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**DOWNTOWN**  
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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 Events Hot Line: (312) 744-3370

F-11 Adler Planetarium

D-7 Art Institute of Chicago

E-8 Buckingham Fountain

D-7 Chicago Architecture Foundation Tours

F-4 Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier

A-6 Civic Opera House

D-6 Chicago Cultural Center/Visitor Info Center

A-7 Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tours

C-6 City Hall, County Bldg.

C-6 Daley Center & Picasso

C-11 Chinatown

E-11 Field Museum of Natural History

D-6 Gallery 37 Center For The Arts

E-7 Grant Park Concerts

A-8 Greektown

D-2 John Hancock Observatory

C-8 Harold Washington Library

C-6, D-2 Hot Tix Booths

D-6 Loop Tour Train (May-Sept.)

E-11 McCormick Place

B-5 Merchandise Mart

D-6 Museum of Broadcast Communications

E-2 Museum of Contemporary Art

D-9 Museum of Contemporary Photography

F-4 Navy Pier/Skyline Stage/Visitor Info Center

D-2 North Michigan Avenue Shopping

E-1 Oak Street Beach

D-2 Old Water Tower & Pumping Station/Visitor Info Center

C-4 River North Restaurants & Nightlife

B-7 Sears Tower Skydeck

F-4 Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows at Navy Pier

F-10 Shedd Aquarium

D-5 F-4 Sightseeing Boats

D-8 Spertus Museum of Judaica

C-6 State of Illinois Center

C-6 C-7 State Street Shopping

D-3 Terra Museum of American Art

D-7 Symphony Center

E-8 Taste of Chicago (late June-early July)

Theatres (Live)

D-8 Auditorium

B-6 Cadillac Palace

C-6 Chicago Shakespeare

C-6 Goodman

D-9 Merle Reskin

C-6 Noble Fool

E-11 Vietnam Veterans Art Museum



## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF DOWNTOWN HOTELS

- 1 Allerton Crowne Plaza Hotel, D-3

2 Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10

3 Best Western Inn of Chicago, D-4

4 Best Western River North Hotel, B-4

5 Cass Hotel, C-3

6 Chicago Hilton and Towers, D-9

7 Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, D-4

8 Chicago Travelodge, D-9

9 The Claridge Hotel, C-1

10 Club Quarters, C-7

11 Comfort Inn & Suites Downtown, C-4

12 Congress Plaza Hotel, D-8

13 Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown, C-4

14 Crowne Plaza - Silversmith Hotel, D-7

15 Doubletree Guest Suites - Chicago, D-2

16 The Drake Hotel, D-1

17 Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown, C-4

18 Embassy Suites Chicago Lakefront, E-4

19 Essex Inn, D-9

20 Executive Plaza, D-5

21 Fairfield Inn - Downtown, E-3

22 Fairmont Hotel - at Grant Park, E-6

23 Fitzpatrick Chicago Hotel, E-3

24 Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, D-2

25 Hampton Inn & Suites, C-4

26 Hilton Garden Inn, C-4

27 Ho Jo Inn, B-3

28 Holiday Inn & Suites, A-8

29 Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre, E-4

30 Holiday Inn - Mart Plaza, A-5

31 Homewood Suites by Hilton, C-4

32 Hosting International, C-8

33 Hotel Allegro Chicago, B-6

34 Hotel Burnham, C-6

35 Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, D-4

36 Hotel Monaco, D-5

37 House of Blues Hotel, C-5

38 Hyatt on Printers Row, C-8

39 Hyatt Regency Chicago, D-5

40 Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, E-11

41 Lenox Suites Hotel, D-4

42 Le Meridien Hotel, D-4

43 Millennium Knickerbocker Chicago Hotel, D-2

44 Ohio House Hotel, C-4

45 Omni Ambassador East, D-1

46 Omni Chicago Hotel, D-3

47 Palmer House Hilton, D-7

48 Park Hyatt Chicago Hotel, D-2

49 The Peninsula Chicago, D-3

50 Quality Inn Chicago, A-7

51 Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago, D-3

52 The Raphael Hotel, D-2

53 Red Roof Inn, D-3

54 Renaissance Chicago Hotel, C-5

55 Residence Inn by Marriott Chicago - Downtown, E-2

56 The Ritz-Carlton - Chicago, D-2

57 The Seneca Hotel, E-2

58 Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, E-4

59 Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, C-2

60 The Sutton Place Hotel, D-1

61 Swissotel Chicago, E-5

62 The Talbott Hotel, C-2

63 The Tremont Hotel, D-2

64 W Chicago City Center, B-7

65 W Chicago Lake Shore, F-3

66 The Westin Michigan Avenue, D-2

67 The Westin River North, C-5

68 Whitehall Hotel, D-2

69 Wyndham Chicago, D-3





# All Aboard

This guide will show you how to see Chicago using CTA 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 Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Travel Center 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. by calling 836-7000 from any local area code. TTY: (312) 836-4949

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**

CTA's website is **[www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)**. You can get information, see our map, and even buy your fare in advance! Metra's website is [www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com). Pace's website is [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com).

## **GROUPS ARE GREAT**

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**

Comment, commendation or inquiry?

Call 1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282) weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or leave a voice mail message at other times.  
TTY: 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (1-888-282-8891)

Write to us at CTA Customer Service,  
Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, IL 60654.





# Buses

## RIDING CTA BUSES

CTA buses stop about every 2 blocks at signs that look like this. Signs list the route number, name and destinations, but not the direction of travel.

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.

cta bus stop
22 Clark
24 Wentworth
36 Broadway
62 Archer

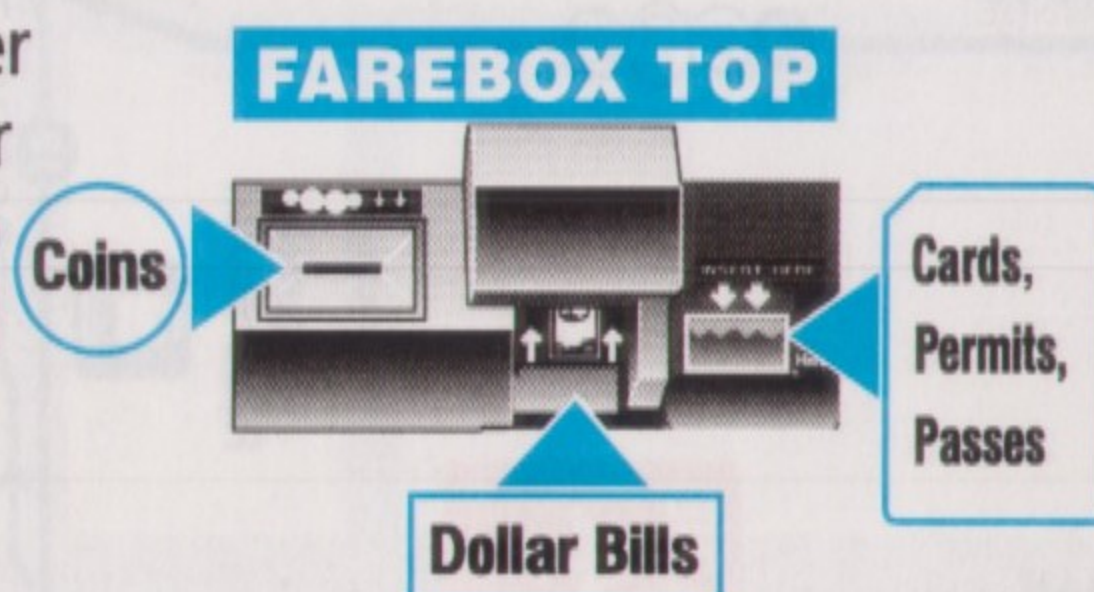
First:

**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 farebox.



## HOW THEY OPERATE

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

Buses operate every 10 to 15 minutes, except for route (10), which operates every 20 to 30 minutes at certain times.

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

♿ **65 Grand:** until 7:00 p.m. daily

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

**Routes that do not operate 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 Year's Day, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

♿ **(124) Navy Pier Express:** Memorial Day through Labor Day, Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to midnight, Sundays/holidays 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 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 the #145 Wilson/Michigan Express and the #146 Marine/Michigan Express.











# Trains

## RIDING CTA TRAINS

Each train line has a different color name. All trains operate downtown daily, every 5 to 15 minutes until at least midnight, except the Purple Line Express (see map for hours). Here's a quick guide to boarding in the downtown area:

	<b>RED LINE</b>	State Street subway
	<b>BLUE LINE</b>	Dearborn Street subway
	<b>GREEN LINE</b>	Loop elevated (along Wabash & Lake streets)
	<b>ORANGE LINE</b>	Loop elevated
	<b>BROWN LINE</b>	Loop elevated
	<b>PURPLE LINE</b>	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. For more information, call 836-7000 from any local area code.

## 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 –** Train destination appears on front and sides of train.

O'Hare 

Forest Park

54/Cermak

**On the Train –** Rail maps are above the doorways. Stops and connections are announced. Watch and listen for your stop.

## TRAINS TO PLANES

### Take the Blue Line between O'Hare and downtown.

From the airport, follow the "Trains to City" signs.  
From downtown, board in the Dearborn Street subway;  
45 minute trip.

### Take the Orange Line between Midway and downtown.

From the airport, follow the "Trains to City" signs.  
From downtown, board at any elevated Loop 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 or recharged. Not valid 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](http://www.transitchicago.com). Passes are sold at Visitor Information Centers, Sears Tower, Navy Pier, O'Hare and Midway airports, and the Rosemont and Cumberland CTA train stations.

## TRANSIT CARD

Deducts full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace.

**First ride ..... \$1.50**

**2nd ride within 2 hours ..... 30¢**

**3rd ride within 2 hours ..... FREE**

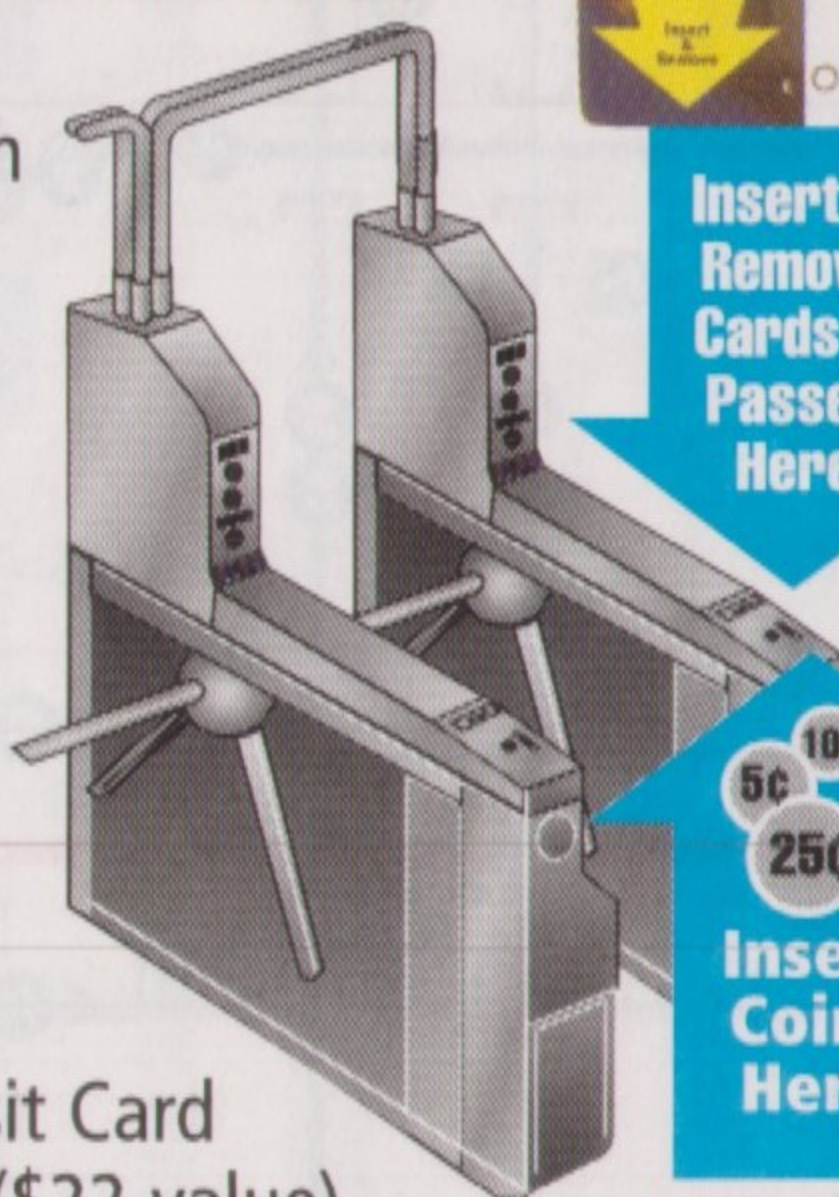
The card can be shared by up to 7 full-fare customers at once (each inserts it separately). Buy it from vending machines at CTA train stations from \$1.50 to \$91.

Put in the exact amount you want, push **VEND**, and out comes your card! Get \$1 bonus for every \$10 purchase. Add value at train station farecard machines.

You can also 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](http://www.transitchicago.com). Reduced Fare Transit Card packs are also available at these locations.



**Insert &  
Remove  
Cards &  
Passes  
Here**



10¢  
5¢  
25¢

**Insert  
Coins  
Here**

## CASH FARE

One ride is \$1.50 full fare and 75¢ reduced fare (ages 7-11). Seniors 65 and older, customers with disabilities, and Medicare card holders can apply for RTA reduced fares by calling 836-7000 from any local 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 children through the turnstile.

When you pay your cash fare, you can buy a Transfer Card that allows 2 more rides within 2 hours on any route (full fare: 30¢; ages 7-11: 15¢). Free connections between CTA train lines at stations marked with a **T** (no Transfer Card needed).





# Quick Ride Guide



Directions valid every day.

## From the Loop

### TAKE BUS OR TRAIN:

Art Institute, Cultural Center	Short walk from most bus and rail lines
Comiskey Park (White Sox)	Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train in the State Street subway south to Sox-35th &
Chinatown	Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train in the State Street subway south to Cermak-Chinatown
DuSable Museum	4& south on Michigan
Garfield Park Conservatory	Green Line (Harlem) train on the Loop 'L' west to Conservatory-Central Park Drive &
John Hancock Observatory	10&, 145, 146, 147&, 151& north on State
Lincoln Park Zoo	151& north on State
McCormick Place	3& south on Michigan
Museum Campus **	146 south on State
Museum of Science & Industry	6& or 10& south on State. See "Buses" panel for 10& days/hours.
Navy Pier	29& north on State, 56& east on Washington
North Michigan Avenue	10&, 145, 146, 147&, 151& north on State
River North & Old Town	22& or 36& north on Dearborn
Sears Tower/Union Station	1&, 60&, 126&, 130&†, 151& west on Adams
United Center (Bulls, Blackhawks)	19& or 20& west on Madison
Wrigley Field (Cubs)	Red Line (Howard) train in the State Street subway north to Addison &

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

## From North Michigan Avenue

### ATTRACTION

### TAKE BUS OR TRAIN:

Art Institute, Cultural Center	3&*, 145 or 151& south on Michigan
Comiskey Park (White Sox)	Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train in the State Street subway south to Sox-35th &
Lincoln Park Zoo	151& north on Michigan
McCormick Place	3& south on Michigan*
Museum Campus **	146 south on Michigan
Museum of Science & Industry	10& south on Michigan weekends year-round, daily in summer and December. Otherwise, 6& south on State starting at Washington.
Navy Pier	66& east on Chicago; 29&, 65& east on Illinois
Sears Tower/Union Station	151& south on Michigan
State Street shopping	10&, 146 or 151& south on Michigan
United Center (limited stops)	19& south on Michigan*
Wrigley Field (Cubs)	Red Line (Howard) train in the State Street subway north to Addison &

\* starts at Chicago Avenue

\*\* Adler Planetarium/Field Museum of Natural History/Shedd Aquarium

† weekends/holidays mid-May through Labor Day