

# Downtown Transit

## Sightseeing Guide January 2013



## 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 (summer weekends) east on Jackson
Chinatown	Red Line train (toward 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 (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) 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

## Fares\*\*

### CTA Passes

Passes offer unlimited rides on CTA buses and trains when activated with first use — **1-day:** \$10; **3-day:** \$20; **7-day:** \$28. Cannot be shared or recharged.



1-, 3- and 7-day passes are sold at Midway and O'Hare airports, Chicago Cultural Center, CTA's Lake (Lake – Randolph mezzanine), Roosevelt and Adams/Wabash rail stations Downtown, and other select locations. Visit [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com) for a complete listing or to order CTA passes in advance.

### Transit Card

Deducts full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace. Can pay for up to 7 full-fare rides at once.

	Full	Reduced*
First ride	\$2 bus; \$2.25 rail \$5 O'Hare Station	\$1
1st transfer within 2 hours	25¢	15¢
2nd transfer within 2 hours	FREE	FREE

Purchase full-fare Transit Cards (\$2 to \$100) at rail station farecard machines. Or, buy pre-valued, full-fare Transit Cards (\$10 or \$20) at select Currency Exchanges, Jewel and Dominick's stores, CVS Pharmacies, and online at [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com).



### Cash Fare

Accepted on CTA buses only. No cash transfers available. Exact fare (coins and bills accepted). **Full Fare:** \$2.25; **Reduced Fare\*:** \$1

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

\* Reduced Fares are for children ages 7-11, and for seniors 65+ and customers with disabilities with a valid RTA Reduced Fare Card. For more information, call 312-836-7000.

### Eligible to Ride Free on CTA

- Qualifying seniors ages 65+ and customers with disabilities who are enrolled in the Illinois Department on Aging Circuit Breaker Program and have a valid RTA Circuit Ride Free Permit\*\*
- Active duty military personnel in full uniform with U.S. Armed Forces ID or CTA Military Service Pass (MSP), and qualifying disabled military veterans with a MSP.
- Children under age 7 with a fare-paying customer.

\*\* Fares are subject to change. Call RTA at 312-913-3110 or visit [rtachicago.com](http://rtachicago.com) for info regarding Circuit Ride Free Program.

## 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](http://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.

## 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 10:30pm 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.

### Special Note:

A number of bus routes are affected by temporary reroutes due to the Wacker Drive reconstruction project. **Know before you go;** visit [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com).

### Accessibility

All CTA buses are accessible to people with disabilities.

## 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](http://goroo.com)® trip planner at [rtachicago.org](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 (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](mailto:feedback@transitchicago.com).

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