

# CHICAGO MAPS & TRANSIT

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Exploring Chicago's North Shore is a breeze!

Chicago's North Shore is only 30 minutes from O'Hare International Airport and easily accessible from downtown Chicago, Midway Airport, Palwaukee Airport as well as by Amtrak, and the many rail and bus service providers in the Chicago Metropolitan area. Maps on this page allow you to view estimated travel times in the region, an overview of area with major highway routes and maps of the individual communities on the North Shore.

Once here, there are numerous ways to explore the North Shore's magnificent surroundings. If you enjoy driving on your own, several local car rental companies service the North Shore as well as a fleet of clean, safe taxicabs and numerous limousine companies with friendly, knowledgeable chauffeurs on staff. And, if public transportation is more your speed, you're sure to find the North Shore's affordable bus and train services easy to navigate and the finest in the country!

Whether you're coming or going, quality transportation is one of the North Shore's most valued assets.

This map was in your post-registration packet



## Airports

### O'Hare International Airport

773.686.2200

O'Hare International Airport handles more passengers than any other airport in the world. For visitors needing information or directions, airport information booths are located on the lower levels of the domestic terminals and on the upper and lower levels of the International Terminal. A foreign currency exchange is located on the lower level of the International Terminal. **O'Hare is about 30 minutes from most North Shore communities.**

### Midway International Airport

773.838.0600

Midway Airport is located on the south side of Chicago and is approximately one hour from most North Shore communities. The airport is divided into three terminals, A, B and C and is home to many low-cost carriers. The main lobby at the airport's center entrance is where the information booth and all vehicle pick-up services are available.

### Transportation Between O'Hare and Midway

The CTA is an economical mode of transportation between O'Hare International and Midway Airport but is also the more time consuming at close to two hours. The CTA Blue Line serves O'Hare (located at the lowest level of the Main Parking Garage, next to elevator center 4, and is accessible by pedestrian tunnels located in Terminals 1, 2, and 3), and the Orange Line serves Midway. Clark and Lake is the free downtown transfer stop between the two lines. For more information, please go to the [CTA Website](#).

**Coach USA** offers hourly service between O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport from 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. for **\$23.00 for a one-way fare**. Pickup at O'Hare at the Bus Shuttle

Center and at Midway on the lower level. **Allow at least 1 hour travel time between O'Hare International and Midway Airports.** They may be reached at 1-800-236-2028 toll free or at 262-542-8861. For more information visit [www.coachusa.com](http://www.coachusa.com)

**Omega Shuttle** offers hourly service between O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport from 7 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. for **\$45.00 for a one-way fare. Allow at least 1 hour travel time between O'Hare International and Midway Airports.** They may be reached at 773-734-6688. For more information visit [www.omegashuttle.com](http://www.omegashuttle.com)

### **From Midway Airport to O'Hare Airport**

**The best way to travel between the two airports is by the CTA rail.** Trains are fast and run frequently, and the entire journey (including all waiting and walking) takes approximately 2 hours. Beware that private shuttles run much less frequently than CTA trains do (about once an hour compared to every 10 minutes), and so on average you are not going to save much time by taking a shuttle despite paying at least 10 times as much as the cost of a train ride. Moreover, trains run until late at night, and trains do not risk getting stuck in Chicago traffic. Unless you have a lot of heavy luggage, a train ride is a more sensible option in most cases. The only map you will need for this journey is [the CTA rail map](#).

First of all, you need to get to the CTA station (the **Midway** station on the **Orange** line). From the terminal just follow the signs "Trains to City". Pass through the parking building and take the pedestrian overpass to the station. The walk from any gate to the station takes about 10 minutes.

Now you are at the CTA station. The fare is \$2.25. Buy a transit card from the farecard machines (cash only). Exact fare is required; however, one transit card can be shared by several people - just put enough money for all the riders. Pay your fare and pass through the turnstiles to the boarding platform. Take any train and travel to the **Clark** station on the same **Orange** line. The travel time from **Midway** to **Clark** is 30 minutes; trains run every 10-12 minutes daily.

At **Clark** you will have to transfer from the **Orange** line to the **Blue** line. Follow the signs "To **Blue** line" and take the escalators all the way down to connect from the elevated station to the subway one. The transfer between the lines is free (unless you exit through the turnstiles, which you certainly should not do). On the platform of the subway station board any **Blue** line train headed to **O'Hare** (check the destination signs on the arriving train). Travel to the **O'Hare** station and get off the train. The travel time from **Clark** to **O'Hare** is 42 minutes; trains run every 7-10 minutes daily.

Finally, you need to get from the CTA station to your departure terminal. **If your flight departs from any of the domestic terminals (1, 2, or 3)**, simply follow the signs to that terminal. Upon exiting the rail station take the underpass to the right to Terminal 1, the underpass straight ahead to Terminal 2, or the underpass to the left to Terminal 3. The entire walk takes about 10 minutes. **If your flight departs from the International terminal (5)**, you will need to take the Airport Transit System (ATS) first. Upon exiting the rail station walk towards Terminal 3 (follow the underpass to the left), just before passing the first set of the glassy doors turn left again, follow the narrow tunnel until it ends, take an elevator up to Level 4, walk to the overpass in the parking building, take an escalator down to the ATS station, and travel by an automated train to Terminal 5. The entire trip takes about 15 minutes.

The total travel time from Midway to O'Hare should be about 2 hours including all walking, waiting, and riding the trains (about 2 hours 5 minutes if you are going to the International terminal). While the **Blue** line operates at all times, the **Orange** line does not. The last **Orange** line train leaves **Midway** at 01:00 on weekdays and Saturdays and at 23:30 on Sundays and holidays.

## **From O'Hare Airport to Midway Airport**

The best way to travel between the two airports is by the CTA rail. Trains are fast and run frequently, and the entire journey (including all waiting and walking) takes approximately 2 hours. Beware that private shuttles run much less frequently than CTA trains do (about once an hour compared to every 10 minutes), and so on average you are not going to save much time by taking a shuttle despite paying at least 10 times as much as the cost of a train ride. Moreover, trains run until late at night, and trains do not risk getting stuck in Chicago traffic. Unless you have a lot of heavy luggage, a train ride is a more sensible option in most cases. The only map you will need for this journey is the CTA rail map.

First of all, you need to get to the CTA station (the **O'Hare** station on the **Blue** line). **If your flight arrived at any of the domestic terminals (1, 2, or 3)**, just follow the signs "Trains to City" from any terminal. The walk from any gate to the station takes about 10 minutes. **If your flight arrived at the International terminal (5)**, you will need to take the Airport Transit System (ATS) first. Follow the signs "Trains to City" or "Airport Transit System" and get to the ATS station. Take an automated train to Terminal 3, get off, take an escalator up, turn left, walk to the elevators in the parking building, take an elevator down to the "CTA" level, and follow the underpass to the CTA station. The entire trip takes about 15 minutes.

Now you are at the CTA station. The fare is \$2.25. Buy a transit card from the farecard machines (cash only). Exact fare is required; however, one transit card can be shared by several people - just put enough money for all the riders. Pay your fare and pass through the turnstiles to the boarding platform. Take any train and travel to the **Clark** station on the same **Blue** line. The travel time from **O'Hare** to **Clark** is 42 minutes; trains run every 7-10 minutes daily.

At **Clark** you will have to transfer from the **Blue** line to the **Orange** line. Follow the signs "To **Orange** line" and take the escalators all the way up to connect from the subway station to the elevated one. The transfer between the lines is free (unless you exit through the turnstiles, which you certainly should not do). On the platform of the elevated station board any **Orange** line train. Beware that several other CTA lines also serve the same platform, so check the color destination signs on the arriving train to make sure you are taking the correct line. Travel to the **Midway** station and get off the train. The travel time from **Clark** to **Midway** is 30 minutes; trains run every 10-12 minutes daily.

Finally, you need to get from the CTA station to the terminal. Take the pedestrian overpass to the parking building, pass through the building, and follow the signs to the terminal. The entire walk takes about 10 minutes.

**The total travel time from O'Hare to Midway should be about 2 hours including all walking, waiting, and riding the trains.**

While the **Blue** line operates at all times, the **Orange** line does not. The last **Orange** line train leaves **Clark** at 01:30 on weekdays and Saturdays and at midnight on Sundays and holidays. In order to catch the last **Orange** line train you will have to leave **O'Hare** no later than 00:45 on weekdays and Saturdays and no later than 23:15 on Sundays and holidays.

**For more information about all area public transit including CTA, Pace, and Metra,  
<http://www.rtachicago.com/> or contact 847.836.7000**

## **Chicago Transit Authority**

Chicago rapid transit "L" and bus service 312.836.7000

Chicago's North Shore is served by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus and rapid transit "L" and by Pace suburban buses. CTA "L" trains reach Evanston, Skokie and Wilmette directly.

## Pace Suburban Bus Service

847.364.7223

### Skokie

The **Yellow Line** services Skokie and operates weekdays 5 am-10 pm. The Yellow Line can be **accessed from downtown Chicago by taking the Red Line until its end at Howard Street and transferring to the Yellow Line. The ride on the Yellow Line is only 8 minutes in length. Downtown Chicago is accessible in a little over 40 minutes.** Pace buses are available at the Howard (where Purple, Red and Yellow lines meet) and Skokie stations to hundreds of specific destinations on the North Shore.

### Taxis

#### 303 Taxi

847-256-0303

303 is one of the largest, privately owned ground transportation companies in Chicagoland. We employ an elite group of talented, experienced and professional drivers. We work with Fortune 500 Companies and literally thousands of smaller businesses.

#### Airport Express

773-247-1200

**Continental Airport Express is the premier ground transportation provider** which offers door-to-door share **ride van service to and from O'Hare and Midway** and most city and suburban neighborhoods. **Ticket Agent counters inside each airport terminal.**

#### American Taxi Dispatch, Inc.

847-255-9614

American Taxi Dispatch, Inc. is the largest suburban taxi fleet in the U.S. with over 700 clean, safe, and affordable sedans and vans to help meet ALL your suburban transportation needs. We **offer flat rated fares to and from O'Hare and Midway Airport**

### Bus/Van Charter

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### Traveling By Car

Skokie is accessible from the Edens Expressway (I-94).