

Chicago Transit Authority

Downtown Transit

Sightseeing Guide

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Downtown Attractions

Visitor Information Centers are in the Chicago Cultural Center (Michigan/Randolph) and Chicago Water Works (Michigan/Pearson). Open daily (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day). **Special Events Hot Line:** (312) 744-3370.

F-11
Adler
Planetarium

D-7
Art Institute
of Chicago

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Buckingham
Fountain

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Chicago
Architecture
Foundation Tours

D-6
Chicago
Cultural
Center
Visitor Info. Center

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Opera House

A-7
Chicago Mercantile
Exchange Tours

C-6
City Hall/
County Bldg.

C-6
Daley Center
& Picasso

C-11
Chinatown

E-11
Field Museum

D-6
Gallery 37
Center for the Arts

D-6
Pritzker Pavilion
Grant Park
Music Festival

A-8
Greektown

C-6
James R.
Thompson
(State of
Illinois) Center

D-2
John Hancock
Observatory

C-8
Harold Washington
Library Center

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Hot Tix Booths

E-11
McCormick
Place

B-5
Merchandise
Mart

E-2
Museum of
Contemporary Art

D-9
Museum of Contemporary
Photography

F-4
Navy Pier:
Skyline Stage
Chicago Shakespeare Theatre
Chicago Children's Museum
Smith Museum of
Stained Glass Windows

D-2
North Michigan
Avenue Shopping

F-11
Northerly Island Park

E-1
Oak Street Beach

D-2
Old Water Tower & Pumping
Station (Chicago Water
Works; Visitor Info. Center)

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Petrillo Music Shell

C-3
River North Restaurants &
Nightlife

B-7
Sears Tower Skydeck

F-10
Shedd Aquarium

D-5, F-4, F-10
Sightseeing Boats

E-11
Soldier Field

D-9
Spertus Museum
of Judaica

C-6, C-7
State Street Shopping

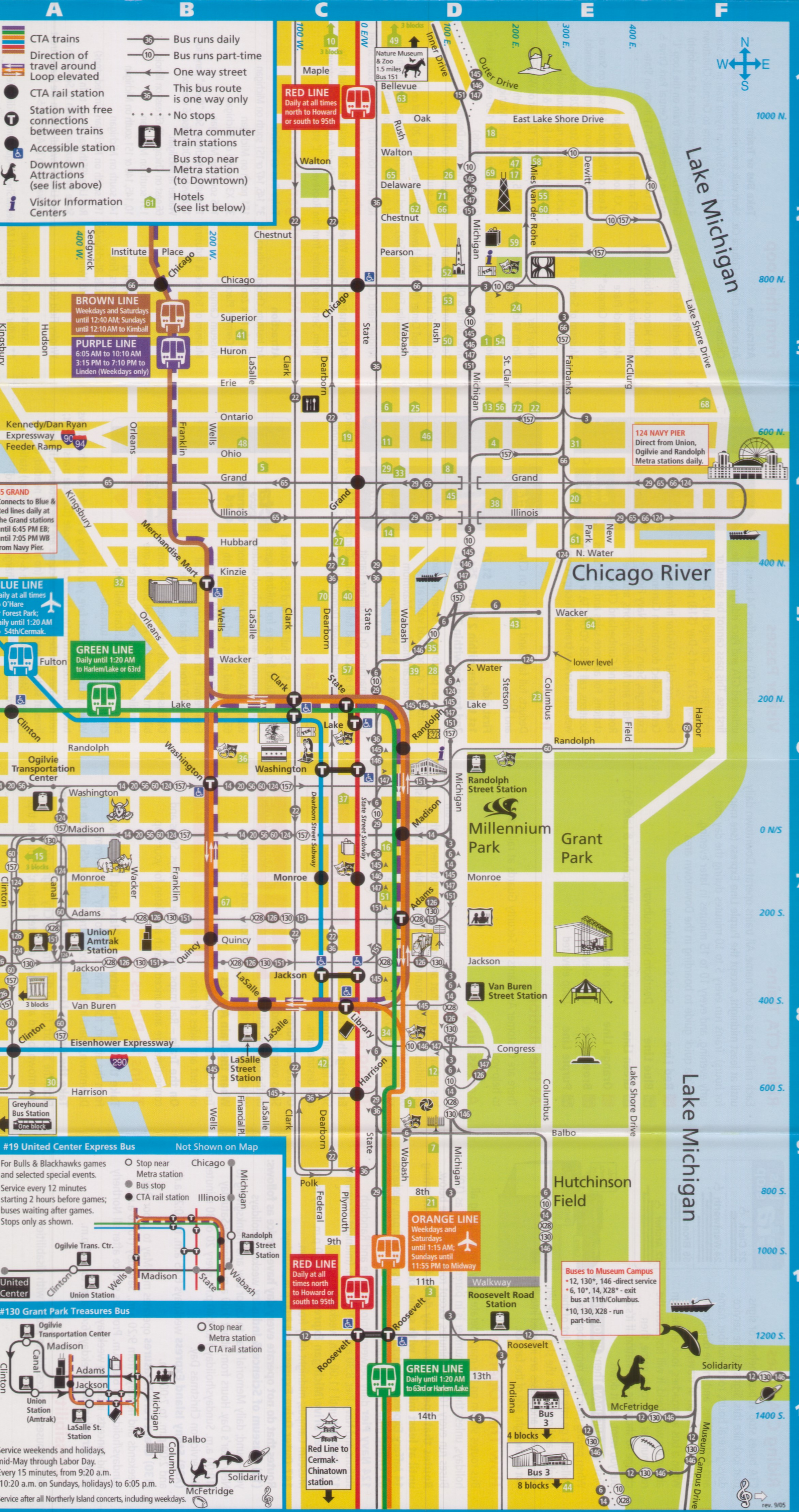
D-7
Symphony Center

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

Theatres (Live):
D-8 Auditorium
B-6 Cadillac Palace
C-6 Chicago
F-4 Chicago Shakespeare
(Navy Pier)
C-6 Goodman
E-6 Harris Music and
Dance
D-2 Lookingglass
C-6 Oriental
D-9 Merle Reskin
C-7 Shubert

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Prairie Avenue Historic District:
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Glessner House Museum
Vietnam Veterans
Art Museum
Women's Park and Gardens

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Visitor Information Centers



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2 Amalfi Hotel, C-5

3 Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10

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5 Best Western River North Hotel, C-4

6 Cass Hotel, C-3

7 Chicago Hilton and Towers, D-9

8 Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, D-4

9 Chicago Travelodge, D-9

10 The Claridge Hotel, C-1

11 Comfort Inn & Suites Downtown, C-4

12 Congress Plaza Hotel, D-8

13 Courtyard by Marriott Chicago, D-3

14 Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown, C-4

15 Crowne Plaza Chicago Metro, A-6

16 Crowne Plaza - Silversmith Hotel, D-7

17 Doubletree Guest Suites - Chicago, D-2

18 The Drake Hotel, D-1
- 19 Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown, C-4

20 Embassy Suites Chicago Lakefront, E-4

21 Essex Inn, D-9

22 Fairfield Inn - Downtown, E-3

23 The Fairmont Chicago, E-6

24 Fitzpatrick Chicago Hotel, E-3

25 Four Points by Sheraton, C-3

26 Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, D-2

27 Hampton Inn & Suites, C-4

28 Hard Rock Hotel, D-5

29 Hilton Garden Inn, C-4

30 Holiday Inn & Suites, A-9

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35 Hotel 71, D-5

36 Hotel Allegro Chicago, B-6

37 Hotel Burnham, C-6
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45 Le Meridien Hotel, D-4

46 Lenox Suites Hotel, D-4

47 Millennium Knickerbocker Chicago Hotel, D-2

48 Ohio House Motel, B-4

49 Omni Ambassador East, D-1

50 Omni Chicago Hotel, D-3

51 Palmer House Hilton, D-7

52 Park Hyatt Chicago Hotel, D-2

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54 Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago, D-3

55 The Raphael Hotel, D-2
- 56 Red Roof Inn Chicago, D-3

57 Renaissance Chicago Hotel, C-5

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59 The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, D-2

60 The Seneca Hotel & Suites, E-2

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63 The Sutton Place Hotel, D-1

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65 The Talbott Hotel, C-2

66 The Tremont Hotel, D-2

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70 The Westin River North, C-5

71 Whitehall Hotel, D-2

72 Wyndham Chicago, D-3

All Aboard!

This guide will show you how to use CTA buses and trains 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') serving Chicago and 40 nearby suburbs. From Downtown, you can get to most attractions on just one bus or train.

We Have Answers

Get travel information and questions answered about CTA buses and trains, Metra commuter trains, and Pace suburban buses 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). Or, try the trip planner at <http://rtachicago.org>.

Maps, train and bus schedules, and brochures can also be ordered through the RTA Travel Information Center. CTA Bus & Rail Maps and this brochure are also available at CTA rail stations.

We are 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, P.O. Box 7566, Chicago, IL 60680-7566. Or, e-mail us at ctahelp@transitchicago.com.

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.

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Buses

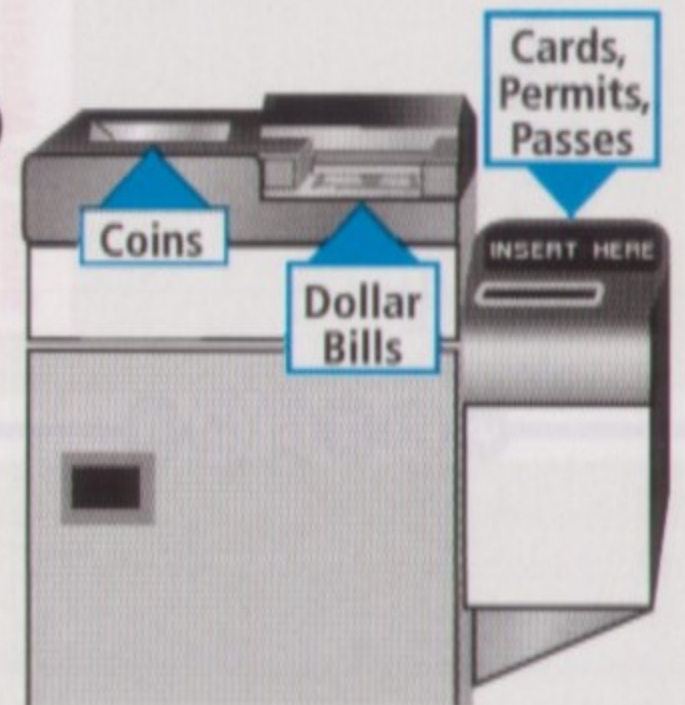
Riding CTA Buses

CTA buses stop at bus shelters or signs that look like this. Signs list the service days/general hours, 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 side of the farebox.



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 run every 10 to 15 minutes, except route (10) -- see below.

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

14 Jeffery Express until 11:15 p.m. weekdays and 9:20 p.m. weekends.

65 Grand until 7:00 p.m. daily.

124 Navy Pier daily between Union, Ogilvie and Randolph stations and Navy Pier, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (midnight in summer).

126 Jackson until 11:00 p.m. weekends.

146 Inner Drive/Michigan Express until 8:50 p.m. daily from Museum Campus; midnight daily from Downtown.

147 Outer Drive Express until 8:00 p.m., Sundays.

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

(10) Museum of Science & Industry weekends/holidays year-round; daily Memorial Day to Labor Day and Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. Hours from about 9:00 a.m., Monday-Saturday (10:00 a.m. Sundays/holidays) to 4:40 p.m. every 20 or 30 minutes. No service on Christmas Day.

(X28) Stony Island Express weekdays 6:45 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(130) Grant Park Treasures operates mid-May to Labor Day, weekends and holidays, from 9:20 a.m., Saturday (10:20 a.m. Sundays/holidays) to 6:05 p.m. Provides service after all Northerly Island concerts, including weekdays.

(157) Streeterville weekdays 6:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.







Accessibility

All CTA buses are accessible to people with disabilities.

Trains

Riding CTA Trains

Each rail line has a color name. 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 Ave. & Lake St.)
 Orange Line	Loop elevated
 Brown Line	Loop elevated
 Purple Line	Loop elevated

At the Station

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

Accessibility

Fifty (50) percent of rail stations are accessible and every train has at least two cars that are accessible to customers with disabilities. For information on 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.

Red Line Trains

Howard-Dan Ryan

On the Platform –

Signs overhead and on the columns tell you

← Howard

95/Dan Ryan →

which trains stop there, their directions, and destinations.

When the Train Arrives –

Train destination appears on front and sides of train.

Howard

95/Dan Ryan

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.

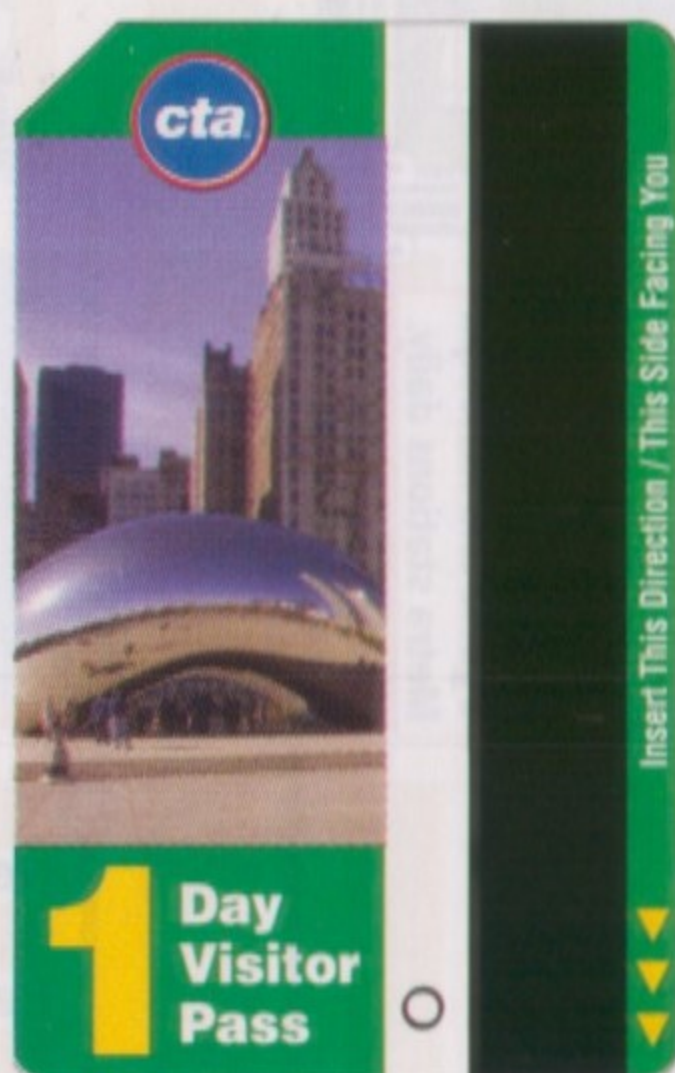
From the airport, follow the "Trains to City" signs. From Downtown, board at any Loop elevated station; 35 minute trip.

Fares

Visitor Passes

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

Passes are sold at Visitor Information Centers, select downtown Currency Exchanges, 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

Deducts full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace.

First ride	\$1.75
1st transfer within 2 hours	25¢
2nd transfer within 2 hours	FREE

Cards can pay for up to seven full-fare customers at once. Add value at rail station farecard machines. Maximum card value is \$100. Buy full-fare Transit Cards (\$1.75 to \$100) at rail station farecard machines. Or, buy full-fare Transit Cards (\$10 or \$20) and full-fare Transit Card packs (\$17.50) at Currency Exchanges, select Jewel, Dominick's and Cub Foods stores, and online.



Cash Fare

One ride is \$1.75 full fare and 85¢ 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 rail 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 transfer: 25¢; reduced-fare transfer: 15¢). Connections are free between CTA rail lines at stations marked with a **T** (no Transfer Card needed, except between State (elevated) and Lake & (Red Line subway) stations; farecard needed, but no transfer charge or use deducted).



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

Northerly Island Park

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 (starts at Randolph)

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, X3 south on Michigan

14 east on Washington, 146 south on State or 130 east on Jackson (summer weekends)

6 or 10 south on State; X28 east on Jackson (weekday rush hours only).

See "Buses" panel for 10 & X28 hours.

29 north on State or 124 east on Washington

10, 145, 146, 147, 151 north

on State or 3 north on Michigan

146 south on State or 130 east on Jackson (summer weekends)

22 or 36 north on Dearborn

Any bus 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 &

#40 Chinatown/Pilsen Weekend Shuttle (Memorial Day through late September) Free shuttle to Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Chinatown & Pilsen. Service originates from the Roosevelt & 'L' station.

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, 147 or 151 south on Michigan

151 north on Michigan

3*, X3* south on Michigan

146 south on Michigan

10 south on Michigan. See "Buses" panel for 10 days/hours. Otherwise, 6 west on Wacker at Michigan.

66 east on Chicago; 29, 65 east on Illinois

151 south on Michigan

10, 145, 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/Soldier Field