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 35 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 312-836-7000, 5am to 1am daily (TTY: 312-836-4949 for hearing and speech impaired). Or, visit the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) goroo® trip planner at rtachicago.com.

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 (excluding holidays) 7am to 7pm, 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 feedback@transitchicago.com.

Visit Us Online

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

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

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 20 minutes, except route 10 (see below).

Routes that operate every day do so from early morning until at least 10pm, 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 11:30pm daily from Museum Campus and Downtown.
147 Outer Drive Express until 9:20pm Sundays.

Routes that do not operate every day have service as follows:
7 Harrison operates weekdays 5:55am to 10:15pm
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 9am, Monday-Saturday (10:25am, Sundays/holidays) to 4:40pm every 30 minutes. No service on Christmas Day.
28 Stony Island weekdays 7am to 9:30am and 4:05pm to 6:35pm.
130 Museum Campus operates Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, daily from 9:30am to 6pm.
157 Streeterville/Taylor weekdays 6:25am to 7:15pm.

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 7 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 Exp	Loop elevated
Red Line	State Street subway

At the Station

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

Accessibility

Almost sixty-five (65) 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 "Accessibility"), see CTA's Bus & Rail Map or call 312-836-7000.

Taking a Ride

Entering the Station – Signs list station name and route.

Inside the Station – 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*

Base/Regular Fares Deducted from Transit Value in a Ventra Transit Account or from Chicago Cards' and Transit Cards' balances	Full	Reduced**
'L' train fare	$2.25♦	$1.10
Bus fare†	$2	$1
Transfer (up to two additional 'L' train or bus rides within two hours)	25¢	15¢
Unlimited-Ride Passes Loaded onto a Ventra Transit Account or purchased as a Transit Card		
1-Day CTA Pass	$10	
3-Day CTA Pass	$20	
7-Day CTA Pass	$28	
Other Fares	**Full**	**Reduced****
†**Cash Bus Fare:** Cash/coins deposited in farebox when boarding. Exact fare required. No transfers.	$2.25	$1.10
Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) Bus/Train Fare: Any personal, contactless bankcard with the))) symbol can be used to pay directly at turnstiles or bus farebox. No transfers.	$2.25	$1.10
♦**O'Hare 'L' Train Fare:** Deducted on entry at O'Hare station only. Does not apply to passes.	$5	$1.10

New Ventra Cards & Disposable Ventra Tickets

New Ventra Card: $5
Load value/passes onto reusable card. Purchase fee refundable with registration.

Ventra Ticket: Ticket cannot be reloaded.

Single Ride: $3 (all stations except O'Hare) **$5** (O'Hare only)
Ticket good for entry onto 'L' train or bus and two transfers, and includes Limited Use Media Fee for cost of the ticket.

1-Day Pass: $10
Ticket good for 24 hours of riding from first use. Limited Use Media Fee waived.

Ride Free Programs

Qualifying Seniors and Customers With Disabilities
Seniors ages 65+ and customers with disabilities enrolled in the Illinois Department on Aging Circuit Breaker Program and have a valid Regional Transportation Authority Circuit Ride Free Permit.

Military Personnel
Any active duty military personnel in full uniform with US Armed Forces ID, and active duty personnel and qualifying disabled military veterans with a CTA Military Service Pass ride free on CTA buses and trains.

Children Under Age 7 With a Fare-Paying Customer

* Fares are subject to change.
** Reduced fares are for children ages 7 – 11, and for seniors 65+ and customers with disabilities with a valid RTA Reduced Fare Card.

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
First Merit Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island Park	146 south on State or 130 (summer weekends) east on Jackson
Chinatown	Red Line train (toward 95th/Dan Ryan) in the State Street Subway south to Cermak-Chinatown ♿ or bus 62 South on State
DuSable Museum	4 south on Michigan (starts at Randolph)
Garfield Park Conservatory	Green Line train (toward Harlem) on the Loop 'L' west to Conservatory-Central Park Drive ♿
John Hancock Observatory	10, 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 28 (weekday rush hours) east on Jackson. See "Buses" panel for 10 & 28 hours.
Navy Pier	29 north on State or 124 east on Wacker
North Michigan Avenue	10, 146, 147 or 151 north on State, or 3 north on Michigan
River North & Old Town areas	22 or 36 north on Dearborn
Soldier Field (Bears)	146 south on State
Union Station	151 west on Madison
United Center (Bulls, Blackhawks)	19 or 20 west on Madison
U.S. Cellular Field (White Sox)	Red Line train (toward 95th/Dan Ryan) in the State Street subway south to Sox-35th ♿ or Green Line train (toward Cottage Grove or Ashland/63rd) south to 35th-Bronzeville-IIT ♿
Willis (Sears) Tower	7 or 126 west on Adams
Wrigley Field (Cubs)	Red Line train (toward Howard) in the State Street subway north to Addison ♿

From North Michigan Avenue

Attraction	Take Bus or Train:
Art Institute, Chicago Cultural Ctr.	3* or 147 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
Willis (Sears) Tower/Union Station	151 south on Michigan
State Street Shopping	10, 146, 151 or 157 south on Michigan
Soldier Field (Bears)	146 south on Michigan
U.S. Cellular Field (White Sox)	Red Line train (toward 95th/Dan Ryan) in the State Street subway south to Sox-35th ♿
Wrigley Field (Cubs)	Red Line train (toward Howard) in the State Street subway north to Addison ♿

* Starts at Superior
** Adler Planetarium/Field Museum/Shedd Aquarium/Soldier Field

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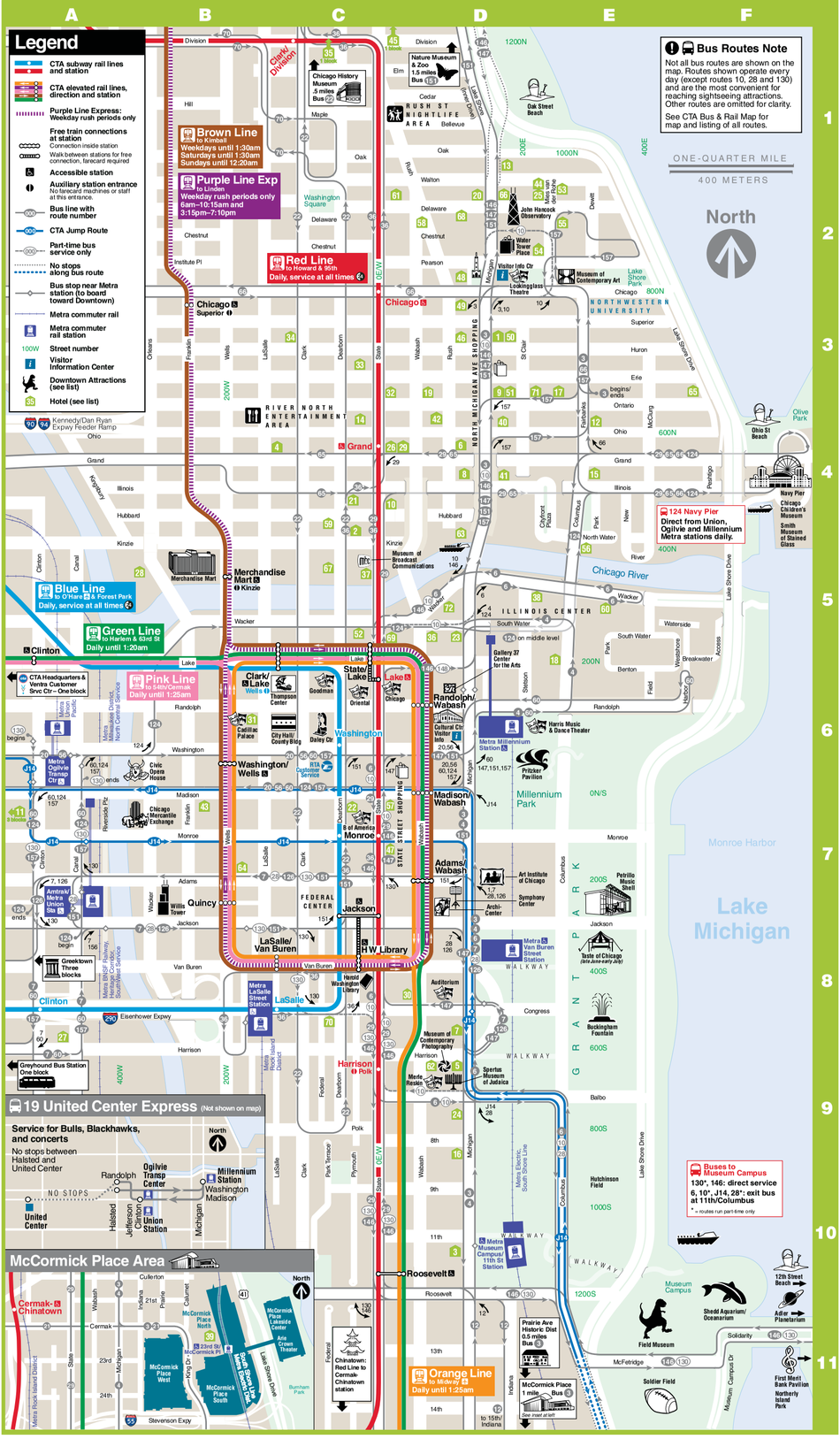
Downtown Attractions

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 Hdqtrs., Chicago Cultural Center, Metra Millennium Station, Palmer House Hilton, Shedd Aquarium, Union Station and Westfield Northbridge Shopping Center.

F-11 Adler Planetarium
D-7 Art Institute of Chicago
E-8 Buckingham Fountain
F-11 First Merit Bank Pavilion Northerly Island Park
D-7 Chicago Architecture Foundation Tours
D-6 Chicago Cultural Center · Visitor Info. Center
A-6 Civic 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
B-5 Gallery 37 Merchandise Mart
A-8 Greektown
C-6 James R. Thompson (State of Illinois) Center
D-2 John Hancock Observatory
C-8 Harold Washington Library Center
D-2 Hot Tix Booth
E-11 McCormick Place
B-5 Merchandise Mart
C-4 Museum of Broadcast Communication
E-2 Museum of Contemporary Art
D-1 Nature Museum and Zoo
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
Beaches:
D-1 Oak Street Beach
F-3 Ohio Street Beach
F-10 12th Street Beach
D-2 Old Water Tower & Pumping Station (Chicago Water Works; Visitor Info. Center)
E-7 Petrillo Music Shell
D-6 Pritzker Pavillion · Grant Park Music Festival
C-3 River North Restaurants & Nightlife
B-7 Willis (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 Bank of America
E-11 Prairie Avenue Historic District:
· Clarke House Museum
· Glessner House Museum
· Vietnam Veterans Art Museum
· Women's Park and Gardens

Downtown Map



Alphabetical List of Downtown Hotels

1. Allerton Hotel, D-3
2. Amalfi Hotel, C-5
3. Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10
4. Best Western River North Hotel, C-4
5. The Blackstone, A Renaissance Hotel, D-9
6. Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, D-4
7. Congress Plaza Hotel, D-8
8. Conrad Chicago, D-4
9. Courtyard by Marriott Mag. Mile, D-3
10. Courtyard by Marriott Downtown/ River North, C-4
11. Crowne Plaza Chicago Metro, A-7
12. Doubletree Hotel Chgo Mag Mile, E-4
13. The Drake Hotel, D-1
14. Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown, C-4
15. Embassy Suites Chicago Lakefront, E-4
16. Essex Inn, D-9
17. Fairfield Inn Suites Chicago Downtown, E-3
18. The Fairmont Chicago, E-6
19. Four Points by Sheraton, D-3
20. Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, D-2
21. Hampton Inn & Suites, C-4
22. Hampton Majestic, C-7
23. Hard Rock Hotel, D-5
24. Hilton Chicago Inn, D-9
25. Hilton Suites Chicago-Mag. Mile, D-2
26. Hilton Garden Inn, C-4
27. Holiday Inn & Suites, A-8
28. Holiday Inn – Mart Plaza, A-5
29. Homewood Suites by Hilton, D-4
30. Hostelling International, C-8
31. Hotel Allegro Chicago, B-6
32. Hotel Cass - A Holiday Inn Express, C-3
33. Hotel Dana, C-3
34. Hotel Felix, C-3
35. Hotel Indigo, C-1
36. Hotel Monaco, D-5
37. Hotel Sax, C-5
38. Hyatt Regency Chicago, D-5
39. Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, B-11
40. Inn of Chicago, D-4
41. InterContinental Chicago, D-4
42. The James Hotel Chicago, D-4
43. La Quinta, B-7
44. Millennium Knickerbocker Chicago Hotel, D-2
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. Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago, D-3
51. Red Roof Inn Chicago, D-3
52. Renaissance Chicago Hotel, C-5
53. Residence Inn by Marriott Chicago Downtown Mag. Mile, E-2
54. The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, D-2
55. The Seneca Hotel & Suites, E-2
56. Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, E-4
57. The Silversmith Hotel and Suites, D-7
58. Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, D-2
59. Springhill Suites Marriott Chicago Downtown , C-5
60. Swissotel Chicago, E-5
61. The Talbott Hotel, C-2
62. Travelodge Downtown Hotel, D-9
63. Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago, D-5
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. The Wit, C-5
70. Wyndham Blake, C-8
71. Wyndham Chicago, D-3
72. Wyndham Grand, D-5

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