

MUSEUMS IN THE PARK

A user's guide
to 10 great
chicago museums.



choose your muse.

ADLER PLANETARIUM

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DUSABLE MUSEUM OF
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

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SHEDD AQUARIUM

I. INTRODUCTION



DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT GOING TO A MUSEUM TO SEE SOME GREAT EXHIBIT YOU'VE READ ABOUT, BUT FOR SOME INEXPLICABLE REASON, YOU OPT FOR ANOTHER MOVIE INSTEAD? WE UNDERSTAND. AND WE CAN HELP. INTRODUCING YOUR VERY OWN MUSEUMS IN THE PARK USER MANUAL—A GUILT-FREE, USER-FRIENDLY RESOURCE GUIDE DESIGNED TO ARM YOU WITH THE TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES TO MASTER THE LIVELY ART OF CHICAGO MUSEUM-GOING. FIRST, THE FUNDAMENTALS.

II. WHAT IS MUSEUMS IN THE PARK?



MUSEUMS IN THE PARK (MIP) IS A FAMILY OF 10 CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS LOCATED ON CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT LAND THAT SIT IN OR NEAR SOME OF CHICAGO'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PARKS. OUR MUSEUMS NOT ONLY PROVIDE A VARIETY OF EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS TO CHICAGOANS EACH YEAR, THEY'RE PRIMARY TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN THE CITY, WELCOMING 8 MILLION GUESTS ANNUALLY. THAT'S MORE THAN HALF THE POPULATION OF ILLINOIS. AMAZING, ISN'T IT?

MIP IS COMPRISED OF:

- adler planetarium
- the art institute of chicago
- chicago history museum
- dusable museum of african american history
- the field museum
- museum of contemporary art
- museum of science and industry
- national museum of mexican art
- the peggy notebaert nature museum
- shedd aquarium



III. WHAT MAKES THIS THE BIBLE TO MUSEUM GOING?



THIS BOOKLET (WHEN USED PROPERLY) WILL FOREVER CHANGE FAMILY TIME, DATE NIGHT, SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AND FRIDAY NIGHTS. HOW? BY SIMPLY REMINDING YOU THAT THE BEST CITY IN THE WORLD IS ALSO HOME TO A FAMILY OF 10 AMAZING, WILDLY DIFFERENT MUSEUMS. AND EVERY ONE OF THEM IS CHOCK FULL OF TREASURES, WONDERS, MYSTERIES AND DELIGHTS. YOU KNOW, THE STUFF THAT MAKES LIFE INTERESTING. SO, WHETHER YOU'RE A NOVICE, OR A PRO, EMBRACE YOUR USER'S GUIDE. BECAUSE MUSEUM-GOING WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE. YOU CAN BOOK ON IT.

LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN...

ADLER PLANETARIUM

address 1300 south Lake shore Drive

phone 312-922-7827 web www.adlerplanetarium.org

IT'S THE FINAL FRONTIER. THE GREAT UNKNOWN. THE INFINITE BEYOND. YOU GUESSED IT, OUTER SPACE. AND IT'S ALL YOURS TO EXPLORE. OUR STAR-STudded PLANETARIUM IS OUT OF THIS WORLD. AND OUR MUSEUM TAKES YOU ON A JOURNEY FROM THE BIG BANG TO NASA'S MOST RECENT SPACE EXPLORATIONS, INCLUDING AN INSIDE LOOK AT AMERICA'S FIRST SPACE MISSIONS FROM THE MAIN MAN HIMSELF, JIM LOVELL (REMEMBER *APOLLO 13*?). EXPLORE OUR SOLAR SYSTEM AS IF IT WERE YOUR OWN BACKYARD! FLY OVER HIGH-RES IMAGES OF THE MOON USING THE ADLER'S NEW INTERACTIVE MOON WALL DEVELOPED BY NASA. AND DON'T YOU DARE MISS OUR FAR OUT EXHIBITION *SHOOT FOR THE MOON* WHERE YOU CAN TAKE A GIANT LEAP ON THE MOON OR GRAB THE CONTROLS TO ATTEMPT A LUNAR LANDING. SO, IF YOU'RE FEELING LIKE YOU NEED SOME SPACE, COME ON OVER AND CHECK US OUT.



talk the talk

say, "of all the newly classified dwarf planets, pluto is by far my favorite. though ceres and 2003 uo313 are charming in their own ways."



ADLER ANECDOTES

- general admission: \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids, free for members and kids under 3. discounts given for chicago residents.
- we were the first planetarium in america (that's north *AND* south america). go us!
- we have not one, but three theaters! our breathtaking definiti space theater has a 360-degree screen and is 55 feet in diameter! And our spectacular sky theater is the only place in chicago to see a true night sky, without city light pollution.
- did we mention we have the best view of the city-in the city? imagine, a great view from a planetarium. who'd a thunk?
- check out the dearborn telescope, which was once the largest telescope in the world.
- get everything on your mission checklist in our gift store from in-flight suits to astronaut ice cream. explore our selection of fun and educational toys. that's right, we used "fun" and "educational" in the same sentence.
- galileo's café serves up great food and a panoramic lake view from the all-glass sky pavilion.

neighborhood joints

12th street beach: Located right on Lake Michigan with a family-friendly beach for sun worshippers of a different kind. A true after-adler hotspot in the summer.

charter one pavilion: outdoor concerts with Lake Michigan for back up. A rockin' good time.

Have you met our neighbors? You'll love them. **The Field Museum** and **Shedd Aquarium** are a hop, skip and jump away. though many prefer to simply walk.



THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

address 111 south michigan avenue

phone 312-443-3600 web www.artinstituteofchicago.org

ART
INSTITUTE
CHICAGO

THIS IS BIG! WITH THE ADDITION OF THE RENZO PIANO-DESIGNED MODERN WING IN 2009, WE NOW HAVE OVER ONE MILLION SQUARE FEET AND HOUSE OVER 300,000 OBJECTS (MAKES US THE 2ND BIGGEST MUSEUM IN THE COUNTRY)! CLIMB THE NICHOLS BRIDGEWAY FROM THE HEART OF MILLENNIUM PARK TO THE MODERN WING AND CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW. THE 13 MATISSES, 18 PICASSOS, 11 DALÍ, 7 BRÄNCUSIS, AND 5 KANDINSKYS ARE JUST A START. MOVE BACK THROUGH TIME AS YOU HEAD BACK TO THE HISTORICAL MICHIGAN AVENUE BUILDING. YES, ALL YOUR FAVORITES ARE STILL HERE—*AMERICAN GOTHIC* BY GRANT WOOD, *A SUNDAY ON LA GRANDE JATTE—1884* BY GEORGE SEURAT, AND *NIGHTHAWKS* BY EDWARD HOPPER—ALONG WITH WORKS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD AND OVER 4,000 YEARS OF CREATIVITY. BRINGING THE WHOLE FAMILY? KIDS UNDER 14 ARE FREE! DROP BY THE RYAN EDUCATION CENTER FOR STORIES, GAMES, AND ART ACTIVITIES FOR TODDLERS THROUGH TEENS. OR, TRAVEL TO A LILLIPUTIAN LAND WITH THE THORNE MINIATURE ROOMS (68 ROOMS CREATED ON A ONE-INCH-TO-ONE-FOOT SCALE).



talk the talk

say, "the modern wing's 'flying carpet' roof works in tandem with an automated lighting system to create optimal natural light for art viewing while still protecting the works from overexposure."



AIC FYI'S

- general admission: \$18 for adults, \$12 for kids, students, and seniors. children under 14 and members are always free.
- art for lunch — join us every day at noon for a gallery talk.
- stop by the garden café for lunch or drop by the modern wing's balcony café for a quick pick-me-up. or, for fine dining and stunning views, be sure to visit terzo piano, on the third floor of the modern wing.
- be your own tour guide with one of our many free self-guides. download them ahead of time at www.artinstituteofchicago.org or pick up a family guide at the information desk (also available for kids and in spanish).
- navigate the museum via our interactive touch-screen pathfinder kiosks. available on our web site too!
- share a picture book or play interactive computer games with your kids in the vitale family room in the ryan education center. always free!
- every year we host over 30 exhibitions and over 1,400 events and programs

neighborhood joints

enjoy any one of our new outdoor spaces — cool off in the shade of the modern wing's flying carpet in the [pritzker garden](#) or take in the rotating sculpture exhibition and striking skyline views on the open-air [bluhm family terrace](#).



you can also take a stroll down the 620-foot-long [nichols bridgeway](#) into [millennium park](#) for a summer concert or ice-skating in the colder months.

ChicagoHistoryMuseum

CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM

address 1601 north clark street

phone 312-642-4600 web www.chicagohistory.org

ALLOW US TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES. WE'RE THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM. HAS A NICE RING, DOESN'T IT? WE'RE NEWLY-RENOVATED AND WE'RE THE MUST SEE, FIRST STOP FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN, VISIT AND LOVE THE GREAT CITY OF CHICAGO. WE'VE GOT NEW GALLERIES AND EXHIBITIONS, AND A REDESIGNED MUSEUM STORE AND CAFÉ. STEP INSIDE AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CHICAGO'S RICH PAST. SEE HOW THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE CHANGED THE CITY FOREVER. EXPLORE THE DAZZLING WHITE CITY OF THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION OF 1893. TRACE THE PATHS OF IMMIGRATION TO SEE HOW IT SHAPED THE CITY'S DIVERSITY. IMAGINE THE CITY'S BUSTLING STREETS BY STEPPING INTO OUR MUCH-BELOVED 'L' CAR NO. 1. WE'VE GOT OVER 22 MILLION AMAZING ARTIFACTS AND DOCUMENTS RELATED TO CHICAGO'S HISTORY. (TRUST US, WE COUNTED.) AND THEY'RE ALL WHERE THEY BELONG. IN HOME, SWEET HOME CHICAGO.



HISTORICAL FACTS

- Admission: \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students. Free for members and children age 12 and younger.
- The Chicago History Museum is the city's oldest cultural institution. Makes sense, right?
- Change is good. Make sure you check back in with us often. We offer new and exciting rotating and temporary exhibitions throughout the year.
- Swing by for any of our amazing lectures and seminars and hear about historical events straight from the experts' mouths.
- Host an event Chicago style. We're the perfect site for parties, corporate functions, weddings, anniversaries, the works.
- Enjoy a bite to eat at our North & Clark Café featuring a menu inspired by Chicago neighborhood classics.

neighborhood joints

stroll along **North Avenue** and choose from neighborhood spots featuring tasty fare from Italy, South America, Asia, France, Mexico, Ireland and the good old U.S.A.

want to hear something funny? **Second City**, **Zanies Comedy Club**, and **Tony and Tina's Wedding** are a stone's throw from here. What a hoot!



Talk the Talk

say, "when Daniel Burnham oversaw the construction of the world's Columbian Exposition, he popularized neoclassical architecture in a monumental and rational beaux-arts plan. And I'm not kidding."



DUSABLE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

address 740 east 56th place - Hyde Park
phone 773-947-0600 web www.dusablemuseum.org



FROM TANZANIA TO TUSKEGEE. FROM THE AMISTAD REVOLT TO THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON. AND FROM WARRIOR QUEEN NZINGA TO THE MOTOWN BEAT, THE DUSABLE MUSEUM IMMERSSES YOU IN A CULTURAL EXPLORATION THAT ENLIGHTENS AND INSPIRES AT EVERY TURN. NAMED AFTER CHICAGO'S FIRST PERMANENT SETTLER, JEAN BAPTISTE POINTE DUSABLE, A FRENCH-CANADIAN OF HAITIAN DESCENT, WE WERE FOUNDED IN 1961 IN THE HOME OF DR. MARGARET BURROUGHS, AN ART TEACHER AT DUSABLE HIGH SCHOOL. TODAY, WE HAVE OVER 15,000 ARTIFACTS, BOOKS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ART OBJECTS, AND MEMORABILIA. OUR COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, AND SCULPTURE BY AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND AFRICAN ARTISTS IS CONSIDERED AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD. AND OUR ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL (OVER 35 YEARS OLD!) IS A CELEBRATION YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS. AFRICAN HERITAGE CONNECTS US ALL. AND AT THE DUSABLE MUSEUM, WE DO BLACK HISTORY MONTH 12 MONTHS A YEAR.



Talk the Talk

say, "did you know that Barack H. Obama, the 44th president of the United States, is a resident of the Hyde Park neighborhood, and a member and frequent visitor to the Dusable Museum"



DUSABLE DATA

- general admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors, \$1 for children. children under 6 and members are free.
- The Chicago Tribune calls Hyde Park "Chicago's multicultural melting pot of cool."
- In 1993, we opened a 25,000 square foot wing bearing the name of the late Mayor Harold Washington that includes additional gallery space on two floors and a 450-seat theatre.
- we have a gift shop, and an extensive program of community-related events, including our jazz and blues music series, poetry readings, film screenings, workshops, lectures and more.
- The Dusable Museum of African American History is the oldest museum of its type in the country and the only major independent institution in Chicago established to preserve and interpret the historical experiences and achievements of African-Americans.
- we have an extensive schedule of youth educational programs. check out our website for details.



neighborhood joints

park 52 restaurant

5201 south Harper Avenue - 773-241-5200

one of the newest spots in Hyde Park and the city of Chicago, Park 52 was named "one of the best new restaurants of 2009" and Dusable Museum visitors receive all sorts of perks including: kids eat free Monday and Tuesday from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

eduardo's natural pizza

1321 east 57th st. - 773-241-7960

sure, it's a chain, but it's a darn good one. go gourmet, or traditional. the atmosphere is fun and the staff keeps things lively.



THE FIELD MUSEUM

address 1400 south Lake shore drive

phone 312-922-9410 web www.fieldmuseum.org



WITH SIX ACRES OF AMAZING ARTIFACTS AND INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS, NO TWO VISITS TO THE FIELD MUSEUM ARE EVER THE SAME! IF YOU LOVE DINOSAURS, *EVOLVING PLANET* WILL TAKE YOU ON A 4 BILLION YEAR JOURNEY OF LIFE ON EARTH - FROM SINGLE-CELLED ORGANISMS TO TOWERING DINOSAURS - TO OUR EXTENDED HUMAN FAMILY. IF YOU'RE FASCINATED BY HUMAN INGENUITY, *THE ANCIENT AMERICAS* WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH 13,000 YEARS OF AWE-INSPIRING CREATIVITY, FROM ICE-AGE MAMMOTH HUNTERS TO THE EMPIRES OF THE INCAS AND AZTECS. AND IF YOU LIKE TO SPICE THINGS UP WITH A LITTLE VARIETY, DIG INTO THE SECRETS OF SOIL, DESCEND INTO AN EGYPTIAN TOMB, BE DAZZLED BY SPARKLING GEMS, COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE MAN-EATING *LIONS OF ISAVO* AND EXPLORE THE WORLD'S CULTURES AND ENVIRONMENTS - ALL BEFORE LUNCH. FILL YOUR DAY (AND YOUR BRAIN) WITH ALL YOU DISCOVER.

talk the talk



say, "cahokia's my kind of town."



FIELD FACTS

- visit our website for current admission prices.
- what? you haven't met sue? the largest, most complete T. rex ever found. 67 million years old and awfully well preserved for her age.
- speaking of preserved...you can see 23 mummies at the field. find out how they're made, and learn what the ancient Egyptians believed about death.
- don't miss *The Ancient Americas*, an epic journey through 13,000 years of human ingenuity.
- want to start your adventure before you arrive? take a boat from the museum campus to navy pier - all day, all summer.
- with so many special exhibitions, every visit to the field offers something new. visit fieldmuseum.org for the latest.
- this big museum is perfect for little explorers. visit our *Crown Family PlayLab* where kids dig up dinosaur bones, grind corn in a pueblo, make music with instruments from around the world, and lots more.

neighborhood joints

stop for a meal or a snack at **corner bakery** or **mcdonald's**. if the weather's nice, have a picnic on the terrace - best view in the city!



our closest neighbors are the **shedd aquarium** and **adler planetarium**. park once, see the earth, sea, and sky in one visit. **soldier field**, too, with its new veterans memorial park.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

address 220 east chicago avenue

phone 312-280-2660 web www.mcachicago.org

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT....
LET'S START WITH THE ART, SHALL WE? THREE
TIMES A YEAR, WE CAST AWAY OUR FORMER SELVES
AND START FRESH. WHAT RESULTS ARE THE MOST
RELEVANT AND INSPIRING CREATIONS FROM THE
GREATEST ARTISTS OF OUR TIME (AND YOU DON'T
HAVE TO GET IT TO LOVE IT, GOT IT?). AND DID
YOU KNOW WE'RE MORE THAN JUST ART? WE'VE GOT
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WORLD'S MOST FASCINATING
ARTISTS. MINI ART HISTORY MORNINGS WITH COFFEE
& ART CLASSES. THEATER, DANCE, MUSIC - REMIXED
ON THE MCA STAGE. EVENTS WITH DJS AND COCKTAILS.
OUTDOOR SUMMERTIME JAZZ CONCERTS. WITNESS
PERFORMERS BLENDING FILM, DANCE, MUSIC AND
EVERYTHING ELSE. YOU CAN HAVE FAMILY TIME WITH
THE YOUNGEST ARTISTIC GENIUSES YOU KNOW AND
TOAST ART OF TODAY WITH OTHER CONTEMPORARY
CULTURE FANS. THE MCA. ALWAYS FRESH, ALWAYS
NEW, ALWAYS A SURPRISE.



talk the talk

say...whatever you like! the visitor is part of the art,
the conversation and art history in the making!
Look at you - making history here...



TIDBITS

- admission: \$12. students and senior citizens: \$7. mca members, kids 12 and under and members of the police, fire departments and military: free.
- tuesdays: free for all (and sometimes it is a free for all).
- free family days (and don't worry when the kids have to explain the art to you....happens all the time).
- let our art speak to you. cell phone & ipod audio tours cost a couple dollars.
- puck's restaurant. no, not the shakespearean guy, the gourmet guy.
- our museum store is, in a word, life affirming (right. two words).



neighborhood joints

contemporary art is everywhere. like the flagship **apple store**, where technology comes alive in a gallery space. the chess players on **north avenue beach**, where still life meets performance art. and **american girl** dolls. did we mention the **john hancock building** is right next door? we didn't? how silly of us.





MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

address 57th street and Lake shore drive
phone 773-684-1414 web www.msichicago.org



YES, INDEED, IT'S AN INSPIRING PLACE. AND KIDS LOVE IT! BUT TRUST US WHEN WE SAY, WITH 14 ACRES AND THOUSANDS OF ARTIFACTS, THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. ON ANY GIVEN DAY YOU CAN TROT ON A HUMAN-SIZED *HAMSTER WHEEL*.... HEAR AND SEE YOUR HEART BEAT 13-FEET TALL.... TAKE A NARRATED RIDE TO THE BOTTOM OF A MINE SHAFT....HANG OUT IN THE COCKPIT OF A 727....AND EXPLORE THE LIVING AND WORKING QUARTERS OF A REAL GERMAN WORLD WAR II SUBMARINE. THAT'S NOT ALL. TAKE A STROLL DOWN MAIN STREET AMERICA CIRCA 1910. DISSECT AN EYE AT MSI AND LEARN HOW POOP HAPPENS. WHISPER SWEET NOTHINGS TO SOMEONE WHO'S 47 FEET AWAY. ENTER A MINIATURE FANTASY WORLD WHERE EVERYTHING IS DESIGNED FOR SOMEONE FIVE INCHES TALL. AND LEARN WHY PIONEERING INNOVATORS ARE CREATING CUISINE MADE BY INK-JET PRINTERS, INSTANT-MSGAGED HUGS YOU CAN FEEL AND URBAN HIGH-RISE FARMS. WE TOLD YOU WE HAD SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

talk the talk



say, "if gilligan had a loxodograph, their ship may not have been lost."

information, please

- general admission: \$13 for adults, \$9 for kids and \$12 for seniors. free for members. buy your tickets in advance online!
- want to avoid the crowds? non-peak times are january, february, september (post labor day) and early october.
- some wasn't built in a day and the museum can't be seen in one. come for a couple of hours. then simply come back again. easy, right?
- you know all those great things we mentioned on the other page? they're permanent exhibits. to see what's new, visit our website www.msichicago.org.
- parking? yes. indoor? yes. convenient? puh!
- our omnimax theater is open year round. visit our website for what's showing.
- stop by the big idea store and bring a little piece of the museum home with you.



neighborhood joints

medici

1327 east 57th st. - 773-667-7394

graffiti everywhere. gargoyle-framed stained-glass windows. an outdoor patio and, get this, fudge-banana-nut milkshakes, giant burgers and garbage pizza, which you have to see to believe.

Lake Michigan

great lake - great location! literally across the street, take the tunnel under lake shore drive and enjoy the scenic, sandy and social beaches of lovely lake michigan.





NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART

address 1852 west 19th street

phone 312-738-1503 web www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org



WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MEXICAN FINE ARTS CENTER MUSEUM), THE LARGEST LATINO ARTS CENTER IN AMERICA. FOUNDED IN THE PILSEN NEIGHBORHOOD BY A VISIONARY GROUP OF EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS. SINCE 1987, THE NMMA HAS BEEN CELEBRATING MEXICAN CULTURE THROUGH EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND A RICH VARIETY OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS EXHIBITIONS. WE ARE PROUD TO BE THE NATION'S LEADING AND LARGEST LATINO CULTURAL ARTS ORGANIZATION AND THE ONLY LATINO MUSEUM ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS. WITH ONE OF THE BEST COLLECTIONS OF MEXICAN ART, WE CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCOPE OF OUR PROGRAMS WHILE CONTINUING TO REMAIN ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE.

talk the talk



say, "I love día de los muertos, especially la catrina."

NMMA HECHOS

- The national museum of mexican art is the only free major museum in the city. the best things in life are free.
- we were founded in 1987 by our current president who taught history in the chicago public schools.
- visit our amazing tienda tzintzuntzan store where you can purchase products made by mexican artisans from all over mexico, and the united states.
- we host an annual performing arts festival — the *sor juana festival*, which brings mexican art to life through music, dance, performance and art.
- we also host an annual *day of the dead* exhibition, the largest of its kind in the u.s. with artists from all over mexico, the u.s., and chicago.
- the pilsen neighborhood is a wonderful community with deep mexican and artistic roots. and the food...



neighborhood joints

cafe jumping bean

1439 w. 18th st. - 312-455-0019

a neighborhood cafe that is quite unique and trendy. very small, but one of a kind. poets, writers, and artists have all made the jumping bean a pilsen standby for the last 10 years.



kristoffer's cafe & bakery

1733 s. halsted - 312-829-4150

well, this will perk you up. with coffees from around the world and treats so sweet they defy description,

this family-owned haven is worth the trip - and the calories. (music and art events - and free wi-fi too!)

THE PEGGY NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM

address 2430 n. cannon dr. (just off lake shore dr. at fullerton)
phone 773-755-5100 web www.naturemuseum.org



AH, NATURE. THE SIGHTS. THE SOUNDS. THE NATURE MUSEUM! NATURE'S WONDERS ARE YOURS TO EXPLORE UNDER OUR ROOF. HOW DO WE BRING THE OUTSIDE IN? WE'LL LET YOU FLIT AND FLOAT WITH 1,000 BUTTERFLIES AND A VARIETY OF TROPICAL BIRDS IN THE REGION'S ONLY YEAR-ROUND BUTTERFLY HAVEN. *HANDS-ON HABITAT* FEATURES A TWO-STORY TREE HOUSE THAT'S LOADED WITH FUN FACTS ABOUT TREES AND THEIR TREASURES. OR MAYBE YOU PREFER THE WETTER SIDE OF NATURE. *RIVERWORKS* LETS VISITORS BUILD A DAM AND EVEN REVERSE THE FLOW OF A RIVER! OR ARE YOU MOST AT HOME WHERE WATER AND LAND MEET? THEN CHECK OUT *MYSTERIES OF THE MARSH* AND TAKE AN INTIMATE PEEK AT CREATURES AND PLANTS YOU HAVE TO SEE TO BELIEVE. LEARN IF IT'S EASY BEING GREEN (AND WE'RE NOT TALKING SINGING FROGS) IN THE *EXTREME GREEN HOUSE*, A FULL-SIZED BUNGALOW. GO FOR A STROLL ON *WILDERNESS WALK* AND EXPERIENCE THREE OF THE MIDWEST'S NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS WITHOUT EVEN BREAKING A SWEAT. WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO DO, ONE THING'S CERTAIN, HAVING FUN IS IN OUR NATURE.

talk the talk

say, "I don't like spiders and snakes, but the Lepidoptera make me all a flutter!"



NOTEBAERT NOTABLES

- visit our website for current admission prices and membership information.
- we're celebrating our 10th anniversary in 2009, but the Chicago Academy of Sciences has been teaching about nature and the environment for over 150 years!
- don't miss our special programs starring butterflies, toads and snakes (yes, the butterflies are divas). naturally, you should check back in with us every winter, spring, summer and fall.
- our biggest exhibition is a giant restored native prairie just outside the door.
- enjoy the view from the micole birdwalk, where you can also see 17,000 square feet of rooftop gardens.
- did someone say field trip? we're considered an innovator in science education and an active place to learn. working closely with Chicago public schools, we offer a wide variety of interactive workshops and labs for students and teachers.
- entertaining comes naturally to us. whether you're planning a business lunch, corporate dinner, private party or a wedding, our doors — and the possibilities — are wide open.



neighborhood joints

what else is there to love about our museum? three things, really. location, location, location. we're walking distance to [Lincoln Park Zoo](#), [the Great Lake](#), [Chicago History Museum](#) and all the amazing restaurants and shops on [Clark Street](#).



SHEDD AQUARIUM

address 1200 south Lake shore Drive

phone 312-939-2438 web www.sheddaquarium.org



LET YOUR *FANTASEA* BEGIN WITH SHEDD'S NEW AQUATIC SHOW! A SEA LION, DOLPHINS AND WHALES. OH MY! PLUS A PENGUIN PARADE AND A SOARING HAWK. DON'T MISS THE TEXTURES AND COLORS OF THE CARIBBEAN REEF. YOU CAN CIRCLE OUR 90,000-GALLON HABITAT AND WATCH AS A DIVER FEEDS A MORAY EEL, PARROTFISH, RAYS AND BONNETHEADS. DID WE SAY SHARKS? DESCEND TO *WILD REEF*, WHERE JUST FIVE INCHES OF GLASS SEPARATES YOU FROM MORE THAN A DOZEN SHARKS. TAP YOUR INNER ADVENTURER AND TAKE A STEAMY STROLL THROUGH *AMAZON RISING*, HOME TO DWARF CAIMANS, MINIATURE FROGS AND GIANT SNAKES, TURTLES, SPIDERS AND CATFISH. OR MOVE TO A POLAR PLAYGROUND TO SHAKE, UM, ARMS AND SPINES WITH SEA STARS AND URCHINS IN A KID-HEIGHT TOUCH POOL (ADVENTURESOME PARENTS WELCOMED). THEN MAKE LIKE CAPT. NEMO IN OUR YELLOW SUBMARINE. IF YOU LOVE WATER LIKE WE DO (GOOD THING TOO, BECAUSE 70% OF THE WORLD IS COVERED BY IT), WE'LL SHOW YOU EVERY LAST DROP. FROM THE GREAT LAKES TO THE RIVERS, WETLANDS AND OCEANS OF THE WORLD. COME TO SHEDD AND GET YOUR FEET WET IN AN EXPERIENCE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET.



talk the talk

say, "obligate ram ventilators are sharks that have to swim nonstop to push water through their gills to breathe."



SHEDD-LINERS:

- visit our website for current admission prices and membership info.
- want to see aquatic life with fewer human crowds? stop by on a fall and/or winter weekday.
- get face to face with a half-ton beluga whale on her turf – a pool of salt water – in our new beluga encounters program.
- ever see pacific white-sided dolphins leap, tail walk and spyhop? want to?
- you may not be able to talk to the animals, but you can chat up the divers feeding them.
- speaking of grub, our restaurant, *soundings café* overlooks the lake and skyline.
- our national historic landmark building has a roof made of a soybean derivative that helps alleviate the city's "urban heat island effect." next up, a terrace made of turnips (just kidding).
- our live jazz series is every thursday from late june through august. great music, view and savings (the rest of our building is open with reduced admission). ta da.

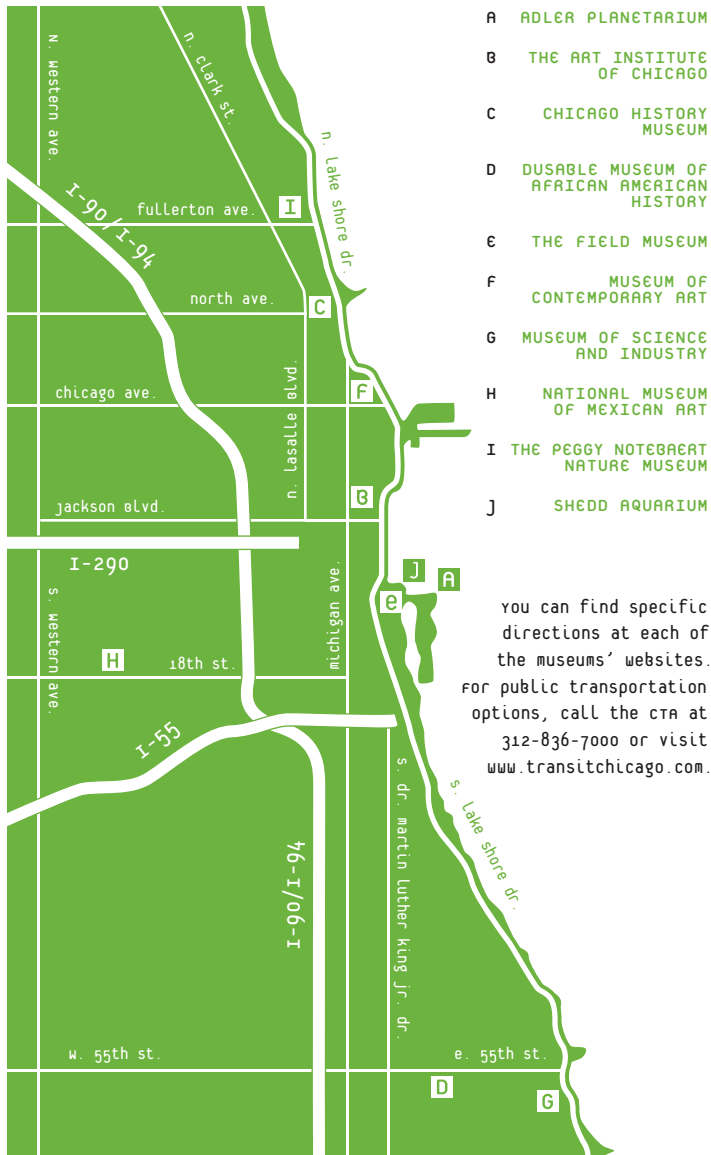


neighborhood joints

talk about good neighbors...the [field museum](#) and the [adler planetarium](#) are footsteps away.

go west museum-goers. great restaurants (like [gioco](#), [opera](#), [chicago firehouse](#) or [bongo room](#)) and shops are just a few blocks west.





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