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Sightseeing Guide

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Downtown Attractions

Visitor Info. Centers: Chicago Cultural Center (Michigan/Randolph) and Chicago Water Works (Michigan/Pearson). Open daily (except Thanksgiving/Christmas Day). **Special Events Hot Line:** (312) 744-3370. **Chicagoland Trips Info. Kiosks:** Located at CTA Hdqrs., Chicago Cultural Center, Metra Millennium Station, Palmer House Hilton, Shedd Aquarium, Union Station and Westfield Northbridge Shopping Center.

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| F-11 Adler Planetarium | A-6 Civic Opera House | C-6 James R. Thompson (State of Illinois) Center | D-9 Museum of Contemporary Photography | D-6 Pritzker Pavilion - Grant Park Music Festival | D-7 Symphony Center |
| D-7 Art Institute of Chicago | A-7 Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tours | D-2 John Hancock Observatory | F-4 Navy Pier: Skyline Stage, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Chicago Children's Museum, Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows | C-3 River North Restaurants & Nightlife | E-8 Taste of Chicago (late June-early July) |
| E-8 Buckingham Fountain | C-6 City Hall/County Bldg. | C-8 Harold Washington Library Center | D-2 North Michigan Avenue Shopping | B-7 Sears Tower Skydeck | Theatres (Live): D-8 Auditorium, B-6 Cadillac Palace, C-6 Chicago, F-4 Chicago Shakespeare (Navy Pier) |
| F-11 Charter One Pavilion Northerly Island Park | C-6 Daley Center & Picasso | C-6, D-2 Hot Tix Booths | E-1 Oak Street Beach | F-10 Shedd Aquarium | C-6 Goodman, E-6 Harris Music and Dance, D-2 Lookingglass, C-6 Oriental, D-9 Merle Reskin, C-7 LaSalle Bank |
| D-7 Chicago Architecture Foundation Tours | C-11 Chinatown | E-11 McCormick Place | D-2 Old Water Tower & Pumping Station (Chicago Water Works; Visitor Info. Center) | D-5, F-4, F-10 Sightseeing Boats | E-11 Prairie Avenue Historic District: Clarke House Museum, Glessner House Museum, Vietnam Veterans Art Museum, Women's Park and Gardens |
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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') that serve 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.

Groups are Great

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Buses

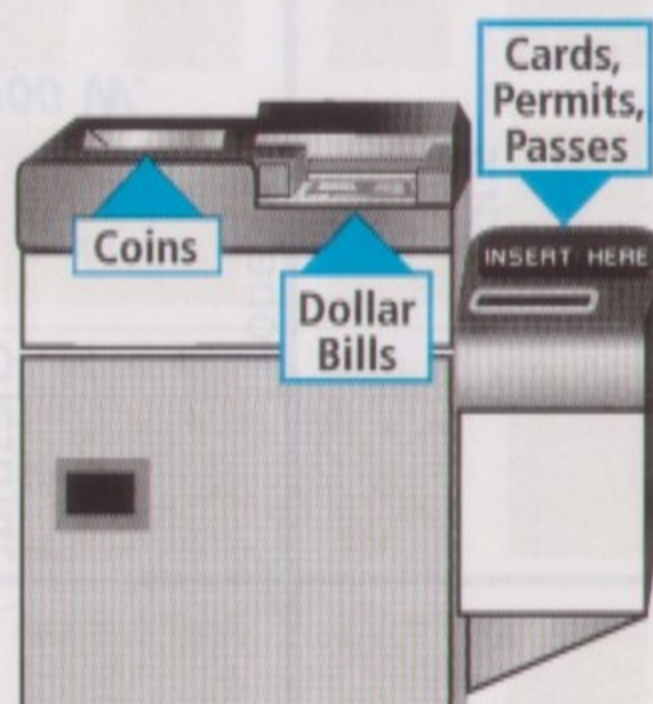
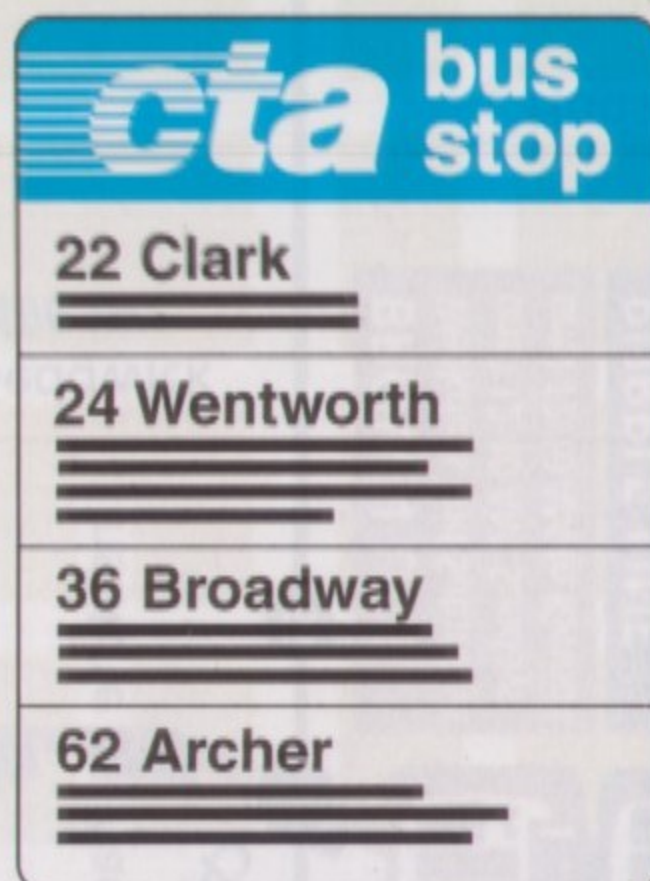
Riding CTA Buses

CTA buses stop at bus shelters or signs that look like this. Signs list the 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 10:00 p.m., with some exceptions:

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

124 Navy Pier daily until midnight in summer between Union, Ogilvie, and Millennium stations and Navy Pier.

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

147 Outer Drive Express until 8:30 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 (10:25 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 10:20 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 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Also, 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:

 Blue Line	Dearborn Street subway
 Brown Line	Loop elevated
 Green Line	Loop elevated (along Wabash Ave. & Lake St.)
 Orange Line	Loop elevated
 Pink Line	Loop elevated
 Purple Line	Loop elevated
 Red Line	State Street subway

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 (click on "Accessible Services"), 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

← Howard

95/Dan Ryan →

you 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.

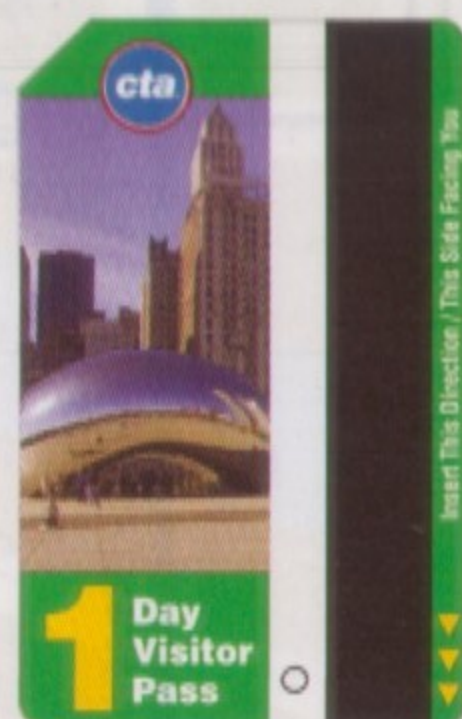
From the airport, follow the "Trains to City" signs. From Downtown, board at any Loop elevated station; 35 minute trip.

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 and Jewel Food stores, Sears Tower, Navy Pier, Union Station, 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.

	Full	Reduced*
First ride	\$1.75 bus \$2.00 rail	85¢
1st transfer within 2 hours	25¢	15¢
2nd transfer within 2 hours	FREE	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

Full Fare: \$2.00 (bus and rail); Reduced Fare*: \$1.00 (bus)/85¢ (rail); cash transfers are not available. **Cash fares are accepted on buses only.** On buses, deposit the exact fare in coins or bills into the farebox. **Rail station turnstiles do not accept cash.** Purchase Transit Cards from the rail station fare vending machine.

Connections are free between CTA rail lines at stations marked with a **T**, no Transfer Card needed. Exceptions: Customers must use a Transit Card or pass for free connections between State (elevated) and Lake & (Red Line subway) stations; and between Library-State/Van Buren & (elevated) and Jackson & (Blue and Red subway) stations. No transfer charge or use is deducted.

*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.

At rail stations, qualified Reduced-Fare customers should obtain a Reduced-Fare Transit Card from the Customer Assistant and add 85¢ value at the fare vending machine. The station Customer Assistant will help children through the turnstile.

Quick Ride Guide

From the Loop

Attraction	Take Bus or Train:
Art Institute, Chicago Cultural Ctr.	Short walk from most buses and all rail lines.
Charter One Pavilion at Northerly Island Park	146 south on State or 130 east on Jackson (summer weekends)
Chinatown	Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train in the State Street subway south to Cermak-Chinatown
DuSable Museum	4 south on Michigan (starts at Randolph)
Garfield Park Conservatory	Green Line (Harlem/Lake) train on the Loop 'L' west to Conservatory-Central Park Drive &
John Hancock Observatory	10, 145, 146, 147, 148, 151 north on State
Lincoln Park Zoo	151 north on State
McCormick Place	3, X3 south on Michigan
Museum Campus**	146 south on State (daily), or 130 east on Jackson (summer weekends)
Museum of Science & Industry	6 or 10 south on State daily; X28 east on Jackson (weekday rush hours). See "Buses" panel for 10 & X28 hours.
Navy Pier	29 north on State or 124 east on Washington
North Michigan Avenue	10, 145, 146, 147, 148, 151 north on State, or 3 north on Michigan
River North & Old Town areas	22 or 36 north on Dearborn
Sears Tower/Union Station	Any bus west on Adams
Soldier Field (Bears)	146 south on State
United Center (Bulls, Blackhawks)	19 or 20 west on Madison
U.S. Cellular Field (White Sox)	Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train in the State Street subway south to Sox-35th &; or Green Line (East 63rd or Ashland/63rd) train to 35th-Bronzeville-IIT &
Wrigley Field (Cubs)	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	Take Bus or Train:
Art Institute, Chicago Cultural Ctr.	3*, 145, 147 or 151 south on Michigan
Lincoln Park Zoo	151 north on Michigan
McCormick Place	3*, X3* south on Michigan
Museum Campus**	146 south on Michigan
Museum of Science & Industry	10 south on Michigan. See "Buses" panel for 10 days/hours. Otherwise, 6 west on Wacker at Michigan.
Navy Pier	66 east on Chicago or 29, 65 east on Illinois
Sears Tower/Union Station	151 south on Michigan
State Street Shopping	2, 10, 145, 146, 151 or 157 south on Michigan
Soldier Field (Bears)	146 south on Michigan
United Center (Bulls, Blackhawks)	19* south on Michigan
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** Adler Planetarium/Field Museum/Shedd Aquarium/Soldier Field