

HISTORY

Built in 1880, Pullman was the country's first planned model industrial town.

George Pullman, a luxury railcar tycoon and president of Pullman's Palace Car Company, dreamt up the idea of a planned community to house the employees who built his luxury rail cars. The community consisted of more than 1,300 original structures including a factory complex, workers cottages, parks, and markets, plus a bank, library, church, and even an 800-seat theater. While Pullman's vision was brought to life by 1884, his model town wasn't enough to quell unrest among his employees. In 1893, a significant economic recession hit, and Pullman cut wages — without lowering rent on the company-owned housing. This led to the Pullman Strike, which escalated into a national railroad boycott and was a crucial event in the early labor rights movement.



Pullman National Historical Park

Dive further into the history of Pullman at the **Pullman National Historical Park**. It was first declared a National Monument by President Barack Obama in 2015 for its historic significance, making it the first and only National Monument and unit of the National Park System in Chicago. The district is significant for its influence on urban planning and design, as well as its role in the American labor movement, including the 1894 Pullman Strike and Boycott with the role of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Learn more about the contributions made by Pullman porters at the **National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum**.

Learn more about the Pullman story at: www.nps.gov/pull

WHAT TO DO?

- Visit the new **National Park Service Visitor Center**, housed inside the restored clock tower building, with information displays, artifacts, and friendly park rangers to answer questions.
- Explore the **A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, re-opening soon**, which honors the significant contributions that Black railroad workers made to the U.S. labor movement. Currently closed for expansion. Watch for re-opening news!
- Stop by **Lexington Betty Smokehouse** to sample Chicago-style barbecue with soulful sides.
- Grab a sweet treat at **Old Fashioned Donuts**, a favorite in Roseland for over 50 years. If you're looking for something savory, you can't miss **Ware Ranch Steakhouse**. The sitdown restaurant hosted its reopening in 2022.
- Tour historic homes with the **Pullman House Project** (opening April 2023) and immerse yourself in history at the **Historic Pullman Foundation Exhibit Hall**.



Lexington Betty's Smokehouse

CULTURE

You can see all this history come to life inside the

Visitor Center, where you'll find artifacts from Pullman workers, a 3D model of the town's original layout, and even a full-sized model of the luxurious Pullman sleeper car! Swing past the **Hotel Florence**. Named after Pullman's oldest daughter, the grand hotel was once filled with luxurious suites, a barber shop, a billiard room, and the community's only bar. Step onto the large Victorian porch and take a peek inside (renovations are ongoing). On **111th Street**, you'll find an interesting mix of homes and architecture. The most prestigious residences, housing the senior executives, were along 111th Street because this location offered the shortest walk to work. As you walk further south, you'll find progressively more humble residences that housed different levels of employees.



A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum

FUN FACT

Pullman is popular with filmmakers. Some scenes in the *Polar Express* were inspired by Pullman architecture. The director, Robert Zemeckis, grew up in Roseland just a few blocks away.

In addition to museums, history, and architecture, Pullman has a vibrant arts scene. Developed in partnership with the Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives and PullmanArts, the Pullman ArtSpace Lofts at 112th and Langley offer an affordable mixed-use space for artists. Visit the Block House Gallery where history, art, and culture come together on Chicago's Far South Side.

Pullman is also home to a number of community events including the Sunday Walking Tours, Railroad Days, Garden Walk, Pullman Arts Culture Fest, and concerts at the landmark Greenstone Church. Ask a guide at the Visitor Center about the annual Pullman Historic House Tour or the Pullman House project, both give tours of the historic homes and architecture within the neighborhood. Roseland is also home to the oldest house in Chicago.

GETTING THERE

BY TRAIN
Metra Electric line to 111th St. Station (Pullman) or Kensington/115th Station (115th St.)

Please confirm schedules at www.metra.com

BY CAR

From the Loop, take I-94 East towards Indiana. Take Exit 66A at 111th St, and drive west for a quarter mile.

BY BUS

Several CTA lines service the Pullman neighborhood: 106, 111, 115, 119.

Please confirm routes and schedules at www.transitchicago.com



VISIT PULLMAN AND ROSELAND



Workers Cottages

Old Fashioned Donuts

Ranch Steakhouse

PULLMAN

The historic Pullman neighborhood is a perfectly preserved time capsule transporting you back to the 1880s. The area is home to the Pullman National Historical Park, the city's first and only National Historical Park, where you'll find striking brick mansions and row houses, fascinating history, public parks and gardens, and picturesque streets (it was a planned urban utopia, after all). Located only 15 miles from downtown Chicago, a visit to Pullman is well worth the trip, especially for history buffs, architectural aficionados, National Park fans, and people who like going off the beaten path.

INSIDER TIP

One of the easiest ways to get to Pullman is by taking the Metra Electric Line. Pullman is a flag stop, so make sure to tell the conductor you're headed to Pullman and want to stop at 111th. From there, just walk across the street to explore **Pullman National Historical Park**.

For more info on this and other neighborhoods:



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EAT & DRINK

- AP Deli** 10758 S Michigan Ave **E1**
- Baba's Grill Steak and Lemonade** 9 E 111th St **E2**
- Captain Hooks Fish & Chicken** 343 E 103rd St **E3**
- Lexington Betty Smokehouse** 756 E 111th St **E4**
- Manny's Tacos & Burritos** 11543 S Michigan Ave **E5**
- Market Fish 2** 242 E 103rd St **E6**
- Morita's Tacos** 11436 S Michigan Ave **E7**
- New China Tea Garden Chop Suey** **E8**
11342 S Michigan Ave
- New Taste of Chicago** 11101 S Michigan Ave **E9**
- Old Fashioned Donuts** 11248 S Michigan Ave **E10**
- Richard's Super Premium Ice Cream** **E11**
11033 S Langley Ave Suite 100
- S2 Express Grill** 129 E 103rd St **E12**
- Sammy's Breakfast Kitchen** 250 E 103rd St **E13**
- Sharks Fish & Tony's Steak** 805 W 111th St **E14**
- Shorty's Mexican Grill** 11529 S Michigan Ave **E15**
- Skylake Chinese Kitchen** 108 W 111th St **E16**
- TRUTH Ribzzz & More** 11346 S Michigan Ave **E17**
- Ware Ranch Steak House** 11147 S Michigan Ave **E18**

CULTURE & THEATER

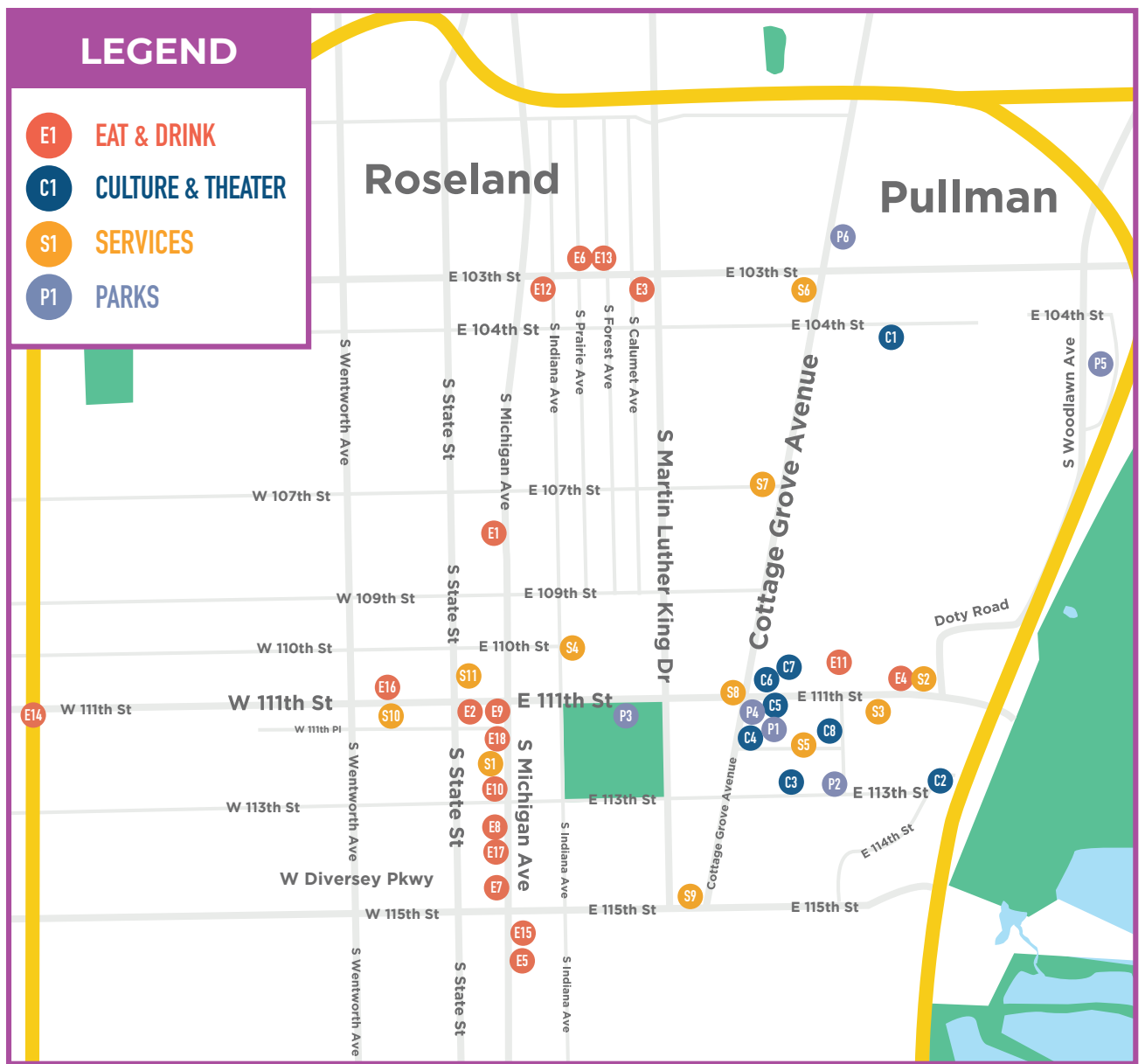
- A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum** **C1**
(re-opening soon) 10406 S Maryland Ave
- Club Hawthorne Chicago - OTB** 11203 S Corliss Ave ... **C2**
- Historic Pullman Foundation** 614 E113th St **C3**
- Historic Pullman Exhibit Hall** 11141 S Cottage Grove Ave .. **C4**
- Hotel Florence** 11111 S Forestville Ave **C5**
- Pullman Administration & Visitor Center** **C6**
11057 S Cottage Grove Ave
- Pullman National Historical Park** 610 E 111th St **C7**
- Block House Gallery | PullmanArts** **C8**
11137 S Langley Ave

SERVICES

- 9th Ward Alderman Beale's Office** 34 E 112th Pl **S1**
- Blue Door Neighborhood Center** 756 E 111th St **S2**
- Chicago Police Department** 727 E 111th St **S3**
- Chicago Public Library** 11001 S Indiana Ave **S4**
- Greenstone United Methodist Church** **S5**
11211 S St Lawrence Ave
- Metra 103rd St** 103th St. & Cottage Grove Ave **S6**
- Metra 107th St** 107th St. & Cottage Grove Ave **S7**
- Metra 111th St (Pullman)** 111th Street & Cottage Grove Ave ... **S8**
- Metra Kensington/115th St** 115th St. & Cottage Grove Ave ... **S9**
- Roseland Community Hospital** 45 W 111th St **S10**
- United States Postal Service** 11033 S State St **S11**

LEGEND

- E1** EAT & DRINK
- C1** CULTURE & THEATER
- S1** SERVICES
- P1** PARKS



PARKS

- Arcade Park** 11132 S St Lawrence Ave **P1**
- Langley Park** 11255 S Langley Ave **P2**
- Palmer Park** 201 E 111th St **P3**
- Pullman Park** 11101 S Cottage Grove Ave **P4**
- Pullman Community Center** 10355 W Woodlawn Ave ... **P5**
- Track & Field Center at Gately Park** **P6**
10201 S Cottage Grove Ave

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