

HISTORY

Woodlawn first began growing in the late 19th century due to

its close proximity to the 1893 World's Fair. The historic community is bordered by lakefront Jackson Park and the Midway Plaisance, stunning green spaces that served as the fairgrounds and continue to be popular with visitors today. In the early 1900s, Woodlawn's **63rd Street** exploded into a bustling commercial district packed with retail, restaurants, and jazz clubs. While many of those original businesses are now gone, it's still home to local favorites like **Daley's Restaurant**, which originally opened to feed World's Fair workers and has been family-owned for more than 100 years. The neighborhood is also home to 40 churches, many with unique architecture and history, such as the Apostolic Church of God, calling the neighborhood home for nearly 70 years.

Woodlawn has been home to a slew of famous residents, including Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and activist Gwendolyn Brooks, author and playwright Lorraine Hansberry, Jazz musician Herbie Hancock, and the Olympic track star Jesse Owens.



Jackson Park

CULTURE

Today, Woodlawn continues to have a thriving cultural scene where you can witness the intersection of art and activism in a performance by **Red Clay Dance Company**, which is spearheaded by Black female leaders. Check out socially relevant contemporary art at the **William Hill Gallery** or the University of Chicago's multidisciplinary **Logan Center for the Arts**. And visit the racial barrier-breaking **Lorraine Hansberry House**, the former home of the Chicago Black Renaissance playwright who wrote *A Raisin in the Sun*, which premiered on Broadway in 1959.



The Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts

FUN FACT

Make sure to check out Woodlawn's community events and festivals like the **Chosen Few House Music Festival** and **Black Wall Street**.

GETTING THERE

BY TRAIN

You can visit Woodlawn via the Metra or CTA. Take the Metra Electric line (South Chicago) from Van Buren St to 63rd St. The neighborhood is also serviced by the CTA Green line.

Please confirm schedules at www.metra.com and www.transitchicago.com

BY BUS

Several CTA lines service the Woodlawn neighborhood including the 79 bus.

Please confirm routes and schedules at www.transitchicago.com

BY CAR

Woodlawn is conveniently located off of Jean Baptiste Point DuSable Lake Shore Drive on the lakefront. Travel south from the Loop to E 57th Dr and continue to 63rd St.

BY BIKE

The Lakefront Trail provides car-free biking across the length of the city and extends south to 63rd St in Woodlawn.

WHAT TO DO?

- Step into Chicago's Jazz age and take a ballroom dance class at the historic **Grand Ballroom**.
- Taste a bit of history at **Daley's Restaurant**, Chicago's oldest restaurant. It's been the neighborhood's culinary mainstay since 1892 and family-owned for more than a century. Or enjoy a meal made with local ingredients and healthy at Woodlawn's new **Let's Eat To Live Restaurant**.
- Take **Woodlawn's Mural Walking Tour**, which hosts a variety of beautiful murals and preserved architecture, including the **Home Of Emmett and Mamie Till**.
- Enjoy a caffeinated beverage at **Build Coffee**, a charming bookshop that hosts gallery shows, performances, and game nights. You can also enjoy a hearty breakfast and coffee drinks at **Robust Coffee Lounge**.



Build Coffee

VISIT WOODLAWN



Johnny Twist Blues Museum

Daley's Restaurant

Seeds of Culture Mural

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn is a diverse neighborhood, one of the South Side's lakefront communities. The neighborhood is the future home of the Obama Presidential Center (opening in 2025), and it has deep roots centered in the Great Migration and Chicago's World Fair. Woodlawn also boasts many outdoor areas and community gardens, as well as a distinct architectural heritage that includes 40 majestic churches and the historic 63rd Street corridor.

INSIDER TIP

Tee off at the 18-hole, lakefront **Jackson Park Golf Course**, where kids play free during certain times.

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ART, CULTURE, & ENTERTAINMENT

- David Rubenstein Forum** **A1**
at the University of Chicago 1201 E 60th St
- Home Of Emmett And Mamie Till** **A2**
6427 S St Lawrence Ave
- Johnny Twist Blues Museum** **A3**
6455 S Cottage Grove Ave
- Lorraine Hansberry House** 6140 S Rhodes Ave **A4**
- Red Clay Dance Company** 808 E 63rd St **A5**
- Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts** **A6**
915 E 60th St
- Statue of the Republic** 6401 S Stony Island Ave **A7**
- The Grand Ballroom** 6351 S Cottage Grove Ave **A8**
- Woodlawn Mural Walking Tour** **A9**
64th – 67th off Dorchester, 63rd & Cottage Drive

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- 7323 Chicago Café** 6600 S Woodlawn Ave **F1**
- Baba's Famous Lemonade** **F2**
6421 S Martin Luther King Dr
- Daley's Restaurant** 6257 S Cottage Grove Ave **F3**
- Greenline Coffee** 501 E 61st St **F4**
- Little Jamaica jerk cuisine** 6319 S King Dr **F5**
- Jamaican Jerk Spice** 6500 S Cottage Grove Ave **F6**
- Jerk 48** 548 E 67th St **F7**
- JJ & Atomic Sub** 6458 S Cottage Grove Ave **F8**
- Leon's Bar-B-Q & Grill** 1528 E 63rd St **F9**
- Let's Eat to Live Restaurant** 621 E 67th St **F10**
- Lloyds Upscale Street Food** 501 E 61st St **F11**
- Parkway Hoagies** 6435 S King Dr **F12**
- Privilege Restaurant Bar** 6947 S South Chicago Ave **F13**
- Seafood Shack and Steak** 6658 S Cottage Grove Ave **F14**
- Six brothers food and more** **F15**
6359 S Martin Luther King Dr
- Tasty Spot Food & Grill** 1508 E 67th St **F16**
- The Green Living Room** 6431 S Cottage Grove Ave **F17**
- Twin Spot Fish & Chicken & Mart** 447 E 63rd St **F18**
- Wings Greens and Things** 6767 S South Chicago Ave **F19**

PARKS, GARDENS & BEACHES

- 62nd Street Community Garden** 1364 E 62nd St **P1**
- 63rd Street Beach** 6300 S Lake Shore Dr **P2**
- 65th & Woodlawn Community Garden** **P3**
1228 E 65th St
- Boswell Park** 6644 S University Ave **P4**
- Brickyard Garden** 6115 S Woodlawn Ave **P5**
- Dorchester Botanical Garden** **P6**
6442 S Dorchester Ave
- Huckleberry Playground Park** **P7**
6200 S Kimbark Ave
- Jackson Park** 6401 S Stony Is Ave **P8**
- Jackson Park Golf Course** 6401 S Richards Dr **P9**



PARKS, GARDENS & BEACHES

- Mamie and Emmett Till Memorial Garden** **P10**
6354 S St Lawrence Ave
- Mamie Till-Mobley Park** 6404 S Ellis Ave **P11**
- Moccasin Ranch Park** 6446 S Kimbark Ave **P12**
- Prairie Wolf Park** 6310 S Drexel Ave **P13**
- Reggies on the Beach** 6259 S Lake Shore Dr **P14**
- Vernon Park Gardens** 6025 S Vernon Ave **P15**
- West Woodlawn Botanic Garden** **P16**
6442 S Dorchester Ave
- Woodlawn Botanical Nature Center** **P17**
6442 S Dorchester Ave

RETAIL & SPECIALTY SHOPS

- Ace Wear Sports Apparel** 432 E 63rd St **R1**
- City Sports** 823 E 63rd St **R2**
- Glitter Glam & Stones** 6039 S Harper Ave **R3**
- Green's Foods** 1026 E 67th St **R4**
- The cats Meow** 6107 S King Dr **R5**
- Thiocary Fashion** 6453 S Cottage Grove Ave **R6**

SERVICES

- USPS** 700 E 61st St **S1**
- Woodlawn Chamber of Commerce** 6429 S King Dr **S2**
- Woodlawn Resource Center** 6144 S Cottage Grove Ave **S3**

DISCOVER
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- A1 ART, CULTURE, & ENTERTAINMENT**
- F1 FOOD & BEVERAGE**
- P1 PARKS, GARDENS & BEACHES**
- R1 RETAIL & SPECIALTY SHOPS**
- S1 SERVICES**