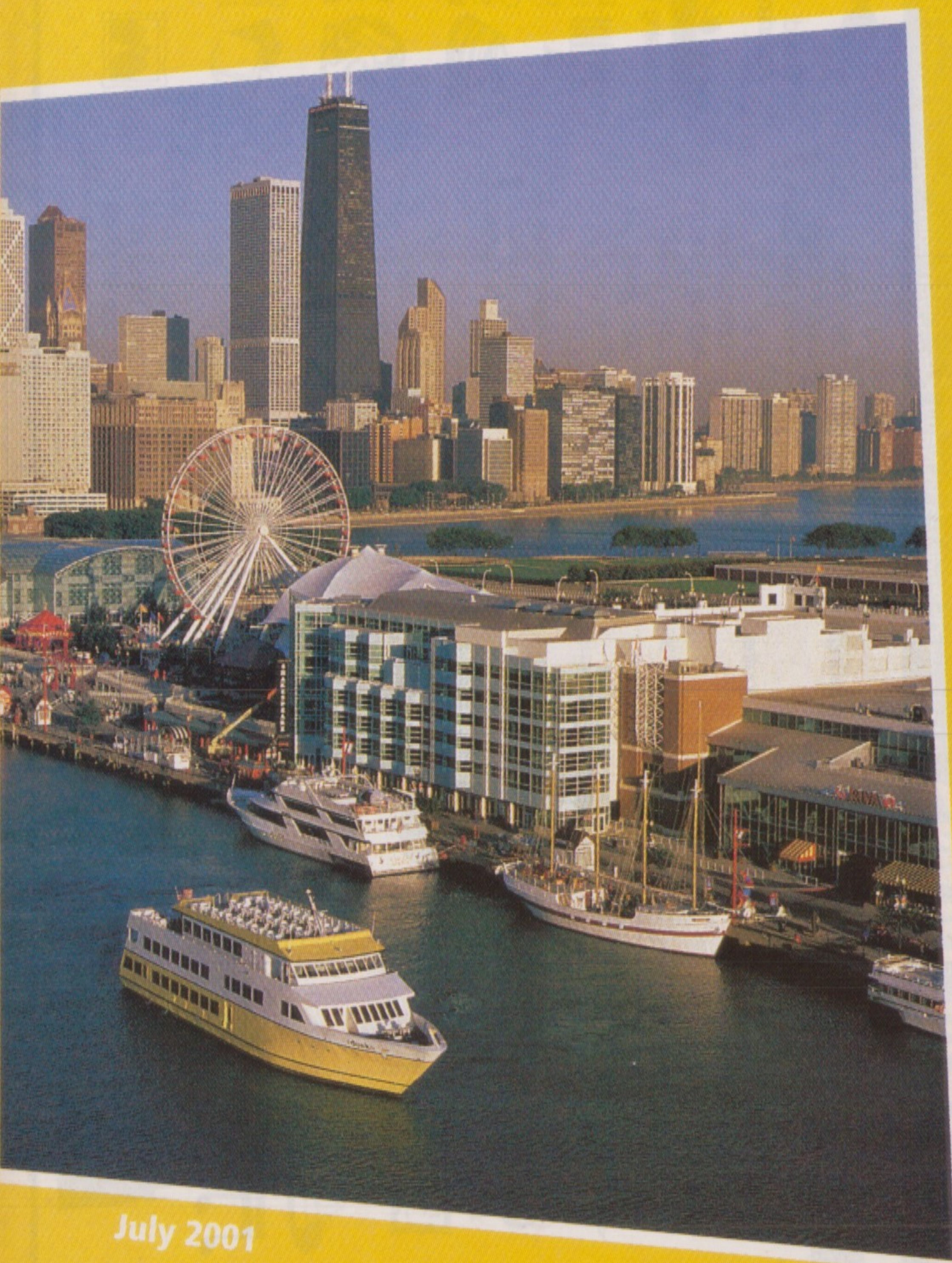


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DOWNTOWN ATTRACTIONS

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	C-6 City Hall County Bldg.	C-8 Harold Washington Library	F-4 Navy Pier/Skyline Stage/Visitor Info Center	F-10 Shedd Aquarium	D-7 Symphony Center
D-7 Art Institute of Chicago	C-6 Daley Center & Picasso	C-6, D-2 Hot Tix Booths	D-2 North Michigan Avenue Shopping	D-5 F-4 F-10	E-8 Taste of Chicago (late June-early July)
E-8 Buckingham Fountain	C-11 Chinatown	D-6 Loop Tour Train (May-Sept.)	E-1 Oak Street Beach	C-6 State of Illinois Center	D-8 Auditorium B-6 Cadillac Palace C-6 Chicago Chicago Shakespeare
D-7 Chicago Architecture Foundation Tours	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 Goodman D-9 Merle Reskin C-7 Shubert
F-4 Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier	D-6 Gallery 37 Center For The Arts	B-5 Merchandise Mart	C-4 River North Restaurants & Nightlife	C-6 C-7 State Street Shopping	D-4 Terra Museum of American Art
A-6 Civic Opera House	A-8 Greektown	D-6 Museum of Broadcast Communications	B-7 Sears Tower Skydeck	F-11 Vietnam Veterans Art Museum	
D-6 Chicago Cultural Center/Visitor Info Center	E-7 Grant Park Concerts	E-2 Museum of Contemporary Art	F-4 Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows at Navy Pier		
A-7 Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tours	D-2 John Hancock Observatory	D-9 Museum of Contemporary Photography			



ALPHABETICAL LIST OF DOWNTOWN HOTELS

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|--|---|--|--|
| 1 Allerton Crowne Plaza Hotel, D-3 | 18 Essex Inn, D-9 | 36 Hyatt Regency Chicago, D-5 | 52 Residence Inn By Marriott Chicago - Downtown, E-2 |
| 2 Ambassador West Hotel, C-1 | 19 Executive Plaza, D-5 | 37 Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, E-11 | 53 The Ritz-Carlton - Chicago, D-2 |
| 3 Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10 | 20 Fairfield Inn - Downtown, E-3 | 38 Lenox Suites Hotel, D-4 | 54 The Seneca Hotel, E-2 |
| 4 Best Western Inn Of Chicago, D-4 | 21 Fairmont Hotel - At Grant Park, E-6 | 39 Le Meridien Hotel, D-4 | 55 Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, E-4 |
| 5 Best Western River North Hotel, B-4 | 22 Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, D-2 | 40 Millennium Knickerbocker Chicago Hotel, D-2 | 56 Summerfield Suites Hotel Chicago - Downtown, E-3 |
| 6 Cass Hotel, C-3 | 23 Hampton Inn & Suites, C-4 | 41 Motel 6, D-3 | 57 The Sutton Place Hotel, D-1 |
| 7 Chicago Hilton and Towers, D-9 | 24 Hilton Garden Inn, C-4 | 42 Ohio House Motel, C-4 | 58 Swissotel Chicago, E-5 |
| 8 Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, D-4 | 25 Ho Jo Inn, B-3 | 43 Omni Ambassador East, D-1 | 59 The Talbott Hotel, D-2 |
| 9 Chicago Travelodge, D-9 | 26 Holiday Inn & Suites, A-8 | 44 Omni Chicago Hotel, D-3 | 60 The Tremont Hotel, D-2 |
| 10 The Claridge Hotel, C-1 | 27 Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre, E-4 | 45 Palmer House Hilton, D-7 | 61 W Chicago City Center, B-7 |
| 11 Congress Plaza Hotel, D-8 | 28 Holiday Inn - Mart Plaza, A-5 | 46 Park Hyatt Chicago Hotel, D-2 | 62 W Chicago Lake Shore, F-3 |
| 12 Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown, C-4 | 29 Hosting International, C-8 | 47 The Peninsula Chicago, D-3 | 63 The Westin Michigan Avenue, D-2 |
| 13 Crowne Plaza - Silversmith Hotel, D-7 | 30 Hotel Allegro Chicago, B-6 | 48 Quality Inn Chicago, A-7 | 64 The Westin River North, C-5 |
| 14 Doubletree Guest Suites - Chicago, D-2 | 31 Hotel Burnham, C-6 | 49 Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago, D-3 | 65 Whitehall Hotel, D-2 |
| 15 The Drake Hotel, D-1 | 32 Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, D-4 | 50 The Raphael Hotel, D-2 | 66 Wyndham Chicago, E-3 |
| 16 Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown, C-4 | 33 Hotel Monaco, D-5 | 51 Renaissance Chicago Hotel, C-5 | |
| 17 Embassy Suites Chicago Lakefront, E-4 | 34 House of Blues Hotel, C-5 | | |
| | 35 Hyatt on Printers Row, C-8 | | |



All Aboard

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

E 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

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

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

LOG ON

O CTA's website is: www.transitchicago.com. You can get information, see our map, and even buy your fare in advance! Metra's website is www.metrarail.com. Pace's website is www.pacebus.com.

GROUPS ARE GREAT

M We'll help you plan your CTA trips and purchase your fares in advance. Call weekdays: 1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282).

WE'RE LISTENING

E Comment, commendation, or inquiry?

Call 1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282) weekdays 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., or leave a voice mail message at other times.



TTY number: 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (1-888-282-8891)
Or, write to us at CTA Customer Service,
Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, IL 60654.



BUSES

GETTING ONE

CTA buses stop about every 2 blocks, at signs that look like this. They list the route number, name and destinations, but not the direction of travel. The owl symbol indicates all-night service.

cta bus stop	
22 Clark	 N22
24 Wentworth	
36 Broadway	
62 Archer	 N62

When a bus approaches, look at 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.

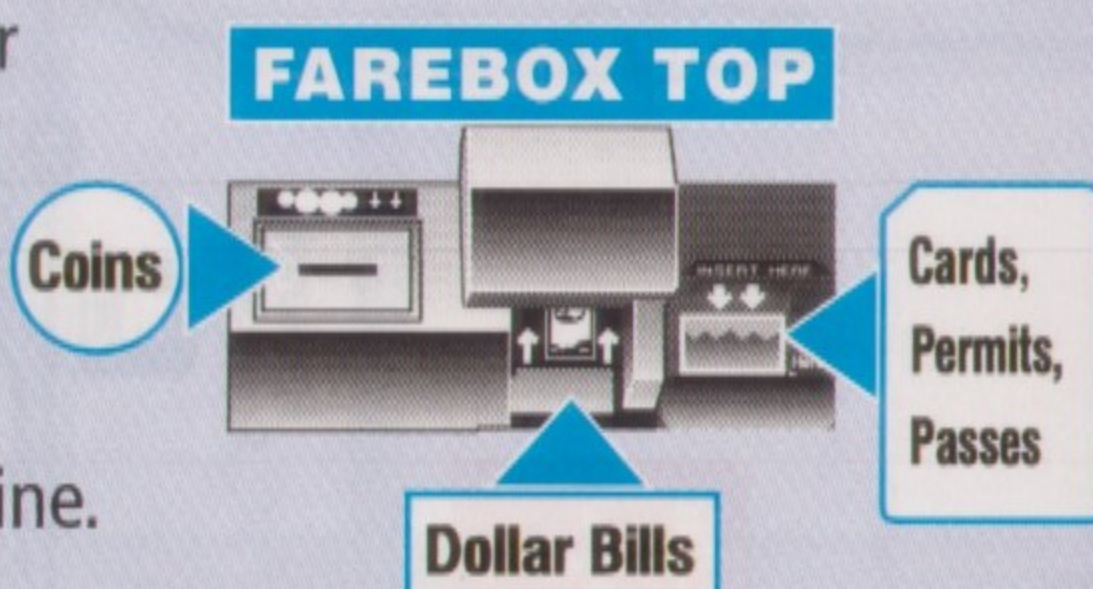
First:

151 SHERIDAN

Then:

UNION STATION

When paying your fare, remember that dollar bills go into the center slot of the farebox and coins into the slot on the left. All cards and passes are inserted into the slot on the right of the farecard machine.



HOW THEY RUN

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

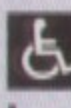
Buses are every 10 to 15 minutes, except for route (10), which is every 20 to 30 minutes.


Routes that run every day operate from early morning until at least midnight, with a few exceptions:


■ **65 Grand:** until 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays

■ **146 Marine-Michigan:** until 9:20 p.m. daily from Museum Campus; midnight 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.

 **(124) Navy Pier Express:** During summer through Labor Day, Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight, Sundays/Holidays 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

 **(130) Grant Park Treasures:** Mid-May through 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 in this brochure are accessible except: 36 Broadway, 65 Grand, 146 Marine-Michigan, and 157



TRAINS

GETTING ONE

Each train line has a different color name. All trains run downtown daily, every 5 to 15 minutes until late evening, except the Purple Line Express (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



More than one-third of our stations are accessible. Call 836-7000 (from any Chicago/suburban area code) 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.



O'Hare



Forest Park

54/Cermak



When The Train Arrives –

Read train signs on the front and side; the destination is shown:

O'Hare



Forest Park

54/Cermak

On The Train –

There are rail maps above the doorways. Stops and connections are announced. Watch for your stop.

TRAINS TO PLANES



Take the Blue Line between O'Hare and downtown.

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

Take the Orange Line between Midway and downtown.

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



FARES

VISITOR PASSES

Our 1 Day (\$5) pass offers 24 hours of unlimited CTA riding from the first use. This pass cannot be shared, recharged or used on Pace. You can also buy 2 Day (\$9), 3 Day (\$12) and 5 Day (\$18) passes.



For advance sales and sales locations, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA or visit CTA's website at www.transitchicago.com. Passes are sold at Visitor Information Centers, Hot Tix, Sears Tower, Navy Pier, Union (Amtrak) Station, and O'Hare and Midway airports and CTA rail stations.

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

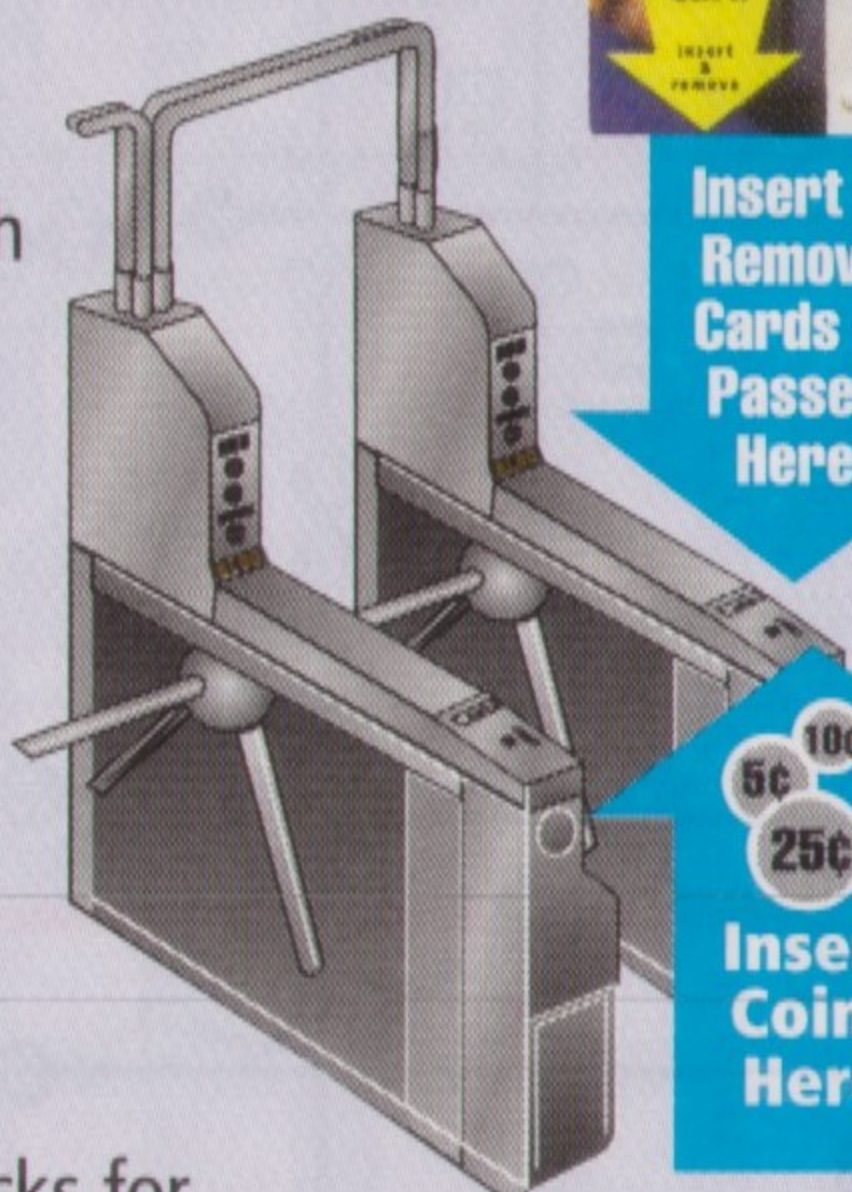
The card can be shared by up to 7 full-fare customers at once (each inserts it separately). Buy it from vending machines at CTA train stations from \$1.50 to \$91.

Put in the exact amount you want, push **VEND**, and out comes your card! For every \$10 put in, you get \$11 worth of rides. Recharge cards for as little as 5¢.

Or, buy pre-valued transit card packs for \$10 (\$11 value) or \$20 (\$22 value) at Currency Exchanges, Jewel, Dominick's and select Cub Foods stores, or at www.transitchicago.com. Reduced Fare Transit Card packs are also available at these locations.



**Insert & Remove
Cards &
Passes
Here**



**Insert
Coins
Here**

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 by calling 836-7000 (from any Chicago/suburban area code).

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 the turnstile.

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¢; ages 7-11: 15¢). Connections between CTA train lines are free; no transfer card needed.





QUICK RIDE GUIDE

From the Loop

ATTRACTION

Art Institute, Cultural Center

Comiskey Park (White Sox)

Chinatown

DuSable Museum

Garfield Park Conservatory

John Hancock Observatory

Lincoln Park Zoo

McCormick Place

Museum Campus *

Museum of Science & Industry

Navy Pier

North Michigan Avenue

River North & Old Town

Sears Tower/Union Station

Soldier Field (Bears, Fire)

United Center (Bulls, Blackhawks)

Wrigley Field (Cubs)

TAKE BUS OR TRAIN:

Short walk from most bus and rail lines

Red Line train(95th/Dan Ryan) in the State Street subway south to 35th

Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train in the State Street subway south to Cermak

4& south on Michigan Ave.

Green Line train (Harlem) on the Loop 'L' west to Conservatory-Central Park Drive

10&, 145, 146, 147, 151& north on State

151& north on State Street

3& south on Michigan Ave.

146 south on State Street

6 or 10& (weekends year-round; daily during summer & Christmas), south on State

29& north on State, 56& east on Washington

10&, 145, 146, 147, 151& north on State

22& or 36 north on Dearborn

1&, 60&, 130&, 151& west on Adams

146 south on State Street

19& or 20& west on Madison

Red Line (Howard) train in the State Street subway north to Addison

Loop Tour Train (Saturday midday, May through Sept.) Must get free tickets in advance at Chicago Cultural Center (Randolph/Michigan); 40 minute trip.

From North Michigan Avenue

ATTRACTION

Art Institute, Cultural Center

Comiskey Park (White Sox)

Lincoln Park Zoo

McCormick Place

Museum Campus**

Museum of Science & Industry

Navy Pier

Sears Tower/Union Station

State Street Shopping

Soldier Field (Bears, Fire)

United Center (limited stops)

Wrigley Field (Cubs)

TAKE BUS OR TRAIN:

3&*, 145 or 151& south on Michigan

Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train in the State Street subway south to 35th

151& north on Michigan Ave.

3& south on Michigan Ave.*

146 south on Michigan Ave.

6 west on South Water at Michigan daily; or 10 south on Michigan (weekends all year; daily during summer & Christmas)

66& east on Chicago; 29&/65 east on Illinois

151& south on Michigan Ave.

10&, 146 or 151& south on Michigan Ave.

146 south on Michigan Ave.

19& south on Michigan Ave.*

Red Line (Howard) train in the State Street subway north to Addison

* (starts at Chicago Ave.)

** (Adler Planetarium/Field Museum of Natural History/Shedd Aquarium)

Directions valid every day.