

CTA: The Visitor's Way to Travel

CTA is going your way - - to museums, restaurants, shopping, or ethnic neighborhoods - - every day of the week. Throughout Chicago and to nearby suburbs. Direct service from downtown to most major attractions, including those served Sundays by the Culture Bus. CTA is fast, frequent, convenient, and easy to use. And there is no better way to save money getting around Chicago.

How to Use the CTA

CTA provides bus and rapid transit train service to all of Chicago and 39 nearby suburbs. Most service is frequent, every 10 to 20 minutes all day and evening. Some routes operate 24 hours. Transfers allow you to use up to two additional vehicles (either CTA buses or trains, or suburban system buses) for a one-way trip. Buses stop about every two blocks, at posted signs that have specific route information. The 'L' /subway system is easy to use, fast, and well marked. Overhead platform signs indicate direction. See 'L' /subway information section for details.

Sunday schedules are also operated on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. For city and suburban transit information, call the Travel Information Center at 836-7000 (from suburbs, toll free 1-800-972-7000). **Tell agent the day and time of your trip.**

Culture Bus Tours (Mid-May thru September)

On Sundays/holidays, enjoy guided tours of Chicago — and receive discounts at popular attractions. For one low-cost ticket, (\$2.50 for adults), valid for unlimited riding on all CTA, see world-renowned museums, architecture, landmarks, the zoo, and lakefront. Culture Buses run every half hour on three different routes. The 1¼ hour-long trips begin and end at the Art Institute (Michigan/Adams). 10:30am until 5:45pm. Group travel also encouraged. Call 664-7200 x3013 or 836-7000.

'L' Tours For Fun & Learning

CTA offers tours on regularly scheduled 'L' /subway trains for all age groups (minimum of 25 people). We'll show you how to use the system; tell you about its history & architecture; and give you a unique sightseeing tour of the city. The time, day, length, and route are planned to your needs (except no rush hour trips!) The only charge is the appropriate fare per person. **Everyone likes a train ride!**

We'll also help coordinate group movements on regularly-scheduled bus service. Call 664-7200 x3013.



For travel information phone:
Chicago: 836-7000
Suburbs: 1-800-972-7000 (toll free)



CTA rapid transit ('L' and subway)

...IT'S EASY TO USE

At the station, entrances are marked with the routes stopping there and their terminals. Fares are paid to the station agent (or to the train conductor if the agent is not on duty). Bills of up to \$10 are accepted. No "tickets" are issued; buy a transfer **ONLY** if you are changing to a bus or between 'L' and subway stations downtown.

On the platform, use the overhead signs to determine the proper direction, because train signs indicate **ONLY** the route name (such as Lake-Dan Ryan), and the stopping pattern (A, B, or All Stops).

On the train, rapid transit maps are displayed in each car. Conductors operate doors and announce stops. Watch for your station — each one has large identification signs with the name and street number location.

For information, ask the station agent or conductor. If more detail or exact schedules are required, call the Travel Information Center. Public telephones are located on every platform and most station mezzanines.

...service hours

CTA's rapid transit operates every day, 24 hours a day, except for these routes:

Route	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday/Holiday
Evanston Express (NOTE: Evanston Shuttle operates 24 hours between Linden and Howard) Linden to Loop 'L'	6:30a/11:25a, 3:05pm/5:30pm	No service	No service
Loop 'L' to Linden	7:05a/11:55a, 3:40pm/6:10pm	No service	No service
Ravenswood Kimball to Loop 'L' Loop 'L' to Kimball	5:05am/9:30pm 5:30am/9:55pm	5:45am/7:30pm 6:15am/7:55pm	No service
Kimball to Belmont Belmont (southbnd plat) to Kimball	4:10am/2:00am 4:30am/2:15am	4:10am/2:00am 4:25am/2:15am	5:10am/12:25am 5:30am/12:45am
Skokie Swift Dempster to Howard Howard to Dempster	6:00am/10:15pm 5:30am/10:00pm	7:00am/9:00pm 6:40am/8:45pm	Use CTA bus route #97

...service frequency

Frequent service is operated in weekday rush hours (every 5 to 10 minutes), and everyday off-peak and evening periods (every 5 to 15 minutes).

Exceptions: The Congress & Douglas branches of the West-Northwest route and the Skokie Swift operate every 30 minutes in the later evening, and Evanston Express operates every 30 minutes in late morning.

Overnight service (after 1:30am) is every 30 minutes, with two exceptions:

- North-South route between Howard and 58th operates every 15 minutes.
- Congress and Douglas branches operate every 60 minutes.

...connections between rapid transit routes

Free platform connections between all routes that stop there are available at Fullerton, Belmont, and Howard stations.

Free connections between **Loop 'L'** routes are available at the Clark/Lake and Adams/Wabash stations downtown. Use the **overhead** transfer walkway.

Free connections between **subway** routes are available at Jackson and Washington stations under State or Dearborn downtown. Walk **downstairs** from platform into the other subway.

However, to transfer between **Loop 'L'** and **subway** routes downtown, a transfer must be **purchased** at the **start** of your trip.

...about Chicago's "skip-stop" A and B trains

To speed service for the most riders during busy weekday periods, (about 6am to 7pm, Monday through Friday), **A** and **B** skip-stop trains are operated on all routes except Evanston and Skokie Swift. **A** and **B** trains alternate, following one another. **A** trains stop only at **A** and **AB** stations; **B** trains stop only at **B** and **AB** stations. **ALL STATIONS DOWNTOWN** (except State/Harrison) **ARE AB STATIONS**. In order to ride from an **A** station to a **B** station during these periods, it is necessary to change trains at an **AB** station (without additional charge). On nights and weekends, trains make all stops on the route (**except at stations which are closed - see below**).

...some stations aren't open all the time

These stations are closed on days & times when train service is still operating over the route itself.

Station	Open: Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday/Holiday
(North-South Route)			
North/Clybourn	4:00am-11:00pm	closed	closed
Harrison/State	5:00am-10:00pm	closed	closed
(West-Northwest Route)			
Chicago/Milwaukee	5:00am-9:00pm	closed	closed
Grand/Milwaukee	5:00am-9:00pm	closed	closed
LaSalle/Congress	5:00am-9:00pm	closed	closed
(Ravenswood)			
Paulina/Lincoln	6:30am-6:30pm	closed	closed
(Loop 'L')			
Madison/Wabash	6:00am-10:00pm	6:00am-7:30pm	closed

...park 'n ride lot fees

\$1.00 in quarters or token (24 hour parking limit, except River Road 18 hours) At Cumberland, Howard, Kimball, Linden, Cicero/Berwyn, and Ashland -- pay upon exiting (obtain token if needed from station agent). At Dempster, Desplaines and River Road -- quarters **ONLY**, pay upon entering.



PACE Suburban Buses (Routes 208 & above)

Suburban buses generally operate every 30 to 60 minutes. Major routes run until mid-evening Monday-Friday and until early evening on weekends. Holiday service varies. Buses can be flagged down at intersections, since most bus stops are not marked. You can use your CTA monthly pass or transfer to ride.

METRA Commuter Railroad

Commuter trains operate from various downtown terminals and in-city stations to the suburbs and northwestern Indiana. Frequency varies in off-peak times from every 1 to 3 hours. Service generally operates all day, including all holidays. Commuter trains have a separate fare system.

CTA operates shuttle bus service between the downtown commuter railroad stations and the Loop and immediate surrounding areas. Many of these routes operate during rush hours. Link-Up passes are good on all CTA bus and 'L' service.



Commuter Railroad Downtown Terminals

- Chicago & North Western Madison/Canal (North Western Station)
- Milwaukee Road Adams/Canal (Union Station)
- Burlington Northern Adams/Canal (Union Station)
- Norfolk & Western Adams/Canal (Union Station)
- ICG Diesel (Joliet) Adams/Canal (Union Station)
- Rock Island LaSalle/Van Buren (LaSalle Street Station)
- ICG Electric Randolph/Michigan (Randolph Street Station)
- South Shore Line Randolph/Michigan (Randolph Street Station)

CTA Fares

	Adult	Reduced*
Basic bus fare	.90¢	.40¢
Basic rail fare	\$1.00	.50¢
Extra for a transfer ¹	.25¢	.15¢
Rail differential ²	.10¢	.10¢
Express surcharge ³	.20¢	20¢
Sunday/Holiday Supertransfer ⁴	\$1.75	.85¢
Tokens ⁵ (equivalent to basic bus fare)	10 for \$8.50	20 for \$8.00
Monthly pass ⁶	\$46	\$23
14 day pass ⁷	\$23	\$11.50
Link-Up passes valid on all CTA service ONLY when presented with a valid MONTHLY commuter railroad ticket.		

* Reduced fare for children 7 through 11; and elementary and high school students under specified conditions and with proper ID; disabled, and senior citizens (65 or older) WITH PROPER ID. Children under 7 ride free if accompanied by a fare-paying rider (except groups of unrelated children).

1. Issued only at time fare is paid. Two hour time limit. May be used a maximum of TWO times, but NOT on route of issuance. NOTE: Seniors and Disabled may use transfer on route of issuance, except weekdays from 6 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 6 pm. Two hour time limit still applies. Will be punched on ride 2, and collected on ride 3. Also valid on PACE suburban buses. (differential of \$1.00 required on suburban express buses).
2. Paid ONLY ONCE when entering the rail system with a bus transfer or token.
3. Boarding IN THE LOOP on express buses 2, 6, 14, 99, 99M, 147, 162, 164, and Evanston Express train southbound south of Howard. Includes cash and transfer passengers. On Evanston Express ONLY, surcharge required from monthly pass holders also.
4. Good from 3 am Sunday/designated Holiday to 3 am the next day.
5. Available at banks, currency exchanges, Jewel and Dominick's supermarkets, bus garages, and rail stations. Non-refundable.
6. Unlimited riding for calendar month. Reduced rate passes valid ONLY for seniors/disabled. Available at banks, currency exchanges, Jewel supermarkets in Chicago, 5 working days before and after the start of the month. Available throughout the month ONLY at Merchandise Mart, weekdays. 8AM to 4PM.
7. Valid for 14 days beginning 3 am Sunday and ending 3 pm Sunday two weeks later. Same regulations and sales locations as monthly passes.

Rent a Bus or Train

CTA can move your group of any size anywhere in Chicago or nearby suburbs. Vehicles can be PA equipped. For something unique, enjoy a private train — from modern to our restored 1920's museum-quality special. Tour planning available for every occasion. Call 664-7200.

Culture Bus Mystery Contest

You could ride CTA FREE for a YEAR, or win a mini-vacation for two, or win a CTA monthly pass, by playing this contest. Answer a 20 question quiz about sights along the Culture Bus routes. Entry forms available at Art Institute shelter when Culture Buses run Sundays/Holidays May-September. Call 664-7200 or 836-7000 for details.

O'Hare Rapid Transit Trains

Whether arriving or taking or meeting a plane at O'Hare, the airport is just 35 minutes from downtown by CTA. Trains run every day, every few minutes. Fly past highway traffic. Save expenses. Pay only \$1.00, or 25¢ more for a transfer. Use Dearborn Street subway downtown or Northwest Side stations. On Sundays or holidays, use your Supertransfer to visit O'Hare for an excursion.