

Getting in to Chicago

A brief introduction to Chicago addresses

Good news: Chicago streets follow a mostly predictable grid! The intersection of State St (runs north-south) and Madison St (runs east-west) is the "0" intersection. An address will increase as you move away from this intersection and decrease as you return closer. For example, moving south on State St from Madison St you would pass 50 S State, 100 S State, 200 S State, and so on.

With this system, you should always be able to figure out at least in which direction you're heading, and how far you have gone. If I walk from 1605 W. Division to 1540 W. Division, I know that I am heading east (the numbers decrease as I walk closer to the 0 at State St) If I walk from 1145 S. Clark to 1200 S. Clark, I know that I am heading south (the numbers increase as I walk away from the 0 at Madison St). To calculate a rough distance, 800 street numbers is 1 mile. Therefore, a walk from State and Madison to 800 S. State is 1 mile; from State and Madison to 600 S State is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

Addresses

Columbia College 600 S. Michigan Ave

Hostelling International Chicago 24 E. Congress Parkway

Travelodge Hotel 65 E. Harrison St

Union Station Jackson Blvd and Canal St (210 S. Canal St.)

Greyhound Terminal 630 W. Harrison St

Public transit directions

We strongly encourage walking and taking public transit as often as possible. Parking in and around the Loop can be difficult to find and/or expensive.

O'Hare Airport to HI Chicago: Take the Blue Line CTA train towards Forest Park. Exit at LaSalle station and walk 3.5 blocks east on Congress Parkway.

O'Hare Airport to Travelodge Hotel: Take the Blue Line CTA train towards Forest Park; transfer to Red Line at Jackson Station. Take Red Line train towards 95/Dan Ryan. Exit at Harrison Station (Harrison St and State St), and 1.5 blocks east on Harrison.

Midway Airport to HI Chicago: Take the Orange Line CTA train towards the Loop. Exit Library station, walk 1 block south on State, turn left, walk .5 block east on Congress Parkway.

Midway Airport to Travelodge Hotel: Take the Orange Line CTA train towards the Loop. Exit Library station, walk 2 blocks south on State, turn left, walk 1 block east on Harrison.

Union Station to HI Chicago: Walk 1 block south on Canal St to Canal and Jackson. Take the #1 bus east (towards Indiana/Hyde Park) to Jackson and State. Walk 2 blocks south on State St, turn left and walk .5 block east on Congress Parkway.

Union Station to Travelodge Hotel: Walk 1 block north on Canal St to Canal and Monroe, take the #14 bus east (towards Jeffery/87th) to Michigan Avenue and Harrison St (about 12-15 mins). Walk 1 block west on Harrison.

Greyhound Terminal to HI Chicago: Walk 2 blocks west on Harrison, turn left and walk .5 block north on Clinton. Take Blue Line CTA train from Clinton towards O'Hare. Exit at LaSalle station and walk 3.5 blocks east on Congress Parkway.

Greyhound Terminal to Travelodge Hotel: Follow above directions to hostel, except turn right on State St and walk 1 block south, turn left on Harrison and walk 1 block east.

HI Chicago to Columbia College: Walk 1.5 block east to Michigan Ave, turn right and walk 2 blocks south to 600 S. Michigan Ave.

Travelodge Hotel to Columbia College: Walk 1 block east to Michigan Ave, turn right and walk 1 block south to 600 S. Michigan Ave.

From Travelodge Hotel to HI Chicago: Walk 1 block north on Wabash, turn left and 1.5 block west on Congress Parkway. -OR- Walk 1 block west on Harrison, turn right and walk 1 block north on Holden Ct, turn left on Congress Parkway.

Driving directions

From the south: I-80East, I-80West, I-90West, I-94West, I-55North, I-57North

All of these expressways intersect or become the Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90/94 West). Take I-90/94 West into Chicago, and as you approach the downtown area stay to the right, follow signs to I-290 (Eisenhower Expwy), stay to the right and exit onto I-290 East (Congress Parkway). The I-290 East expressway ends as it enters downtown and becomes Congress Parkway. HI Chicago is on the north side of Congress Parkway at Wabash, just past the big library and after State Street.

From the north: I-90East, I-94East

These two expressways join together as you approach Chicago and become the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94East). Follow the expressway into the downtown area and exit at Congress Parkway, east. The Congress Pkwy exit is after Jackson and is a dual exit for both Congress and the highway to the western suburbs. As you exit stay in the left lane to go up the ramp to Congress. HI Chicago is on the north side of Congress Parkway at Wabash, just past the big library and after State Street. Travelodge Hotel is just past this, turn right on Wabash and go one block south to Harrison.

From the west: I-88East

Follow the I-88 East until it ends and becomes Congress Parkway. No turns, no exits, just go straight. HI Chicago is on the north side of Congress Parkway at Wabash, just past the big library and after State Street. Travelodge Hotel is just past this, turn right on Wabash and go one block south to Harrison.

From O'Hare Airport: Exit O'Hare towards I-190 E, follow I-190 to I-90 East. See directions for I-90 East above.

From Midway Airport: Drive north toward 56th St, turn left on Kilpatrick Ave. This shortly approaches 55th St, turn left onto 55th St. Turn right on Cicero Ave, drive north 1.5 miles, merge onto I-55 North (Stevenson Expressway). See directions for I-55 North above.

Driving from the hotel or hostel to the conference site is not recommended. Please see above for walking directions.

Parking

Both the hostel and the hotel have guest parking at Park 1, a public lot. The rate is \$28/car and \$33/oversize (SUV, van) for overnight parking for hostel/hotel guests. There are other lots and garages around the area, ranging from about \$20-35 for all day parking, \$30-50 for overnight parking, and \$7-11 per hour. www.chicago.bestparking.com has more information.

Street Parking: Nearly all street parking in the city is metered at Pay Boxes. Rates are \$4.25/hr downtown, \$2.50/hr around downtown, and \$1.25/hr in residential areas, usually with a 2 hour limit. When you park at the curb, look for a Pay Box in the middle of the street. You can pay at the box with a debit card or cash. Place the printed ticket on your dashboard, curbside, clearly visible through the windshield. If you have problems, contact the helpline number on the Pay Box.

There can be free parking on side streets; however, check that there are not signs that the area is a Permit Parking zone, for which you must have a numbered residential permit.

Accommodation Options

Please note prices below do not include tax. For reservations and hotel/hostel information, please contact the number listed. Mention "EAA Midwest" while making the reservation.

Hostelling International: The J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel www.hichicago.org

We have 60 beds reserved at the hostel in downtown Chicago. The rate is \$29/bed/night. The dormitory-style rooms are single-sex and have either 8 or 10 beds per room. Some rooms have bathrooms ensuite, some have a shared bath in the hall. Guests can request room type, subject to availability. Space is guaranteed until February 19. After February 19, guests can still receive the discounted rate, but availability is not guaranteed.

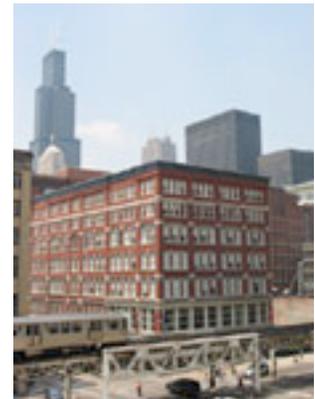
Contact person at the hostel: Rey Matos

Reservations: Front desk 312 360 0300 (EAA Midwest)

Online www.hichicago.org Use promo code: EAA

About the hostel: Hostelling International provides high-quality hostelling experiences all over the world. HI Chicago is the 2nd largest hostel in the US, and provides clean, spacious dormitory-style rooms in downtown Chicago. The 125-year-old building was completely renovated in 2000. Guests at the hostel share rooms and common areas, including a large kitchen and dining area. Guests of all ages are welcome, and you do not need to be a HI member.

Location: 24 E Congress Pkwy, HI Chicago is just east of State and Congress and easily accessible from public transit and is just off I-290 (the Eisenhower Expressway). See www.hichicago.org/directions for detailed directions.



Travelodge Chicago www.travelodgehoteldowntown.com

At the Travelodge Hotel we have 30 rooms reserved. There are 20 rooms with 2 full beds at \$89/night and 10 rooms with 1 full bed at \$72/night. Rooms are guaranteed until March 5. After March 5, guests can still receive the discounted rate, but availability is not guaranteed.

Contact person at the hotel: Darren

Reservations: Call Darren at 312 376 1481 (EAA Midwest)



About the hotel: Owned by the Wyndham Hotel Group, Travelodge is a reliable, budget-friendly hotel in downtown Chicago. Guests will have their own private rooms with bathroom.

Location: 65 E. Harrison St. The hotel is easily accessible from public transit and is just off I-290 (the Eisenhower Expressway). See www.travelodgehoteldowntown.com/mapanddirections.nxg for directions.

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Downtown Chicago

- Subway rail lines and station
- Elevated rail lines, direction and station
- Purple Line Express: Weekday rush periods only
- Free train connections at station
- Station temporarily closed for construction
- Walk between stations for free connection
- Accessible station
- Automated station entrance
No farecard machines at this entrance.
- Bus line with route number
- Part-time bus service only
- No stops along bus route
- Night Owl service only
- Metra commuter rail
- Point of interest
- College or university
- Street number
- Sheltered bicycle parking

For clarity . . .

- these routes are not shown:
- Rush period routes from downtown Metra stations 120, 121, 122, 123, 129, 132 and 152 (see maps below).
 - Special and seasonal routes 19, 33, 128, 130, 173 (see maps below, except 173).
 - CTA Night Owl variations N4, N22, N60, N66 (all buses leave from State/Washington).
 - Pace express buses 355 and 855. Call 836-7000.

To McCormick Place
Ride Bus 3, X3 or X4 southbound on Michigan (800N to 2100 S) daily.

ONE-QUARTER MILE
400 METERS



Washington Street Detours
Some routes have been temporarily rerouted to Monroe. Routes 124 and 157 have been temporarily rerouted to Wacker.

Museum Campus also served by bus 130 (weekends mid-May through Labor Day). See maps below.

