

## SIGHT-SEEING OPPORTUNITIES AND AREA RECREATION

Listed below is a small selection of recreation and sight-seeing opportunities available in Chicago and the surrounding suburban areas.

### MUSEUMS

- The Adler Planetarium  
1300 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago  
(312)322-0300  
Web-site: [www.adlerplanetarium.org](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org)

One of the major attractions is the multimedia Sky Shows which "travels" to the planets of our solar system, to distant stars and galaxies. Five new shows each year. Evening Sky Shows.

- The Art Institute of Chicago  
111 South Michigan Ave., Chicago  
(312)443-3500  
Web-site: [www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu)

One of the country's foremost art museums. Its treasures include: paintings, sculptures, Oriental art, primitive and decorative arts. Interesting paintings and sculpture ranging from the 14th century to the present. Recent acquisitions include the restored Trading Room from the Chicago Stock Exchange Building, the stained-glass *America Windows* by Marc Chagall, and Arthur Rubloff's famous paperweight collection.

- Cantigny  
One S. 151 Winfield Road., Wheaton  
(630)668-5161  
Web-site: [www.cantignypark.com](http://www.cantignypark.com)

Cantigny originally was the estate of Colonel Robert R. McCormick. The Museum contains memorabilia of the McCormick family's history. The First Division Museum features many exhibits that tell a little of the glorious history of the First Division in the two World Wars and Vietnam. Outdoor concerts are presented every Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Cantigny should be called a "country place" rather than a museum. It is a place to be used and enjoyed. Children may romp throughout the grounds while their parents enjoy gardens, woods, secluded lakes and miles of walking trails; there are extensive picnic areas where family outings are encouraged. Grounds are open every day until dusk.

- Graue Mill  
York and Spring Roads, Oak Brook  
(630)655-2090  
Web-site: [www.grauemill.org](http://www.grauemill.org)

Built in 1852 and restored in 1950, the Graue Mill is the only operating water-powered gristmill in Illinois. Exhibits include: farm and home implements of the period; rooms in Victorian and earlier periods; and demonstrations of spinning, weaving, and corn grinding.

- Morton Arboretum  
4100 Illinois, Route 53, Lisle  
(630)968-0074  
Web-site: [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)

The Morton Arboretum is a privately-endowed outdoor museum of woody plants. On the 1500-acre grounds, there are many collections of cultivated trees, shrubs and woody vines from various parts of

the world. There are also extensive examples of local native habitats: woodlands, wetlands, and a restored prairie.

- Museum of Science and Industry  
5700 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago  
(773)684-1414  
1-800-Go-To-MSI (out-of-state callers only)  
Web-site: [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org)

Chicago's number one tourist attraction with close to four million visitors a year and the world's largest and most popular institution of its kind. The Museum attracts visitors of all ages and from all parts of the world to see its thousands of exhibit units that demonstrate scientific principles, technological advances, and industrial applications. Unlike most museums, it is designed specifically for visitor participation. There are buttons to push, cranks to turn, levers to lift, computers to operate, and many other ways for every member of the family to become involved in a unforgettable learning experience.

- Oriental Institute  
1155 E. 58th Street, Chicago  
(773)702-9514  
Web-site: [www.oi.uchicago.edu](http://www.oi.uchicago.edu)

This museum of ancient Near Eastern Archaeology was established in 1919 as part of the University of Chicago. Its five major galleries detail the everyday life, ritual, art and archaeological remains of the ancient civilizations of Egypt, Anatolia, Assyria, Mesopotamia, Persia and Palestine. "The Suq", the museum gift shop, sells Near Eastern jewelry, stationery and books. Reservations are required in advance for tour groups.

- John G. Shedd Aquarium  
1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago  
(312)939-2438  
Web-site: [www.sheddnet.org](http://www.sheddnet.org)

The Aquarium offers a dazzling array of fish from all over the world, living in habitats similar to those in the wild. The world's largest indoor aquarium displays fresh and saltwater species, mammals, reptiles, and invertebrates. The spectacular 90,000-gallon Coral Reef exhibit is a jewel of the sea studded with over 300 colorful Caribbean fishes living in a coral reef community. A diver enters the Coral Reef to hand-feed its inhabitants five times daily.

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## POINTS OF INTEREST AND TOURS

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- Brookfield Zoo (Chicago Zoological Society)  
1st Ave. and 31st St., Brookfield  
(708)485-0263  
Web-site: [www.brookfieldzoo.org](http://www.brookfieldzoo.org)

Twenty-five major exhibits on over 200 acres, divided up by moats and natural-looking barriers, make this one of the most modern zoos in the country, where animals like the Nile hippo can be seen without the cage bars. The naturalistic approach to exhibit design is moved indoors in the new Tropic World exhibits where visitors enter huge jungle environments to see animals living together much as they would in the wild. Other major attractions at the zoo include the Seven Seas Panorama – the only dolphin show in a zoo in the country – and Children's Zoo. Train rides and motor safari rides with tour guides can be taken around the park late spring through early fall.

- Buckingham Fountain  
Lakefront in Grant Park, Chicago

A fountain, a sculpture, a piece of architecture, the Clarence Buckingham Fountain is twice the size of the Latona Fountain at Versailles, which it resembles. Set in Grant Park along Chicago's lake front, the fountain is outlined against the skyscrapers of the Loop. A nighttime light show transforms the Fountain into a many-colored, glittering water sculpture. Fountain displays are presented daily in the summer.

- Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
Wilson and Kirk Roads, Batavia  
(630)840-3000  
Web-site: [www.fnal.gov](http://www.fnal.gov)

The world's largest proton synchrotron which uses beams of sub-atomic particles to study the "world of the small." In addition to the scientific research, the laboratory provides an interesting cultural center.

- Haeger Potteries, Inc.  
7 Maiden Lane, Dundee  
(847)426-3441

Visitors see the actual manufacturing processes used to transform clay into beautiful pieces of ceramic artwork. Haeger also offers seven salesrooms for shopping. In addition to excellent bargains in Haeger pottery and lamps, there are such things as wicker, candles, plants, flower arrangements, Norman Rockwells, Hummels, etc.

- John Hancock Center  
875 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago  
(312)751-3681  
1-888-875-8439  
Web-site: [www.hancock-observatory.com](http://www.hancock-observatory.com)

See Chicago from atop one of the world's tallest buildings. Observation area offers views of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Great views of the Loop, Lake Michigan and the Magnificent Mile. Educational exhibits provide information about historical sights.

- Six Flags Great America  
Located on I-94, at Route 132, Gurnee  
(847)249-1776  
Web-site: [www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com)

Six Flags Great America is the Midwest's most popular family entertainment center. It features over 130 rides, games, shows and attractions in five historical theme areas. It offers more than eight hours of continuous entertainment for one low admission price. Admission includes unlimited use of rides, shows and all attractions (parking, food, games and merchandise are extra).

- Navy Pier  
600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago  
(312)595-7437  
1-800-595-7437  
Web-site: [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com)

Visitors are welcome to walk or take a trolley ride down the 3/4-mile North Promenade and view the magnificent Chicago skyline. Shops, restaurants, the Chicago Children's Museum and a giant Ferris wheel are just a few of the activities at Navy Pier.

- Ravinia Festival  
201 St. Johns Ave., Highland Park  
(847)266-5100

Web-site: [www.ravinia.org](http://www.ravinia.org)

From June to September, concerts by The Chicago Symphony Orchestra in summer residence, as well as visiting orchestras, recitals, chamber music, popular attractions and dance performances.

- Sears Tower  
233 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago  
(312)875-9696  
Web-site: [www.sears-tower.com](http://www.sears-tower.com)

Sears Tower, one of the world's tallest building, is 1,454 feet high and contains 4.5 million gross square feet of space. From the fully-enclosed Skydeck observation level on the 103rd floor – 1,353 feet above ground – visitors will see a spectacular view. Another tourist attraction in the Wacker Lobby is a moving wall sculpture, *Universe*, by American sculptor Alexander Calder.