, Visitor Centers, O'Hare & Midway airports, Metra commuter train downtown terminals, CTA stations, or by mail.

The map shows attractions, hotels, Metra terminals, CTA rail lines, and just the main bus routes sightseers are most likely to use.

Transit Information: 836-7000 from city/suburban area codes (312, etc.). Open daily, 5am to 1am. Maps/brochures are mailed.

Group Trip Planning: CTA Marketing, (312) 664-7200 x3375. Weekdays 8am to 4:30pm. Fax: (312) 664-8936.

Customer Service: 1-888-YOUR-CTA or TTY: 1-888-CTA-TTY1 weekdays 7am to 8pm, or leave a voice mail at other times.

CTA FARES 6/22/97	FULL	REDUCED ⁽¹⁾
Cash Fares	\$1.50	\$.75
Transfer Cards (2)	\$.30	\$.15
Transit Card (3) See information below.		
1-Day Visitor Pass(4) Summer pilot	\$5.00	\$5.00

(1) REDUCED FARES are for ages 7- through 11. Seniors 65 years and older and riders with disabilities must obtain a "RTA Reduced Fare Permit." This takes 4 weeks. Call 836-7000.

(2) TRANSFER CARDS. When you pay a cash fare, you can also buy a Transfer Card that allows two more rides within two hours on any route. Make a quick round-trip or stopover without paying two fares!

Transfer Cards are not needed between trains (free connections available).



(3) TRANSIT CARD. This convenient, rechargeable plastic card stores cash value for CTA rides, then deducts exact full fares/transfers as shown below:

One Ride	\$1.50
1st transfer within 2 hours	30¢
2nd transfer within 2 hours	FREE



Get bonus savings with a minimum \$13.50 purchase or recharge. For every \$13.50 inserted, get another \$1.50 in value.

Buy them from vending machines at CTA rail stations. Purchase in any amount from \$3 to \$100 and recharge in any amount from 5¢ to \$100. Also buy them for \$13.50 or \$16.50 at currency exchanges and Jewel or Dominick's food stores in Chicago and nearby suburbs. Card can be shared by up to 7 full fare riders at once.

(4) 1-DAY VISITOR PASS. Good for 24 hours of unlimited riding after 1st use. Available at hotels and Visitor Centers. Insert in any bus farecard machine or station turnstile. Cannot be shared or recharged.



BUSES



SERVICE OVERVIEW

Hours and Frequency: Routes shown run every day, every 5 to 15 minutes from early morning until 10pm (many run later). Exceptions:

- #10** weekends/holidays year-round; daily in summer and Christmas seasons, 9am to 5:30pm
- #125** weekdays only 7am to 7pm
- #130** weekends/holidays only, Mid-May thru Labor Day
- #146** until 8pm daily from Field Museum/Aquarium/Planetarium; later service on State St. & Michigan Avenue

Buses travel the same route at all times, except for certain #151 southbound trips that go to Harrison/State instead of Union Station.

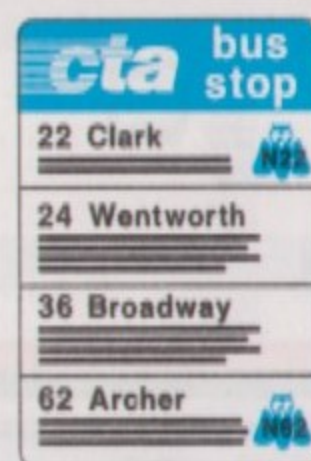
All routes shown are accessible  **EXCEPT:** 36 Broadway, 65 Grand, 125 Water Tower Express, and 146 Marine/Michigan.

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 on the front. It first shows the route number and name, then “flips” to show the destination. If it’s the bus you want, flag it down.

First:

151 SHERIDAN

Then:

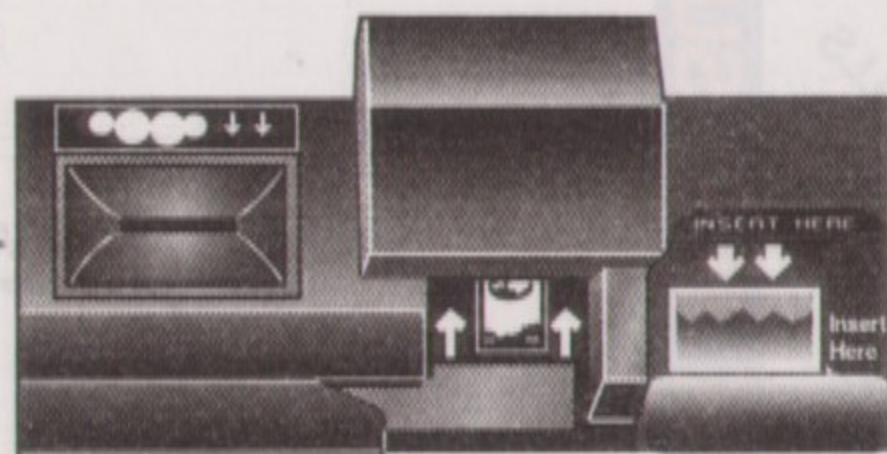
UNION STATION

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

If you need a Transfer Card, tell the operator.

FAREBOX TOP

COINS →



DOLLAR BILLS ↑

FARECARD MACHINE

← **TRANSFER CARDS,
TRANSIT CARDS,
& VISITOR PASSES**

If you already have a Transfer Card, insert it into the farecard machine. The machine will grab the card and pop it back up to you. If the last ride has been used, the machine will keep the Transfer Card.

If you already have a Transit Card or Visitor Pass, insert it into the same slot where Transfer Cards go.

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 or 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

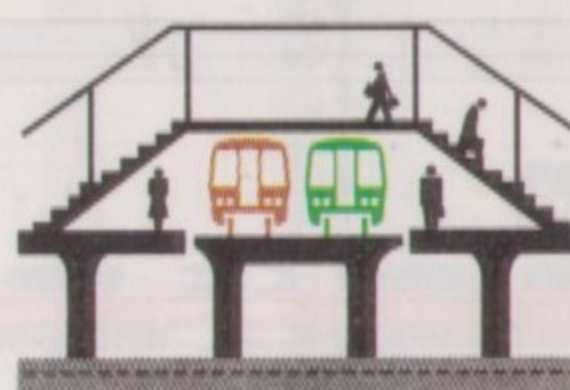
Red Line	Board in the State Street subway. 24 hour service.
Blue Line	Board in the Dearborn Street subway. 24 hour service.
Brown Line	Board on the Loop Elevated. Weekdays 5:25am to 10:05pm; Saturdays 6:15am to 8:05pm.
Green Line	Board on the Elevated above Wabash or Lake streets. 24 hour service.
Orange 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

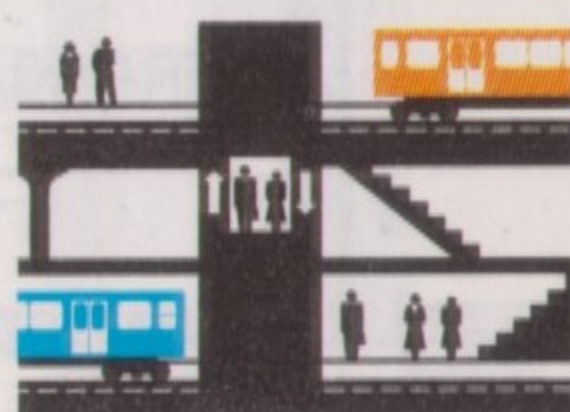
Between Red Line & Blue Line subways: Exit at Washington or Jackson, then walk *downstairs* from train platform to the other subway.



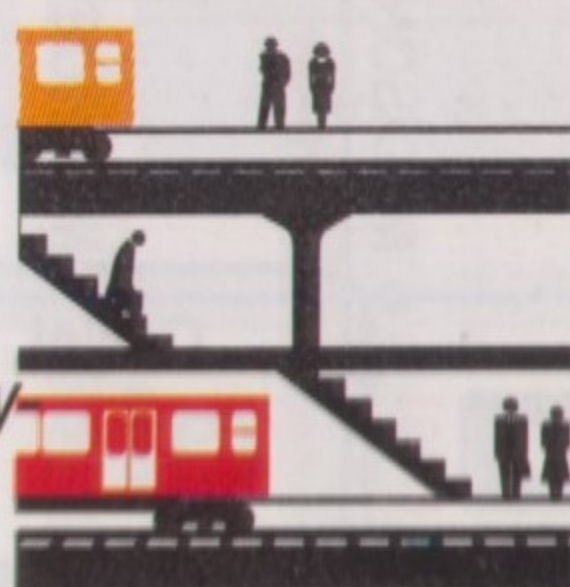
Between Loop Elevated lines (Brown, Green, Orange, Purple): Exit at Washington/Wells, Clark/Lake, or Adams/Wabash. Stay on the same platform or use overhead walkway to other platform.



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 BEFORE you go through turnstiles from specially marked machines nearby; push button for transfer.*



TAKING A RIDE

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

Blue Line Trains

O'Hare Forest Park-54/Cermak

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

O'Hare

Forest Park
54/Cermak

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.

PAYING YOUR FARE

If you already have a Transfer Card, Transit Card, or Visitor Pass, insert and remove in any turnstile.

To buy a Transit Card, use vending machines at CTA stations. These cards store full fares and transfers. Up to 7 full fare riders may share the same card at once (each person inserts separately).

Purchase in any amount from \$3 to \$100, and recharge in any amount from 5¢ to \$100. Insert the exact amount you want stored on the card (machines do not give change; use change machines at stations).

To use the card, insert into any turnstile; remove; go through.

If you don't wish to buy a Transit Card, you can also pay the exact cash fare into certain turnstiles (these also issue Transfer Cards). All children 7-11 must pay a cash fare or use a Transfer Card. See Customer Assistant for cash entry; push call button (near turnstiles) if needed.



Insert &
Remove
Transfer
Card,
Transit
Card,
Visitor
Pass
Here

Insert
Coins
Here



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 at Loop Elevated stations on Van Buren, Wells, Lake, or Wabash. Some Loop stations are closed Sundays/Holidays. 30 minute ride.

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



Trains To City ↑



SIGHTSEEING TRIPS



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.

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.

Saturday afternoons (mid-June to mid-Oct.): FREE Loop Tour Train. Get tickets at Chicago Cultural Center (Michigan/Randolph). Board at Randolph/Wabash (on 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).