

# Reaching North Lake Shore Buses by Bicycle

The CTA system includes many express bus routes that operate along North Lake Shore Drive, near the Brown Line, Red Line, and Purple Line Express. Ride your bike on one of Chicago's bike routes to reach them, and bring your bike with you by using the bike racks mounted on every bus. Or lock your bike on an on-street rack before you get on the bus. You'll be on your way downtown in no time!

**Pratt to #147:** Follow the striped bike lanes and recommended bike route eastbound on Pratt. Board the #147 bus at Sheridan Road. The bus accesses Lake Shore Drive at Foster.

**Granville to #136, #147, #151:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Granville. Board the #136, #147, or #151 bus at Sheridan Road. The #147 accesses Lake Shore Drive at Foster. The #136 accesses the Drive at Irving Park. The #151 stays on Sheridan Road/Inner Drive to downtown.

**Berwyn to #144:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Berwyn. Board the #144 bus at the Berwyn Red Line station between Broadway and Winthrop. The bus accesses Lake Shore Drive at Irving Park.

**Berwyn to #136, #151:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Berwyn. Board the #136 or #151 bus at Sheridan Road. The #136 accesses Lake Shore Drive at Irving Park. The #151 stays on Sheridan Road/Inner Drive to downtown.

**Lawrence to #136, #144, #146:** Follow the striped bike lanes and recommended bike route eastbound on Lawrence. Board the #136, #144, or #146 bus at Marine Drive. The #136 and #144 access Lake Shore Drive at Irving Park. The #146 accesses the Drive at Belmont.

**Wilson to #36, #145, #148:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Wilson. Board the #36 southbound on Broadway at the Wilson stop, or board the #145 or #148 eastbound on Wilson at the Broadway stop. The #36 stays on Broadway/Clark to downtown. The #145 accesses Lake Shore Drive at Belmont. The #148 accesses the Drive at Irving Park.

**Wilson to #136, #144, #146:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Wilson. Board the #136, #144, or #146 bus at Marine Drive. The #136 and #144 access Lake Shore Drive at Irving Park. The #146 accesses the Drive at Belmont.

**Addison to #135, #145, #146:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Addison. Board the #135, #145, or #146 bus at Marine Drive. The buses access Lake Shore Drive at Belmont.

**Wellington to #134, #143, #151, #156:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Wellington. Board the #134, #143, #151 or #156 bus at Sheridan Road.

**Diversey to #134, #143, #151, #156:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Diversey. Board the #134, #143, #151 or #156 bus at Sheridan Road.

**Fullerton to #134, #143, #151, #156:** Follow the striped bike lanes and recommended bike route eastbound on Fullerton. Board the #134, #143, #151 or #156 bus at Sheridan Road.

**Armitage to #22, #36:** Follow the striped bike lanes and recommended bike route eastbound on Armitage. Follow the jog south on Damen to Cortland, reconnecting with Armitage at Racine/Clybourn. Board the #22 or #36 bus at Clark Street.

**Division to #156:** Follow the striped bike lanes and recommended bike route eastbound on Division. Board the #156 bus at La Salle Street.

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**Division to #151:** Follow the striped bike lanes and recommended bike route eastbound on Division. Board the #156 bus at Sheridan/Inner Lake Shore Drive.

**Chicago to #3, #125, #143, #144, #145, #146, #147, #151:** Follow the striped bike lanes and recommended bike route eastbound on Chicago. Board any of the above buses at Michigan Avenue.

**Chicago to #22, #36:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Chicago. Board the #22 at Clark Street, or board the #36 at State Street.

**Chicago to #156:** Follow the recommended bike route eastbound on Chicago. Board the #156 bus at La Salle Street.

# Bike & Ride

Alternatives to reduced rail service on the **Brown Line, Red Line, and Purple Line Express** during Three-Track operation.



A guide to combining buses and bicycles in the North Lake Shore corridor for travel to the Loop.

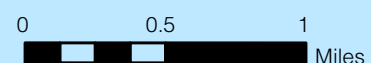
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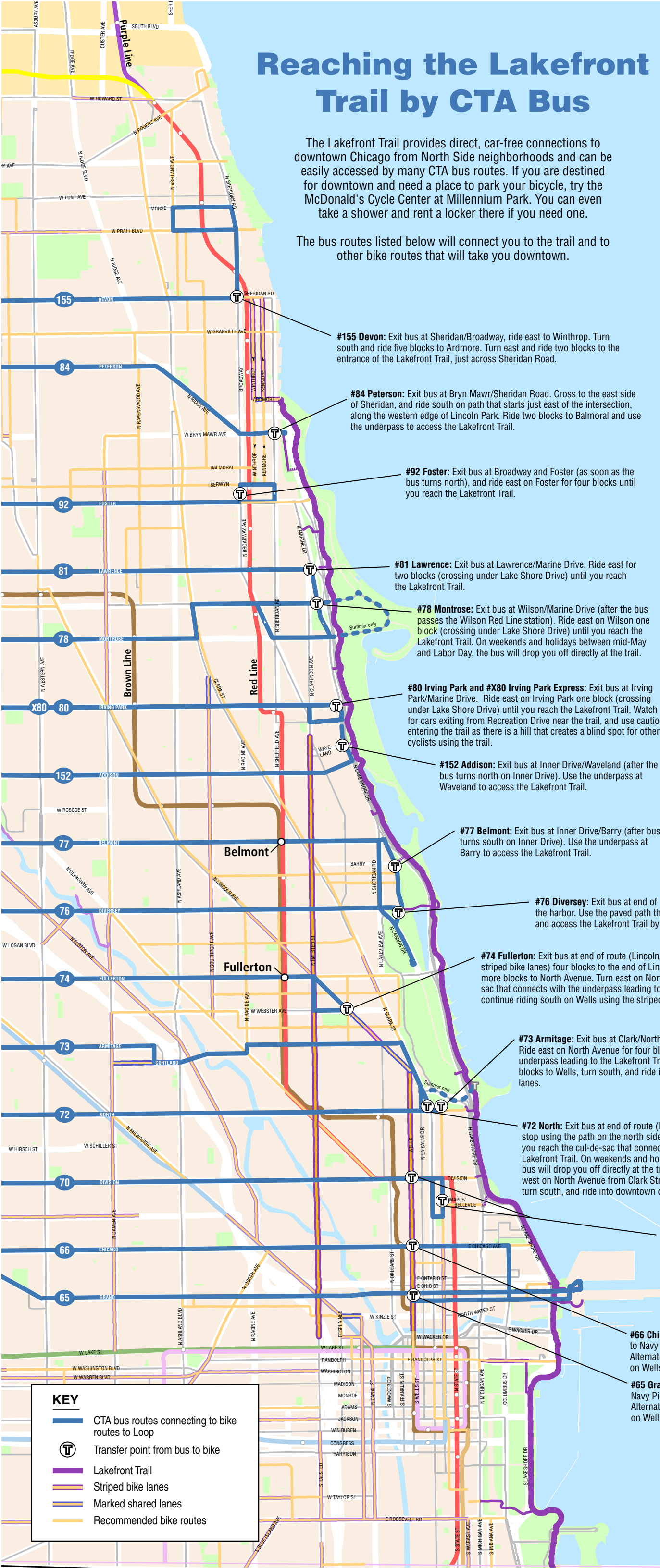
- CTA bus routes connecting to downtown
- Other CTA bus routes
- Transfer point from bike to bus
- Lakefront Trail
- Striped bike lanes
- Marked shared lanes
- Recommended bike routes



# Reaching the Lakefront Trail by CTA Bus

The Lakefront Trail provides direct, car-free connections to downtown Chicago from North Side neighborhoods and can be easily accessed by many CTA bus routes. If you are destined for downtown and need a place to park your bicycle, try the McDonald's Cycle Center at Millennium Park. You can even take a shower and rent a locker there if you need one.

The bus routes listed below will connect you to the trail and to other bike routes that will take you downtown.



**#155 Devon:** Exit bus at Sheridan/Broadway, ride east to Winthrop. Turn south and ride five blocks to Ardmore. Turn east and ride two blocks to the entrance of the Lakefront Trail, just across Sheridan Road.

**#84 Peterson:** Exit bus at Bryn Mawr/Sheridan Road. Cross to the east side of Sheridan, and ride south on path that starts just east of the intersection, along the western edge of Lincoln Park. Ride two blocks to Balmoral and use the underpass to access the Lakefront Trail.

**#92 Foster:** Exit bus at Broadway and Foster (as soon as the bus turns north), and ride east on Foster for four blocks until you reach the Lakefront Trail.

**#81 Lawrence:** Exit bus at Lawrence/Marine Drive. Ride east for two blocks (crossing under Lake Shore Drive) until you reach the Lakefront Trail.

**#78 Montrose:** Exit bus at Wilson/Marine Drive (after the bus passes the Wilson Red Line station). Ride east on Wilson one block (crossing under Lake Shore Drive) until you reach the Lakefront Trail. On weekends and holidays between mid-May and Labor Day, the bus will drop you off directly at the trail.

**#80 Irving Park and #X80 Irving Park Express:** Exit bus at Irving Park/Marine Drive. Ride east on Irving Park one block (crossing under Lake Shore Drive) until you reach the Lakefront Trail. Watch for cars exiting from Recreation Drive near the trail, and use caution entering the trail as there is a hill that creates a blind spot for other cyclists using the trail.

**#152 Addison:** Exit bus at Inner Drive/Waveland (after the bus turns north on Inner Drive). Use the underpass at Waveland to access the Lakefront Trail.

**#77 Belmont:** Exit bus at Inner Drive/Barry (after bus turns south on Inner Drive). Use the underpass at Barry to access the Lakefront Trail.

**#76 Diversey:** Exit bus at end of route. Follow Diversey until it ends at the harbor. Use the paved path that crosses under Lake Shore Drive, and access the Lakefront Trail by following the hairpin turn on the path.

**#74 Fullerton:** Exit bus at end of route (Lincoln/Webster). Ride south on Lincoln (using striped bike lanes) four blocks to the end of Lincoln, turn south on Wells, and ride two more blocks to North Avenue. Turn east on North Avenue, ride six blocks to the cul-de-sac that connects with the underpass leading to the Lakefront Trail. Alternately, continue riding south on Wells using the striped bike lanes into downtown.

**#73 Armitage:** Exit bus at Clark/North (one half mile after the bus turns south on Clark). Ride east on North Avenue for four blocks to the cul-de-sac that connects with the underpass leading to the Lakefront Trail. Alternately, turn west on North Avenue, ride two blocks to Wells, turn south, and ride into downtown on Wells using the striped bike lanes.

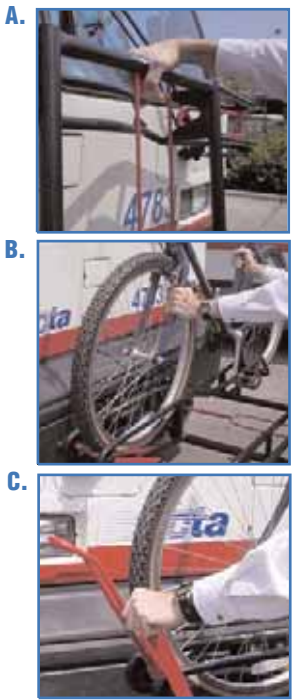
**#72 North:** Exit bus at end of route (North/near Clark). Ride east from the bus stop using the path on the north side of the street, three-and-a-half blocks until you reach the cul-de-sac that connects with the underpass leading to the Lakefront Trail. On weekends and holidays between mid-May and Labor Day, the bus will drop you off directly at the trail at North Avenue Beach. Alternately, ride west on North Avenue from Clark Street two-and-a-half blocks west to Wells, turn south, and ride into downtown on Wells using the striped bike lanes.

**#70 Division:** Exit bus at Wells. Ride south on Wells using the striped bike lanes into downtown. Alternately, exit bus at Dearborn/Maple (after bus turns south on Dearborn). Ride east on Maple for one block, turn south on State for one block and east on Oak Street. Cross Michigan Avenue and use the ramped underpass at Oak Street to access the Lakefront Trail.

**#66 Chicago:** Exit bus at Navy Pier. The Lakefront Trail connects to Navy Pier at the southwest edge of the Pier, near Bike Chicago. Alternately, exit bus at Wells, turn south, and ride into downtown on Wells using the striped bike lanes.

**#65 Grand:** Exit bus at Navy Pier. The Lakefront Trail connects to Navy Pier at the southwest edge of the Pier, near Bike Chicago. Alternately, exit bus at Wells, turn south, and ride into downtown on Wells using the striped bike lanes.

1. Remove large baggage, such as panniers, from your bike before loading your bicycle on the rack. All baggage must accompany you on the bus. If you are concerned about the safety of your bicycle, lock your bicycle's front wheel to the bicycle frame before the bus arrives. Alert the bus operator that you need to lower the rack.
2. Lower the rack by squeezing the handle (Photo A). If another bicycle is in position, the rack will already be lowered. If the bicycle rack is full, please wait for the next bus.
3. Lift your bicycle so it sits in the empty wheel well. If yours is the first bicycle to be loaded, place it in the position nearest the bus, with the front wheel facing the curb (Photo B). If yours is the second bicycle to be loaded, place it with the rear wheel facing the curb.
4. Swing the bicycle support arm over the front tire to hold the bicycle in place (Photo C). Locks may not be used to secure bicycles to racks.
5. Board the bus and pay your fare. Your bicycle rides free! For added security, it is recommended that you sit or stand near the front of the bus and watch your bicycle while you ride the bus.
6. When you come to your stop, exit the bus at the front and inform the operator that you'll be removing your bicycle. The operator will make sure you're clear of the bus before leaving the stop. Never step into traffic.



## Information and Resources

All CTA buses are equipped with bike racks that carry two bicycles each at all hours of bus operation. In addition, on-street bicycle parking is available at thousands of locations throughout the city.

CTA and the City of Chicago will install additional bicycle parking upon request to serve people impacted by Three-Track operations. To request a bicycle rack where it would benefit you most, please contact [amalick@transitchicago.com](mailto:amalick@transitchicago.com).

**This map is not intended to be a comprehensive map of CTA bus routes.** For CTA route information and schedules, contact 1-888-YOUR-CTA or visit [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com). For travel planning and assistance, contact 312-836-4949 or visit <http://rtachicago.org>.

For information about bike routes, bicycling on city streets, locking your bicycle, or using the Lakefront Trail, obtain a Chicago Bike Map and other free publications by contacting the City of Chicago's Bicycle Program at 312-742-2453, or visit [www.chicagobikes.org](http://www.chicagobikes.org).

For resources about bicycle commuting, contact the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation at 312-427-3325 or visit [www.biketraffic.org](http://www.biketraffic.org).

For information about parking your bicycle at the McDonald's Cycle Center in Millennium Park, contact 888-BIKE-WAY or visit [www.chicagobikestation.com](http://www.chicagobikestation.com).

**Important note:** CTA allows bicycles on trains at all times except 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays. Because trains are expected to be more crowded than usual during Three-Track operations, CTA asks that customers with bicycles be especially cautious and courteous when bringing bicycles on trains, even during off-peak hours.