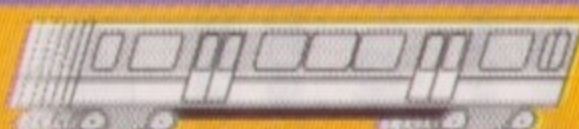


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Visitor Information Centers are in the Cultural Center (Michigan/Randolph), the Historic Water Tower (Michigan/Chicago), and Navy Pier. Open daily. Special Event Hot Line: (312) 744-3370

CTA trains

- Direction of travel around Loop Elevated
- CTA train station
- Station with free connections between trains
- Station closed Sundays/holidays
- Station closed nights/weekends
- Accessible station

CTA bus routes

- One way street
- This route only is one way
- No stops
- Part-time service
- Metra commuter train stations
- Bus stop near Metra station (to Downtown)
- Hotels (see list)
- Attraction (see list)

19 STADIUM EXPRESS BUS NOT SHOWN ON MAP

For Bulls & Blackhawks games. Every 12 minutes before game; buses waiting after game. Limited stops.

130 GRANT PARK TREASURES BUS

Service weekends and holidays, mid-May through Labor Day. Every 15 minutes, from 9:35 am (10:35 am on Sundays, holidays) to 6:00 pm

ORANGE LINE
To/From Midway
Daily to 11:30 PM

GREEN LINE
Daily to 1 AM

RED LINE
At all times

BROWN LINE
Weekdays to 11:50 PM
Saturdays to 8 PM

PURPLE LINE
Weekday Rush Hrs.

BLUE LINE
To/From O'Hare
at all times

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Lake Michigan

Chicago River

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DEARBORN

WABASH

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ALL ABOARD!

This guide will show you how to see Chicago by transit in the downtown and North Michigan Avenue areas, and a few places beyond.

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The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) runs buses and elevated/subway trains (the "L") in the city and nearby suburbs. From downtown you can get to most attractions on just one bus or train.

L

WE HAVE ANSWERS

You can get travel information from the RTA Travel Center by calling (312) 836-7000, daily 5 a.m. - 1 a.m. TTY: (312) 836-4949.

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Get answers about CTA, Metra commuter trains, and Pace suburban buses; and order maps, timetables, and brochures. CTA System Maps are also available at any CTA train station.

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LOG ON

Visit CTA's Website: www.transitchicago.com. You can get information, see our map, and even buy your fare in advance!

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FARES



VISITOR PASSES

For \$5, our 1-day pass offers 24 hours of unlimited CTA riding from the time you first use it. They're sold at Visitor Centers, select museums, Hot Tix booths, Union (Amtrak) Station, O'Hare and Midway airports, etc. For advance sales, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA or visit CTA's Website at www.transitchicago.com.

You can also buy 2-day (\$9), 3-day (\$12) and 5-day (\$18) passes.

Just insert and remove the pass in the bus farecard machine or train station turnstile. The pass cannot be shared or recharged.



TRANSIT CARD

Deducts full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace.

First ride	\$1.50
2nd use within 2 hours30
3rd use within 2 hours	
FREE	

The card can be shared by up to 7 full fare riders at once (each inserts it separately). Buy them from vending machines at CTA stations from \$1.50 to \$91.

Put in the exact amount you want, push **VEND**, and out comes your card! For every \$10 put in, you get \$11.00 worth of rides. Recharge them for as little as 5¢.

Or, buy cards for \$10 (\$11 value) or \$20 (\$22 value) at Currency Exchanges, Jewel or Dominick's food stores, or on the Internet. Reduced Fare Transit Cards will be available at these locations starting January 1, 1999.



CASH FARE

One ride is \$1.50 full fare and 75¢ reduced fare (ages 7-11). Seniors 65 and older, riders with disabilities and medicare card holders can *also* apply for RTA reduced fares (836-7000).

On buses, put the exact fare in coins or bills into the farebox. At train stations, one turnstile accepts the exact coin fare. The station Customer Assistant will help kids through.



When you pay your cash fare, you can get a **TRANSFER CARD** that allows 2 more rides within 2 hours on any route (full fare 30 cents; ages 7-11, 15 cents). Connections between CTA train lines are free; no transfer card needed.

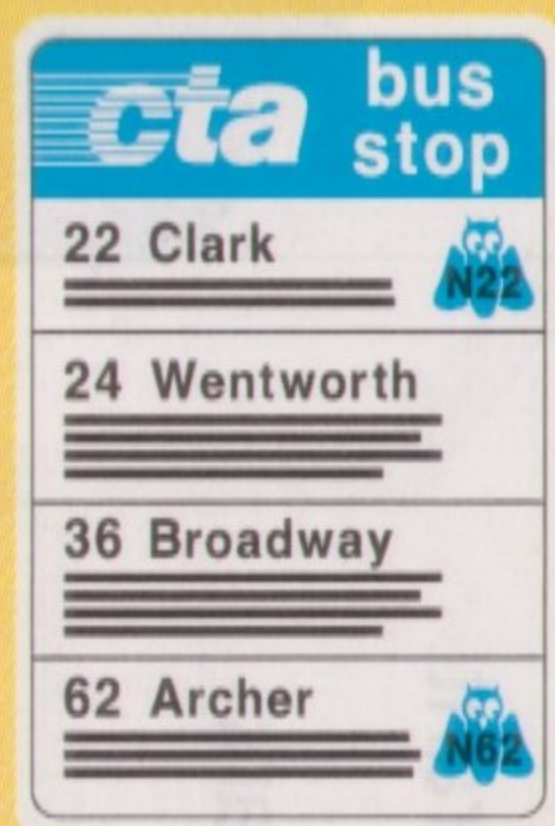


BUSES

GETTING ONE

CTA buses stop about every 2 blocks, at signs that look like this. They list the route number, name and destinations. The owl symbol means all-night service.

When a bus approaches, look for the sign above the windshield. It will first show the route number and route name, then “flip” to show the destination. If it’s the bus you want, flag it down.



First:

151 SHERIDAN

Then:

UNION STATION

When paying your fare, remember that dollar bills go in one slot of the farebox, and coins in another. All cards and passes are inserted into the farecard machine on the right hand side.

HOW THEY RUN

Buses shown run every 10-15 minutes, except route #10, which runs every 20-30 minutes.

Buses run every day, early morning to at least 10 p.m., unless the number is in parentheses, such as (157). Those routes have different hours as shown below:

- (10) Museum of Science & Industry
Weekends and holidays year-round;
daily in summer and Christmas seasons,
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- (130) Grant Park Treasures
Mid-May thru Labor Day,
weekends and holidays,
from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- (146) Marine-Michigan
Until 8:00 p.m. daily from Museum Campus;
until 11:30 p.m. daily from State Street downtown
and North Michigan Ave.
- (157) Streeterville
Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY

All bus routes shown on the map are accessible except: 36 Broadway, 65 Grand, 146 Marine-Michigan, and 157 Streeterville.



TRAINS

GETTING ONE

Each train line has a different color name. Most run every 5 to 15 minutes thru late evening, every day. See map for hours. Here's a quick guide to boarding in the downtown area:



**RED
LINE**

State Street subway



**BLUE
LINE**

Dearborn Street subway



**GREEN
LINE**

Loop Elevated (along Wabash & Lake streets)



**ORANGE
LINE**

Loop Elevated



**BROWN
LINE**

Loop Elevated



**PURPLE
LINE**

Loop Elevated

AT THE STATION

There are always Customer Assistants or Security Guards at stations to help you.

ACCESSIBILITY

Nearly one third of our stations are accessible.
Call 836-7000 for more information.

TAKING A RIDE

Entering The Station – Signs list train routes and destinations.

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.



When The Train Arrives – Read the train signs on the front and side – the destination is shown:



Forest Park

54/Cermak

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



TRIPS

TRAINS TO PLANES

Blue Line between O'Hare and downtown. Daily.

Follow the "Trains To City" signs in the airport, or board downtown in the Dearborn St. subway. 45 minute trip.

Orange Line between Midway and downtown. Daily.

Follow the "Trains To City" signs in the airport or board at any Loop Elevated station. 35 minute trip.

FUN RIDES

Brown Line (Mon.-Sat.) from Loop Elevated to Belmont station. See downtown, loft districts, historic neighborhoods. Return the same way or take the Red Line back. 20 minute ride.

Loop Tour Train (Saturdays, mid-June thru mid-October)

Get tickets at Cultural Center (Randolph/Michigan). Board at Randolph/Wabash (Orange Line platform). 40 minute trip.

151 Sheridan Bus daily between Union Station, State Street, N. Michigan Ave., lakefront, and Lincoln Park Zoo. 30 minute trip.

146 Marine-Michigan Bus daily between North Michigan Avenue, State Street, and Museum Campus. 20 minute trip.

10 Museum of Science and Industry Bus from N. Michigan Ave. & State St. to museum. Weekends year round, daily in summer and Christmas seasons. 35 minute trip.

SPORTS EVENTS

Comiskey Park
(White Sox)

Red Line south (State Street subway) to Sox/35th station.

Soldier Field
(Bears)

Red, Green or Orange Line Trains to Roosevelt; Bus 146 Marine-Michigan south on N. Michigan Ave. or State St. downtown; or Bus 128 Soldier Field Express from Ogilvie Transportation Center & Union Station.

United Center
(Bulls & Blackhawks)

Bus 19 Stadium Express south on Michigan or west on Madison. Limited stops (See Map).

Wrigley Field
(Cubs)

Red Line north (State Street subway) to Addison station.

CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS

Let Chicago Neighborhood Tours take you off the beaten path into Chicago communities and their cultural centers. Departing Saturdays from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 W. Randolph, the tours are about 4 hours long. Call (312) 742-1190.