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Downtown Transit

Sightseeing Guide



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Downtown Attractions

Visitor Information Centers are in the Chicago Cultural Center (Michigan/Randolph), Chicago Water Works (Michigan/Pearson) and Explore Chicago at Sears on State. Open daily. **Special Events Hot Line:** (312) 744-3370.

F-11 Adler Planetarium	A-7 Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tours	C-6 James R. Thompson Center (State of Illinois Ctr.)	D-9 Museum of Contemporary Photography	B-7 Sears Tower Skydeck	D-7 Symphony Center
D-7 Art Institute of Chicago	C-6 City Hall County Bldg.	D-2 John Hancock Observatory	F-4 Navy Pier: Skyline Stage Chicago Shakespeare Theatre Chicago Children's Museum Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows	F-10 Shedd Aquarium	E-8 Taste of Chicago (late June-early July)
E-8 Buckingham Fountain	C-6 Daley Center & Picasso	C-8 Harold Washington Library Center	D-2 North Michigan Avenue Shopping	D-5, F-4, F-10 Sightseeing Boats	Theatres (Live): D-8 Auditorium B-6 Cadillac Palace C-6 Chicago F-4 Chicago Shakespeare C-6 Goodman D-2 Lookingglass C-6 Oriental D-9 Merle Reskin C-6 Noble Fool C-7 Shubert
D-7 Chicago Architecture Foundation Tours	C-11 Chinatown	C-6, D-2 Hot Tix Booths	E-11 McCormick Place	F-11 Soldier Field	E-11 Prairie Avenue Historic District Clarke House Museum Glessner House Museum Vietnam Veterans Art Museum Women's Park and Gardens
D-6 Chicago Cultural Center	E-11 Field Museum	E-11 McCormick Place	D-2 Oak Street Beach	D-8 Spertus Museum of Judaica	C-6, D-2, D-6 Visitor Information Centers
Loop Tour Train (May-Sept.) Museum of Broadcast Communications Visitor Info. Center	D-6 Gallery 37 Center for the Arts	B-5 Merchandise Mart	D-2 Old Water Tower & Pumping Station (Chicago Water Works; Visitor Info. Center)	C-6, C-7 State Street Shopping	
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	A-8 Greektown				



Alphabetical List of Downtown Hotels

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| 1 Allerton Crowne Plaza Hotel, D-3 | 18 Essex Inn, D-9 | 36 Howard Johnson Inn - Chicago, B-3 | 53 Residence Inn by Marriott Chicago - Downtown, E-2 |
| 2 Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10 | 19 Fairfield Inn - Downtown, E-3 | 37 Hyatt on Printers Row, C-8 | 54 The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, D-2 |
| 3 Best Western Inn of Chicago, D-4 | 20 The Fairmont Chicago, E-6 | 38 Hyatt Regency Chicago, D-5 | 55 Rodeway Inn Downtown Chicago, A-7 |
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| 5 Cass Hotel, C-3 | 22 Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, D-2 | 40 Lenox Suites Hotel, D-4 | 57 Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, E-4 |
| 6 Chicago Hilton and Towers, D-9 | 23 Hampton Inn & Suites, C-4 | 41 Le Meridien Hotel, D-4 | 58 Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, C-2 |
| 7 Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, D-4 | 24 Hilton Garden Inn, C-4 | 42 Millennium Knickerbocker Chicago Hotel, D-2 | 59 The Sutton Place Hotel, D-1 |
| 8 Chicago Travelodge, D-9 | 25 Holiday Inn & Suites, A-8 | 43 Ohio House Motel, B-4 | 60 Swissotel Chicago, E-5 |
| 9 The Claridge Hotel, C-1 | 26 Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre, E-4 | 44 Omni Ambassador East, D-1 | 61 The Talbott Hotel, C-2 |
| 10 Comfort Inn & Suites Downtown, C-4 | 27 Holiday Inn - Mart Plaza, A-5 | 45 Omni Chicago Hotel, D-3 | 62 The Tremont Hotel, D-2 |
| 11 Congress Plaza Hotel, D-8 | 28 Homewood Suites by Hilton, C-4 | 46 Palmer House Hilton, D-7 | 63 W Chicago City Center, B-7 |
| 12 Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown, C-4 | 29 Hostelling International, C-8 | 47 Park Hyatt Chicago Hotel, D-2 | 64 W Chicago Lake Shore, F-3 |
| 13 Crowne Plaza - Silversmith Hotel, D-7 | 30 Hotel 71, D-5 | 48 The Peninsula Chicago, D-3 | 65 The Westin Michigan Avenue, D-2 |
| 14 Doubletree Guest Suites - Chicago, D-2 | 31 Hotel Allegro Chicago, B-6 | 49 Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago, D-3 | 66 The Westin River North, C-5 |
| 15 The Drake Hotel, D-1 | 32 Hotel Burnham, C-6 | 50 The Raphael Hotel, D-2 | 67 Whitehall Hotel, D-2 |
| 16 Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown, C-4 | 33 Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, D-4 | 51 Red Roof Inn Chicago, D-3 | 68 Wyndham Chicago, D-3 |
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All Aboard!

This guide will show you how to use CTA to see downtown Chicago, North Michigan Avenue, 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 Information Center by calling 836-7000 from any local area code, 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily. TTY: (312) 836-4949 (for hearing and speech impaired).

Get answers about CTA, Metra commuter trains, and Pace suburban buses; order maps, train and bus schedules, and brochures. CTA Bus and Rail Maps and this brochure are also available at CTA rail stations.

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 us at CTA Customer Service, Merchandise Mart Plaza, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, IL 60654.

Visit Us Online

CTA's web site is www.transitchicago.com. You can get information, see our map, purchase CTA-themed gift items, and even buy your fare in advance! Metra's web site is www.metrarail.com. Pace's web site is www.pacebus.com.

Groups are Great

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Buses

Riding CTA Buses

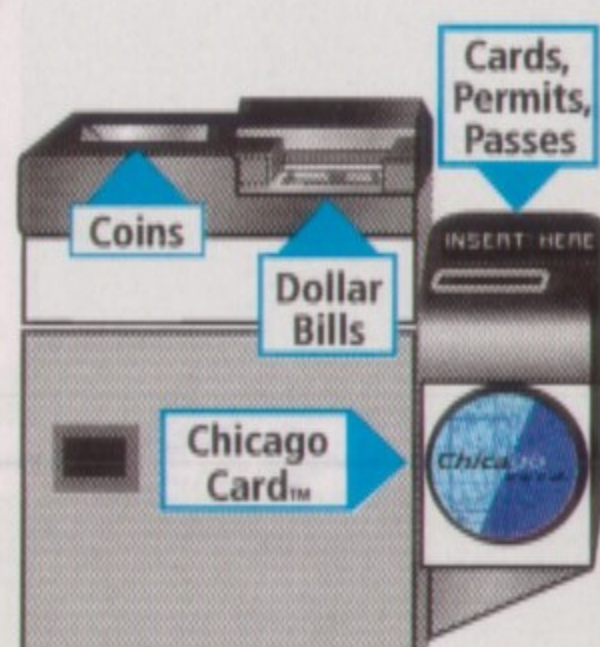
CTA buses stop at bus shelters or signs that look like this. Signs list the route number, name and destinations, and in the downtown area, the direction of travel.

When a bus approaches, look at the sign above the windshield. It will first show the route number and route name, then change 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 side.

All cards and passes are inserted into the slot on the right of the farebox, except the Chicago Card™, which must be tapped to the touchpad.



How They Operate

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

Buses mentioned in this brochure run 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 ♿ operates until 7:00 p.m. daily.

146 Marine/Michigan Express operates until 8:50 p.m. daily from Museum Campus; midnight daily from downtown.

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

(10) Museum of Science & Industry ♿ operates weekends and holidays year-round; daily Memorial Day to Labor Day and Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. Hours are from about 9:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday (9:30 a.m. Sundays/holidays) to 5:00 p.m. every 20 or 30 minutes. No service on Christmas Day.

(130) Grant Park Treasures ♿ operates mid-May through Labor Day, weekends and holidays, from 9:20 a.m. Saturday (10:20 a.m. Sundays/holidays) to 6:00 p.m.

(157) Streeterville ♿ operates weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Major Service Changes

The #124 Navy Pier ♿ now runs daily between Union and Ogilvie stations and Navy Pier, 8:30 a.m. to midnight during summer (until 10:00 p.m. other times of the year). #56 Milwaukee ♿ buses now end their eastbound trips at Madison/Michigan. Customers traveling to Navy Pier can transfer at Washington/State to #124 Navy Pier ♿ buses.







Accessibility ♿

Currently 90 percent of CTA's bus routes are accessible to customers with disabilities. All routes mentioned in this brochure are accessible except the #145 Wilson/Michigan Express and the #146 Marine/Michigan Express.

Trains

Riding CTA Trains

Each rail line is named for a color. All trains operate downtown daily until at least midnight, except the Purple Line Express (see map for hours). Trains run every 5 to 10 minutes during the day and early evening, and every 10 to 15 minutes in later evening. 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 Customer Assistants or Security Guards at stations to help you.

Accessibility

More than one-third of stations are accessible and every train has at least one car that is accessible to customers with disabilities. For information on the current accessible rail stations, visit our web site at www.transitchicago.com, see CTA's Bus & Rail Map or 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 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 or recharged. Not valid on Pace. You can also buy 2-Day (\$9), 3-Day (\$12) and 5-Day (\$18) passes.

Passes are sold at Visitor Information Centers, Sears Tower, Navy Pier, O'Hare and Midway airports, and the Rosemont and Cumberland CTA rail stations. For advance sales and other sales locations, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA or visit CTA's web site at www.transitchicago.com.



Transit Card or Chicago 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

Cards can pay for up to seven full-fare rides at once. Add value at rail station farecard machines. Maximum card value is \$100.

Buy full-fare Transit Cards at Currency Exchanges, select Jewel, Dominick's and Cub Foods stores, and online for \$10 (\$11 value) or \$20 (\$22 value). Buy Chicago Cards online at www.transitchicago.com, or for a list of sales locations, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282); TTY: 1-888-CTA-TTY-1 (1-888-282-8891).



Cash Fare

One ride is \$1.50 full-fare and 75¢ reduced fare.

Reduced fares are for children ages 7-11; elementary and high school students with a CTA student riding permit; seniors 65 years and older; and customers with disabilities who have an RTA Reduced Fare Permit. For more information, call 836-7000 from any local area code.

On buses, deposit 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 two more rides within two hours on any route (full fare: 30¢; reduced fare: 15¢). Connections are free between CTA rail lines at stations marked with a **T** (no Transfer Card needed).



Quick Ride Guide

From the Loop

Attraction

Art Institute, Chicago Cultural Ctr.
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 areas

Sears Tower/Union Station

Soldier Field (Bears, Fire)

United Center (Bulls, Blackhawks)

U.S. Cellular Field (White Sox)

Wrigley Field (Cubs)

Take Bus or Train:

Short walk from most buses and all rail lines.
Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train in the State Street subway south to Cermak-Chinatown

4 & south on Michigan

Green Line (Harlem) train on the Loop 'L' west to Conservatory-Central Park Drive &
10 &, 145, 146, 147 &, 151 & north on State
151 & north on State

3 &* south on Michigan

146 south on State

6 & or 10 & south on State

See "Buses" panel for 10 & days/hours.

29 & north on State; 124 & east on Washington

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

22 & or 36 & north on Dearborn

1 &, 7 &, 126 &, 130 &+, 151 & west on Adams

146 south on State

19 &* (limited stops) or 20 & west on Madison

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

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

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

From North Michigan Avenue

Attraction

Art Institute, Chicago Cultural Ctr.

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 (Bulls, Blackhawks)

U.S. Cellular Field (White Sox)

Wrigley Field (Cubs)

Take Bus or Train:

3 &*, 145 or 151 & south on Michigan

151 & north on Michigan

3 &* south on Michigan

146 south on Michigan

10 & south on Michigan (weekends year-round; daily in summer and holiday season).

Otherwise, 6 & south on State starting at Lake.

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

151 & south on Michigan

10 &, 146 or 151 & south on Michigan

146 south on Michigan

19 &* south on Michigan (limited stops)

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

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

* starts at Chicago Avenue

** Adler Planetarium/Field Museum/Shedd Aquarium

+ weekends/holidays mid-May through Labor Day