

Chicago Transit Authority

Downtown Transit

Sightseeing Guide

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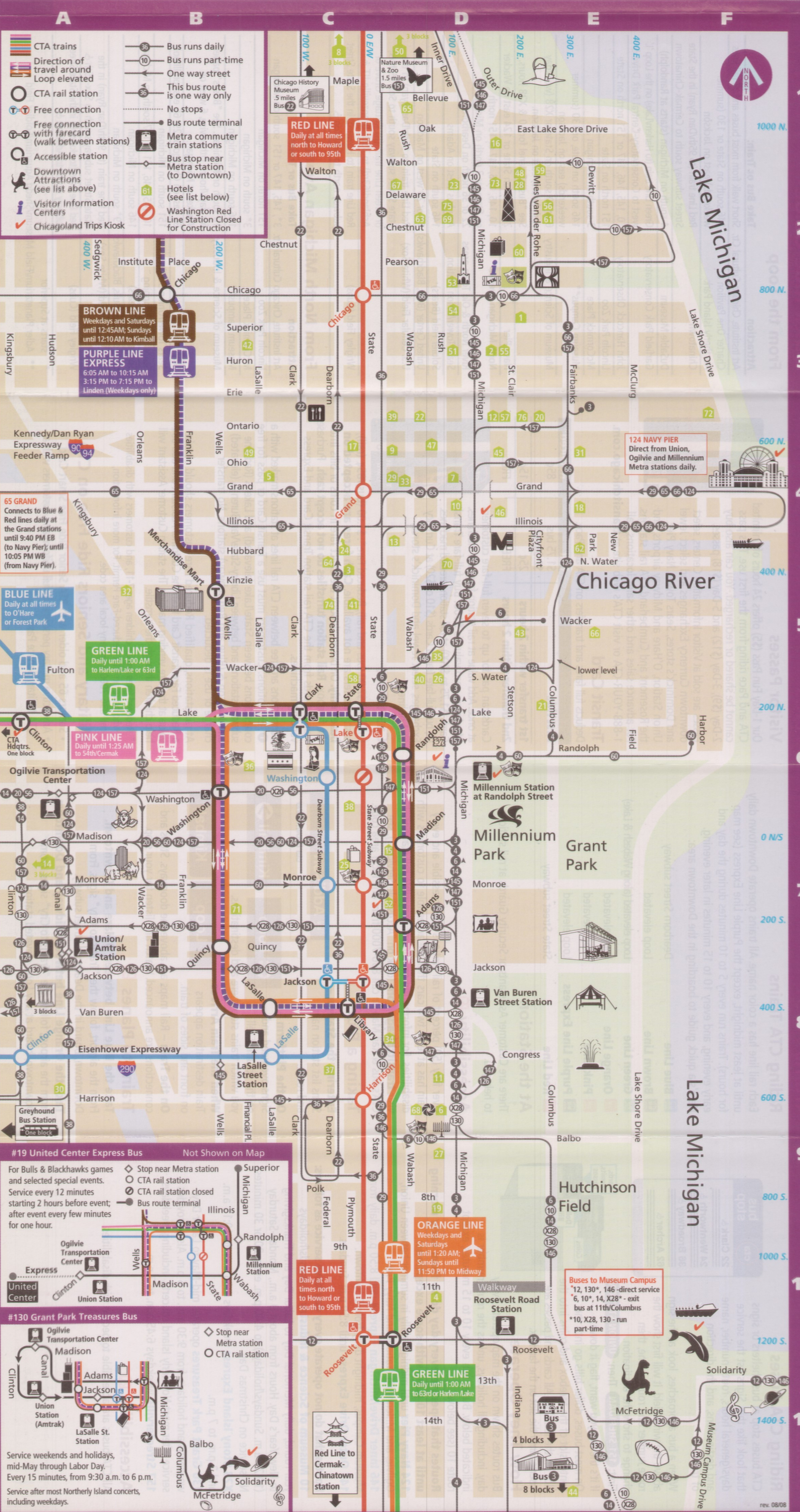


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Downtown Attractions

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 Hdgtrs., Chicago Cultural Center, Metra Millennium Station, Palmer House Hilton, Shedd Aquarium, Union Station and Westfield Northridge 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-1 Nature Museum and Zoo | E-7 Petrillo Music Shell | C-6, C-7 State Street Shopping |
| D-7 Art Institute of Chicago | A-7 Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tours | D-2 John Hancock Observatory | D-9 Museum of Contemporary Photography | D-6 Pritzker Pavilion - Grant Park Music Festival | D-7 Symphony Center |
| E-8 Buckingham Fountain | C-6 City Hall/County Bldg. | C-8 Harold Washington Library Center | 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) |
| F-11 Charter One Pavilion Northerly Island Park | C-6 Daley Center & Picasso | C-6, D-2 Hot Tix Booths | 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), 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 | E-1 Oak Street Beach | F-10 Shedd Aquarium | |
| D-6 Chicago Cultural Center - Loop Tour Train, Visitor Info. Center | E-11 Field Museum | D-5 McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum | D-2 Old Water Tower & Pumping Station (Chicago Water Works; Visitor Info. Center) | D-5, F-4, F-10 Sightseeing Boats | |
| C-4, C-6, C-7, D-4, D-6, E-6, F-4 Chicagoland Trips Kiosk | D-6 Gallery 37 Center for the Arts | B-5 Merchandise Mart | | E-11 Soldier Field | |
| | A-8 Greektown | E-2 Museum of Contemporary Art | | D-9 Spertus Museum of Judaica | |



All Aboard!

This guide will show you how to use Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) buses and trains to see Downtown Chicago, North Michigan Avenue, and a few places beyond.

The CTA runs buses and elevated/subway trains (the 'L') that serve Chicago and 40 nearby suburbs. From Downtown, travel to most attractions on 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 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily (TTY: (312) 836-4949 (for hearing and speech impaired)). Or, visit the RTA Trip Planner at 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 a.m. to 8 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 **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 metrarail.com. Pace's web site is pacebus.com.

Groups Are Great

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Buses

Riding CTA Buses

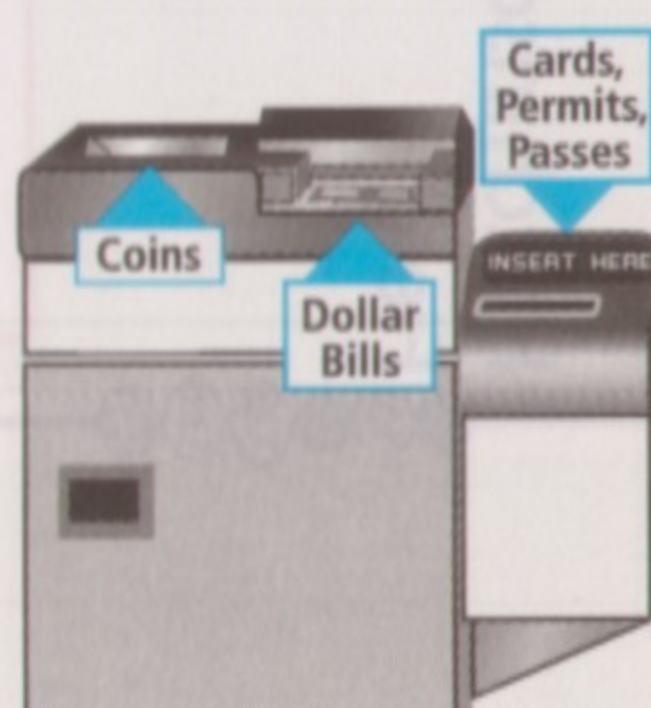
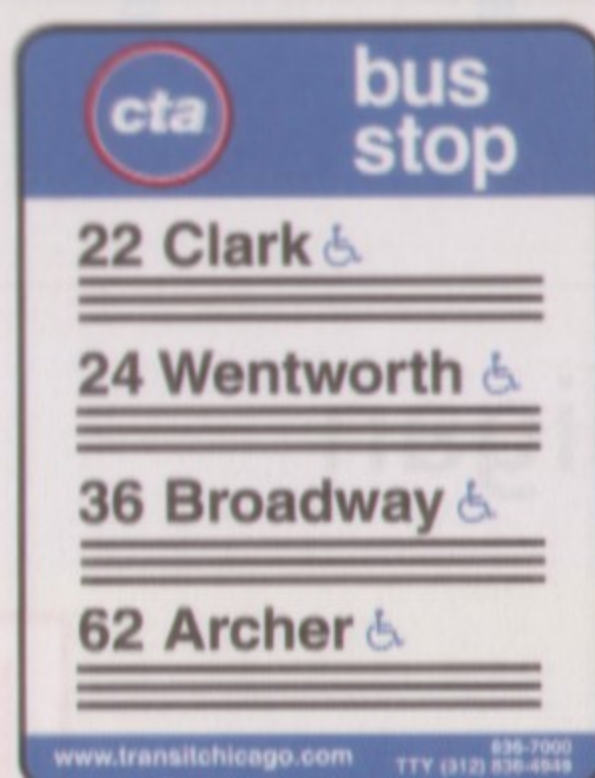
CTA buses stop at bus shelters or signs that look like this. Signs list the service days/general hours, route number, name and destinations, and the direction of travel.

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.

First: **151 SHERIDAN** Then: **UNION STATION**

If it's the bus you want, flag it down.

On most buses, 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 farebox.



How They Operate

Bus routes shown on the map operate every day, including all holidays, unless the route number is indicated below. 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 p.m., with some exceptions:

124 Navy Pier until midnight daily 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 8:50 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 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 6:35 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

130 Grant Park Treasures operates mid-May to Labor Day, weekends and holidays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also, provides service after most Northerly Island concerts, including weekdays.

157 Streeterville weekdays 6:45 a.m. to 7 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 & Lake)
 Orange Line	Loop elevated
 Pink Line	Loop elevated
 Purple Line Express	Loop elevated
 Red Line	State Street subway

At the Station

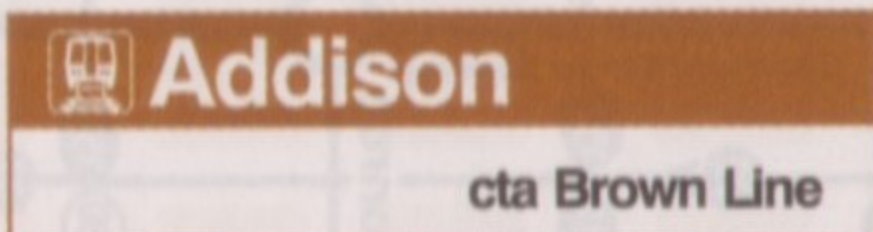
There are Customer Assistants or Security Guards at rail stations to help you.

Accessibility

Over 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 **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 station name and route.



On the Platform –
Signs overhead and on the columns tell you which trains stop there and destinations.



When the Train Arrives –
Train destination appears on front and sides of train.



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.

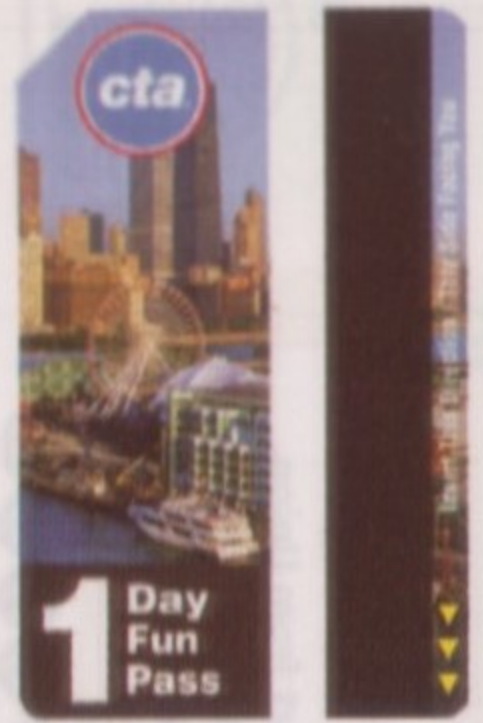
Take the Orange Line between Midway and Downtown.
From the airport, follow the "Trains to City" signs. From Downtown, board at any Loop elevated station.

Fares

Visitor Passes

Our 1-Day Fun Pass (\$5) 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 select Jewel and Dominick's 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 **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) at Currency Exchanges, select Jewel and Dominick's 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 CTA rail station Transit Card and Express vending machines.

Connections are free between CTA rail lines at stations marked with a **T**. Exceptions: Customers must use a Transit Card or pass for free connections between State/Lake (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.

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.

* Reduced fares are for children ages 7-11, and customers with disabilities who have an RTA Reduced-Fare Permit. For more information, call 836-7000 from any local area code.

Military and Seniors Ride Free on CTA

- Seniors 65 and older with RTA Senior Ride Free Smart Card.
- Any active military personnel in full uniform and customers with a CTA Military Service Pass.

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
Chrysler One Pavilion at Northerly Island Park	146 south on State or 130 (summer weekends) east on Jackson
Chinatown	Red Line train (to 95th/Dan Ryan) in the State Street subway south to Cermak-Chinatown
DuSable Museum	4 south on Michigan (starts at Randolph)
Garfield Park Conservatory	Green Line train (to Harlem/Lake) on the Loop 'L' west to Conservatory-Central Park Drive &
John Hancock Observatory	10, 145, 146, 147 or 151 north on State
Lincoln Park Zoo	151 north on State
McCormick Place	3 south on Michigan
Museum Campus**	146 south on State, or 130 (summer weekends) east on Jackson
Museum of Science & Industry	6 or 10 south on State or X28 (weekday rush hours) east on Jackson. See "Buses" panel for 10 & X28 hours.
Navy Pier	29 north on State or 124 east on Wacker
North Michigan Avenue	10, 145, 146, 147 or 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 train (to 95th/Dan Ryan) in the State Street subway south to Sox-35th &; or Green Line train (to Cottage Grove or Ashland/63rd) to 35th-Bronzeville-IIT &
Wrigley Field (Cubs)	Red Line train (to Howard) in the State Street subway north to Addison &

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* south on Michigan
Museum Campus**	146 south on Michigan
Museum of Science & Industry	10 south on Michigan. See "Buses" panel for 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	10, 145, 146, 151 or 157 south on Michigan
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