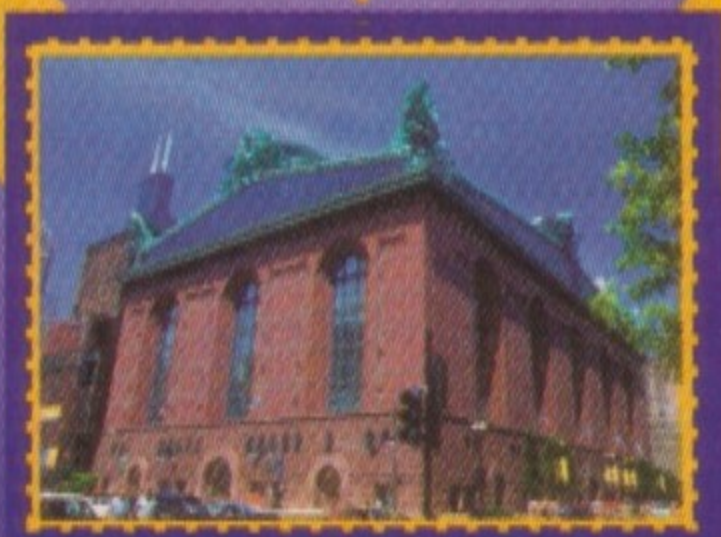
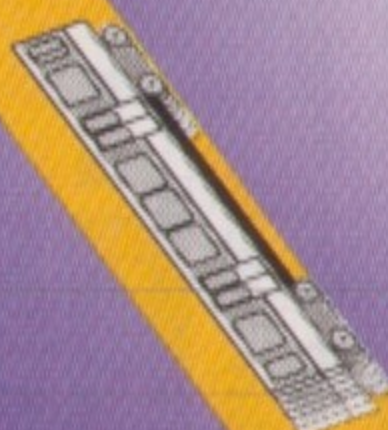
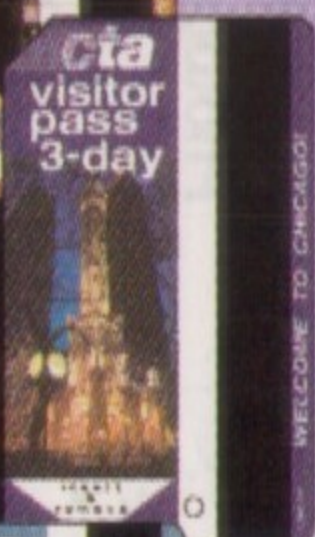
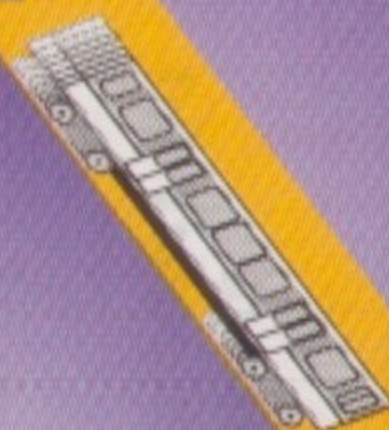


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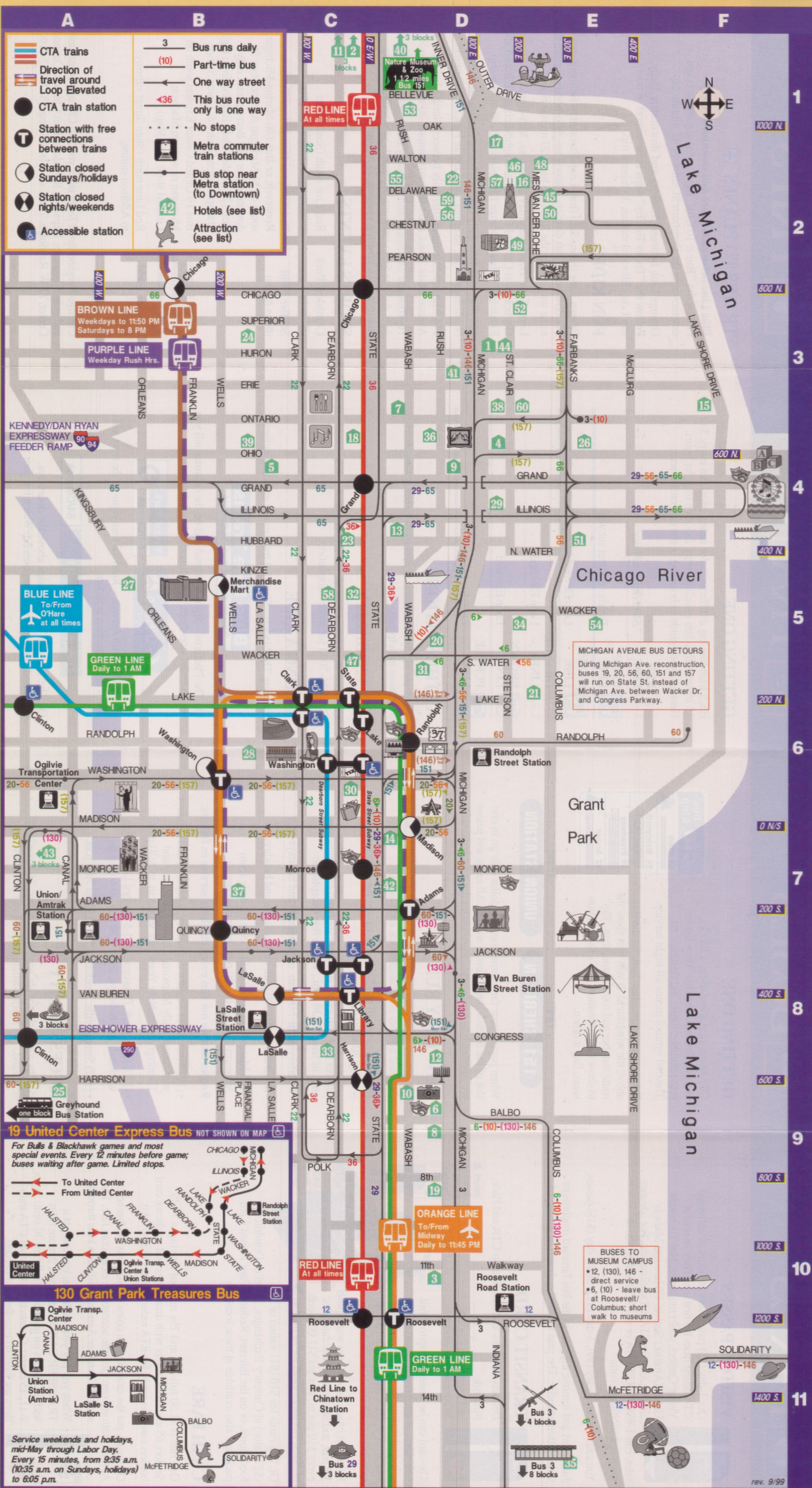
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DOWNTOWN ATTRACTIONS

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

F-11 Adler Planetarium	D-6 Chicago Cultural Center/ Visitor Info Center	A-8 Greektown	D-6 Museum of Broadcast Communications	C-4 River North Restaurants & Nightlife	C-6 State Street Shopping
C-11 American Police Museum	A-7 Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tours	E-7 Grant Park Concerts	E-2 Museum of Contemporary Art	B-7 Sears Tower Skydeck	D-4 Terra Museum of American Art
D-7 Art Institute of Chicago	C-6 City Hall, County Bldg.	D-2 John Hancock Observatory	D-9 Museum of Contemporary Photography	F-10 Shedd Aquarium	D-7 Symphony Center
E-8 Buckingham Fountain	A-6 Civic Opera House	C-8 Harold Washington Library	F-4 Navy Pier/ Skyline Stage/ Visitor Info Center	D-5 Sightseeing Boats	E-8 Taste of Chicago (late June-early July)
D-7 Chicago Architecture Foundation Tours	C-6 Daley Center & Picasso	C-6, D-2 Hot Tix Booths	D-2 North Michigan Avenue Shopping	D-8 Spertus Museum of Judaica	Theatres (Live):
D-6 Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design	C-11 Chinatown	D-6 Loop Tour Train (May-Sept)	E-1 Oak Street Beach	C-6 State of Illinois Center	D-8 Auditorium
F-4 Chicago Children's Museum	E-11 Field Museum of Natural History	E-11 McCormick Place	D-2 Old Water Tower & Pumping Station/ Visitor Info Center	F-11 Soldier Field	C-6 Chicago Shakespeare
	D-6 Gallery 37 Center For The Arts	B-5 Merchandise Mart			D-7 Goodman
					D-9 Reskin
					C-7 Shubert
					F-11 Veterans Art Museum



ALPHABETICAL LIST OF DOWNTOWN HOTELS

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| 3 Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10 | 18 Embassy Suites Hotel Chicago, C-4 | 34 Hyatt Regency Chicago, D-5 | 49 The Ritz-Carlton - Chicago, E-2 |
| 4 Best Western Inn Of Chicago, D-4 | 19 Essex Inn, D-9 | 35 Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, E-11 | 50 The Seneca Hotel, E-2 |
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| 11 The Claridge Hotel, C-1 | 26 Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre, E-4 | 42 Palmer House Hilton, D-7 | 57 The Westin Michigan Avenue, D-2 |
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W E L C O M E

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.

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.

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.

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.

LOG ON

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

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FARES



VISITOR PASSES

Our 1-day (\$5) pass offers 24 hours of unlimited CTA riding from the first use. They're sold at Visitor Centers, select museums, Hot Tix booths, Union (Amtrak) Station, O'Hare and Midway airports, certain CTA rail stations, etc. For advance sales, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA or visit CTA's Web site 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 Card packs are also available at these locations.



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.

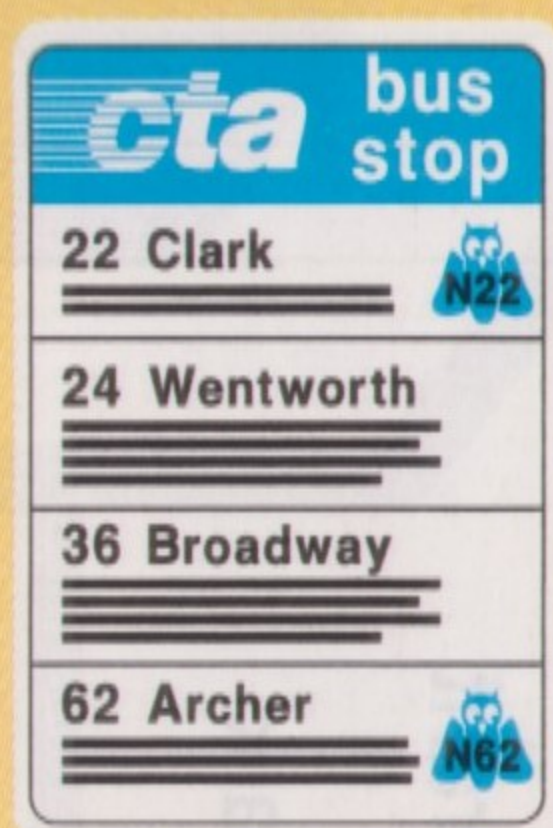


BUSES

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

Bus routes shown run every day, including all holidays, unless the route number is in parentheses, such as (10).

Buses are every 10 to 15 minutes, except for route (10), which is every 20 to 30 minutes.

Routes that run every day operate from early morning until at least 10:30 p.m., with a few exceptions:

- 6 Jeffery: until 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays
- 65 Grand: until 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays
- 146 Marine-Michigan: until 8:00 p.m. daily from Museum Campus (11:30 p.m. from downtown)

Routes that do not run every day have service as follows:

- (10) Museum of Science & Industry: weekends and holidays year-round; daily Memorial Day to Labor Day and Thanksgiving to New Years Day, 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.
- (157) Streeterville: weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY

All bus routes shown 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

Over one-third of our stations are accessible.
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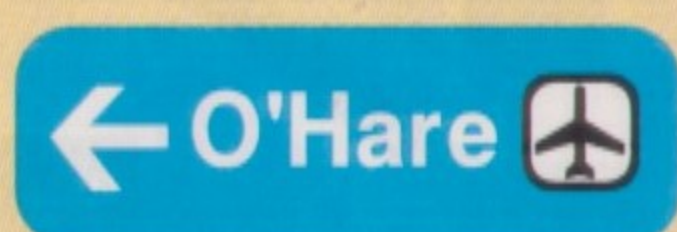
TAKING A RIDE

Entering The Station – Signs list train routes and destinations.

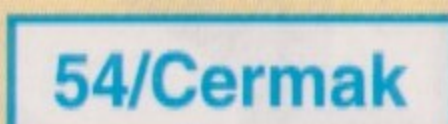
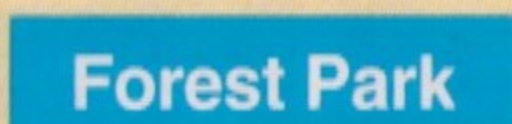
Blue Line Trains

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:



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 (Saturday afternoons, May-Sept.) 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 & Fire) Red, Green or Orange Line Trains to Roosevelt; or Bus 146 Marine-Michigan south on N. Michigan Ave. or State St. downtown; or (for Bears games only) Bus 128 Soldier Field Express from Ogilvie Transportation Center & Union Station.

United Center (Bulls, Blackhawks, & Big Ten Basketball) Bus 19 United Center Express south on Michigan or west on Madison. Limited stops (See Map).

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

TOURS

Chicago Neighborhood Tours takes you into Chicago communities and cultural centers. Departing Saturdays from Chicago Cultural Center, 77 W. Randolph. Tours are 4 hours long. (312) 742-1190.