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Welcome to Chicago

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Welcome to Chicago

Chicago is an exciting and vast city to explore. Home to countless museums, great restaurants, shopping districts and historical landmarks, Chicago provides an excellent opportunity to discover the "heart" of the Midwest.

Provided for your convenience is a compilation of museums, cultural attractions, hotel locations, theaters, landmarks, neighborhoods, shopping, and dining options that highlight what makes Chicago what it is. Maps are also provided to help you explore an area that more than six million people call home.

When visiting the FEMA Region V Office, if you have the time, experience Chicago and all that it has to offer. This guide will hopefully assist you in deciding where to stay, where to go, what to do and what not to miss during your stay in the city on the lake.



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The FEMA Region V office is located at 536 S. Clark Street between Congress and Harrison Streets, just south of the Chicago Loop.

There are several ways to commute from O'Hare and Midway airports to FEMA RV Offices:

From O'Hare International Airport (by car): Take the I-90 East ramp toward Chicago Loop and merge onto I-90 East. Take I-90 East/ Kennedy Expressway and exit onto Eisenhower Expressway East I-290 East. Turn right onto South Michigan Avenue. Make a right onto South Clark Street.

From O'Hare (by train): Take the Blue Line train to the LaSalle Station. Upon exiting train station, go right. You will be at the corner of the building at Congress and Clark.

From Midway Airport (by car): Take I-55 N/Stevenson to I-94 W/ I-90 W toward WI, then merge onto I-290 E, continuing on to W. Congress Pkwy . Turn right on Clark Street.

From Midway (by train): Take the Orange Line train to the LaSalle Station. Walk south to the regional office at Congress and Clark.

If driving:

From North: Take I-90/I-94 to Congress Pkwy Exit, follow W Congress Pkwy and take a right at Clark Street.

From South: Take I-90/I-94 to Congress Pkwy Exit, follow W Congress Pkwy and take a right at Clark Street.

From West: Take I-290 towards Chicago Loop/Congress Pkwy. Continue on W Congress Pkwy. Take a right on Clark Street.



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FEMA Region V Office Lobby - 6th Floor

The City of Chicago

Chicago is the largest city in the state of Illinois and the largest in the Midwest. With a population of nearly three million people, the city is the third largest in the United States. The city is the anchor of the Chicago metropolitan statistical area which includes Milwaukee, Wis. and Gary, Ind. This area has a population of over 9.7 million people. Rich in history and renowned for its architecture, the city was incorporated in 1833. Since the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, Chicago has been regarded as one of the t10 most influential cities in the world.

The name *Chicago* is the French rendering of the Miami-Illinois name *shikaakwa*, meaning "wild leek." Etymologically, the sound /shikaakwa/ in Miami-Illinois literally meant "striped skunk," and referred to wild leek, or the smell of onions, metaphorically. It was initially applied to the river, and came to denote the site of the present city later. The sound "Chicago" is the result of a French mis-transcription of the original sound. Chicago in its first century was one of the fastest growing cities in the world. Within the span of 40 years, its population grew from slightly under 30,000 to more than one million by 1890. In the next 40 years, the population tripled to more than three million. By the close of the 19th century, Chicago was the fifth largest city in the world and the largest of the cities that didn't exist at the dawn of the century.

The outcome of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 led to the largest building boom in the history of the nation. Perhaps the most outstanding of these events was the relocation of many of the nation's most prominent architects to the city from New England for construction of the 1893 World Columbian Exposition. Many architects including Danial Hudson Burnham, John Wellborn Root, Dankmar Adler and Louis Sullivan went on to design other well-known Chicago landmarks because of the Exposition.

As a transportation hub, and possibly because of political clout, Chicago has attracted more political conventions than any other city, hosting 14 Republican Conventions and 11 Democratic Conventions. Franklin Roosevelt gave his New Deal speech in Chicago in 1932, and some favorite sons were nominated in Chicago, including Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, and Adlai Stevenson II.

Regionally, Chicago can be divided by the river and its branches into three main sections: the North Side, the South Side and the West Side. In the late 1920s, the city was subdivided into 77 "community areas" by sociologists at the University of Chicago. The boundaries of the community areas are better defined than those of the over 210 neighborhoods allowing for better year-by-year comparisons.

The city of Chicago has many nicknames, but it is most widely recognized as **The Windy City**. Possible explanations for this particular nickname include Chicago's weather, politics, World's Fair and rivalry with Cincinnati.*

After the Great Chicago Fire, rebuilding of the "second" city created a new metropolis that offers so much to see and experience. Whether you have only a few hours to take in the sights or a few days, there is something exciting to do no matter what sparks your interest. We hope your visit to FEMA Region V in

*Chicago. (2007, November 8). In Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Retrieved 18:49, November 8, 2007



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Where to Eat

Chicago Chop House Between Dearborn and Clark	60 W. Ontario St.	Chicago, IL 60610	(312) 787-7100
Devon Seafood Grill Between Michigan and State	39 E. Chicago St.	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 440-6660
Ed Debevic's	640 N. Wells St.	Chicago, IL 60610	(312) 664-1707
Located off Erie Street			
Gene and Georgetti's Located at Franklin and Illinois Streets	500 N. Franklin St.	Chicago, IL 60610	(312) 527-3718
Gibson's	1028 N. Rush St.	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 266-8999
Located at Bellevue Place			
Harry Caray's Restaurant	33 W. Kinzie St.	Chicago, IL 60610	(312) 828-0966
Localed at Dearborn Street			
Mike Ditka's Restaurant	100 E. Chestnut St.	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 587-8989
The Original Gino's East Located at Ontario Street	633 N. Wells St.	Chicago, IL 60610	(312) 943-1124
Pizzeria Uno	29 E. Ohio St.	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 280-5120
Located at North State Street			
Riva	700 E. Grand Ave.	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 644-7482
Located at the Navy Pier			
Signature Room at the 95 th Located at the top of the John Hancock Bu	875 N. Michigan Ave.	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 787-9596

Located at the top of the John Hancock Building

Where to Eat **Tavern on Rush** 1031 N. Rush St. Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 664-9600 Located at Bellevue **Twin Anchors** 1655 N. Sedgwick St. Chicago, IL 60614 (312) 266-1616 Located near Sedgwick **The Village** 71 W. Monroe St. Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 332-7005 Located near Monroe Wildfire 159 W. Erie St. Chicago, IL 60610 (312) 787-9000 Located off N. Orleans St.

Chicago Style Specialties

Billy Goat Tavern	430 N. Michigan Ave.	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 222-1525	
Located at Navy Pier - known from SNL fan	ne of Cheese-borger, Cheese-borge	r!		
Gold Coast Dogs Known for their char-grilled and steamed ho	159 W. Wabash Ave. ot dogs.	Chicago, IL 60601	(312) 917-1677	
Hot Doug's	3324 N. California St.	Chicago, IL 60618	(773) 348-0326	
Over a dozen types of sausages - even a veggie dog for vegetarians (lines can be very long).				
Luke's Italian Beef Offers a variety menu too.	215 W. Jackson St.	Chicago, IL 60606	(312) 939-4202	
Portillo's	100 W. Ontario	Chicago, IL 60610	(312) 587-8910	
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Choose your favorite at different counters from Chicago-style pizza to hot dogs, sausage and Italian Beef Sandwiches.

Theaters

Auditorium Theater	50 E. Congress Parkway	Chicago, IL 60605	(312) 922-2110
Located at Wabash and Congress			
Briar Street Theater	3133 N. Halstead St.	Chicago, IL 60657	(773) 348-4000
Located at Halsted and Briar, home of	Blue Man Group		
Cadillac Palace Theater	151 W. Randolph St.	Chicago, IL 60602	(312) 902-1400
Located on Randolph between LaSalle			
Chicago Theater	175 N. State St.	Chicago, IL 60601	(312) 462-6300
Located on State, between Randolph a		Chicago, in 00001	(312) 402-0300
Civia Opera Haves			
Civic Opera House Located on Wacker, between Madison	20 N. Wacker Drive	Chicago, IL 60606	(312) 419-0033
Goodman Theater	170 N. Dearborn St.	Chicago, IL 60601	(312) 443-3811
Located on Dearborn, between Rando	ph and Lake		
Ford Center - Oriental Theater	24 W. Randolph St.	Chicago, IL 60601	(312) 986-6863
Located on Randolph between State a	nd Dearborn		
Harris Music & Dance Theater	205 E. Randolph St.	Chicago, IL 60601	(312) 629-8696
Located at Michigan and Randolph			
Pritzker Pavilion	Michigan Ave.	Chicago, IL 60601	(312) 742-1168
Located in Millennium Park, east of Downtown between Randolph and Monroe			
Bookin Theotor			(24.0) 000 4000
Reskin Theater	60 Balbo Ave.	Chicago, IL 60605	(312) 922-1999
Steppenwolf Theater	1650 N. Halsted St.	Chicago, IL 60614	(312) 335-1650
Located on Halsted, one block north of North Avenue			
Symphony Center	2205 S. Michigan Ave.	Chicago, IL 60604	(312) 294-3333
Located on Michigan, between Jackson and Adams			

Neighborhoods and Attractions

Chinatown	22 nd and Cermak
Grant Park	Located east of Downtown
Greektown	Located west of Downtown along Halsted, between Madison and Van Buren
Harold Washington Library	Located on State Street, between Van Buren and Congress
John Hancock Observatory	875 N. Michigan at Delaware
Lincoln Park	Fullerton Avenue at Halsted and Lincoln Avenues
Lincoln Square	Lincoln Avenue between Montrose and Lawrence Avenues
Little Italy	Downtown, southwest along Taylor between Morgan and Ashland
Millennium Park	Located east of Downtown
Navy Pier	Located at the east end of Grand Avenue
Pilsen	Downtown southwest along 18 th street, between Halsted and Western
Sears Tower	Located at Jackson and Wacker
Wrigleyville	Located at Addison Street between Clark and Shefield

Museums Art Institute of Chicago 111 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 443-3600 Located on Michigan and Adams Chicago History Museum 1601 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60614 (312) 642-4600 Located off North Avenue in the Lincoln Park neighborhood area **DuSable Museum** 740 E. 56th Place Chicago, IL 60637 (773) 947-0600 Located near S. Cottage Lincoln Park Zoo 2200 N. Cannon Drive Chicago, IL 60637 (312) 742-2000 Located off Lakeshore Drive and Fullerton Parkway Mexican Fine Arts Museum 1401 W. 18th St. Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 492-6136 Located near S. Ashland **Museum Campus** (312) 409-9696 Field Museum of Natural History, Adler Planetarium and Shedd Aquarium Located east of Lake Shore Drive on McFetridge near W. Randolph Museum of Contemporary Art 220 E. Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 280-2660 Located at Mies van der Rohe and Chicago Museum of Science and Industry 5700 S. Lakeshore Drive Chicago, IL 60637 (773) 684-9844 Located at Lake Shore Drive and 57th Street **Polish Museum of America** 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60622 (773) 384-3352

Located near N. Noble

Shopping

Armitage Avenue - Located in the Lincoln Park neighborhood

Harlem/Irving Plaza - Located at Harlem and Irving Park

Lincolnwood Town Center- Touhy and McCormick Ave

Magnificent Mile - Located along Michigan Avenue between Chicago Avenue and the Chicago River

State Street Shopping - Located along downtown State Street

Woodfield Mall- Located in Schaumburg, at I-90 and I-53

Sports

Baseball

Chicago Cubs	1060 W. Addison	Chicago, IL 60613	(773) 404-CUBS
Play at Wrigley Field located at Ad	dison and Clark, one of bas	eball's oldest parks	
Chicago White Sox	333 W. 35th St.	Chicago, IL 60616	(312) 674-1000
Play at the U.S. Cellular Field off t	he Dan Ryan Expressway a	and 35th	
Football			
Chicago Bears	425 E. Mcfetridg	e Drive Chicago, IL 60605	(888) 79-BEARS, x4
(DA Bears) Play at Soldier Field of	f Lake Shore Drive		
Chicago Rush	6920 N. Mannheim Road	Rosemont, IL 60018	(773) 243-3434
Play in Rosemont at the Allstate A	rena		
Basketball			
Chicago Bulls	1901 W. Madison	Chicago, IL 60612	(312) 455-4000
(Da Bulls) Play at the United Center on Madison Street near N. Damen			
Hockey			
Chicago Blackhawks	1901 W. Madison	Chicago, IL 60612	(312) 455-7000
Play at the United Center on Madison St. (one of the original six teams of the NHL)			
Chicago Wolves	6920 N. Manneim Road	Rosemont, IL 60018	(800) THE-WOLVES
(AHL) Play at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont			
Soccer			
Chicago Fire	7000 S. Harlem Ave.	Bridgeview, IL 60455	(708) 594-7200
Play at Toyota Park 71st and Harlem Avenue			

Specialty Shops

Blommer Chocolate Outlet	600 W. Kinzie St.	(312) 492-1336
Located near Milwaukee		
The Chicago Chocolate Outlet	4010 S. Morgan	(773) 650-0535
Located off W. Pershing Road		
Eli's Cheesecake	6701 Forest Preserve Drive	(773) 736-3417
Located at Montrose		
Ethel's Chocolate Lounge	520 N. Michigan Avenue	(312) 454-9330
Located near Ohio Street		
The Fudge Pot (Old Town)	1532 N. Wells	(312) 943-1777
Located near W. Schiller Street		
Garrett's Popcorn	670 N. Michigan Avenue	(866) 6-POPCORN
(Various Chicago Locations)		
Ghirardelli Chocolate	830 N. Michigan Avenue	(312) 337-9330
Located near Water Tower Place		
Hershey's Chicago	822 N. Michigan Avenue	(312) 337-7711
Located near Water Tower Place		
Moonstruck Chocolate Café	320 N. Michigan	(312) 696-1201
Located near Wacker Drive		
The Popcorn Palace	Grand Avenue	(800) 873-2686
Located at Navy Pier		
Sucker's Candy, Inc. (Retro)	3256 N. Damen Avenue	(773) 549-1706
Located at Melrose		

Hotels

Downtown Area

Within Walking Distance of Region V Office

Club Quarters Central Loop	111 West Adams St.	Chicago, IL 60603	(312) 214-6400	
Hilton Chicago	720 S. Michigan Ave.	Chicago, IL 60605	(312) 922-4400	
Hotel Blake	500 S. Dearborn St.	Chicago, IL 60605	(312) 663-3200	
Palmer House Hilton	17 E. Monroe St.	Chicago, IL 60603	(312) 726-7500	
Other Nearby Hotels				
DoubleTree	198 E. Delaware	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 664-1500	
Embassy Suites	600 N. State	Chicago, IL 60610	(866) 451-3191	
Hilton Garden Inn (Red Line is outside front door)	10 E. Grand	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 595-0000	
Hyatt Regency McCormick2233 S. King DriveChicago, IL 60616(312) 565-1234(Metra Train is located in lobby. Exit at the Van Buren/Jackson exit.Walk to Clark.)(312) 565-1234				
Marriott	521 N. Rush Street	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 645-1500	
Renaissance Chicago Hotel	1 W. Wacker Drive	Chicago, IL 60601	(312) 372-7200	
Summerfield Suites	166 E. Superior	Chicago, IL 60611	(312) 787-6000	
O'Hare Airport Area				
Hilton Chicago O'Hare	O'Hare International Airport	Chicago, IL 60666	(773) 686-8000	
Located directly at the airport - take CTA Blue Line, exit at LaSalle				
Marriott Residence Inn	7101 Chestnut Street	Rosemont, IL 60018	(847) 375-9000	
Hotel has shuttle to and from airport that leaves frequently - take CTA Blue Line, exit at LaSalle				









