

HISTORY

Originally founded in the 1860s as a suburb for the

city's upper-middle-class residents, Austin quickly became a bustling community with a diverse population of immigrants and African Americans in the early 20th century. During this time, the land for the soon to be Columbus Park was acquired.



Columbus Park

FUN FACT

Columbus Park is one of the few parks in the nation to be designated a National Historic Landmark in its entirety and is considered a masterpiece created by landscape architect Jen Jensens.

In 2019, the City of Chicago launched the INVEST South/West program in an effort to bring residents and visitors to neighborhoods and the Austin Neighborhood Roundtable was formed in 2020. Stretching 1.5 miles along Chicago Ave between Austin Blvd and Cicero Ave; The Soul City Corridor has established a cultural enclave for African-Americans in Chicago's Austin community showcasing the best of its businesses, arts, entertainment and food.

WHAT TO DO?



Kehrein Center for the Arts

- Catch a show at **The Kehrein Center for the Arts**, featuring a 900-seat storytelling theater, art gallery, and community gathering place.
- Enjoy classic southern-style dishes and soul food at **MacArthur's Restaurant** and **6978 Soul Food**.
- Spend time outdoors at **Columbus Park**, a 140-acre park featuring prairie-like meadows, a golf course, and outdoor theatre.
- Discover authentic Caribbean dishes through traditional recipes at **Three-Ds Jerk Chicken**.

CULTURE

The Austin neighborhood is a vibrant and eclectic community that celebrates its rich history and diverse culture. Visitors

can explore the neighborhood's many historic landmarks like **Columbus Park**. Additionally, Austin is home to several cultural institutions, including the **Kehrein Center for the Arts** and **Austin Town Hall Park and Cultural Center**, which offers a variety of events and programs for visitors of all ages.

Austin is a melting pot of cultures, and its cuisine options reflect the diversity of the community. You'll find a wide range of culinary offerings, from traditional soul food to international flavors from around the world including Mexican, Jamaican, and Ethiopian cuisine.

Some notable soul food spots in Austin include **MacArthur's Restaurant**, which has been serving up delicious Southern-style fare since 1956, and **Coleman's**, which is known for its mouth-watering smoked meats and homemade sides.



Pyxis Sculpture

GETTING THERE

BY CAR

Austin is conveniently located off of the I-290 W Interstate. Travel west from the Loop to W Flournoy and take exit 23b to S Central Ave.

BY BIKE

From the Loop, Austin can be reached via bike through Lake St. Take Lake St through Garfield Park to N Laramie Ave.

BY TRAIN

Austin can be reached by three CTA Green line stops: Cicero, Laramie, and Austin. You can also visit via the Metra Electric line (MDP-W) to the Grand/Cicero Station.

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

BY BUS

Several CTA lines service the Austin neighborhood: 20, 66, 91, 126, 315.

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VISIT AUSTIN



Laramie State Bank Building

Columbus Park Refectory

Austin Town Hall Park

AUSTIN

The Austin neighborhood is a great place to visit if you're looking for an authentic Chicago experience. With its rich history, beautiful architecture, and vibrant cultural scene, it's a must-see destination for any tourist. The neighborhood is home to many historic buildings, including the stunning Austin Town Hall, which was built in the early 1900s and is a registered Chicago landmark. This neighborhood also boasts a number of beautiful parks, such as Columbus Park, which has a lovely lagoon, walking trails, and a golf course.

INSIDER TIP

Austin is home to a number of impressive murals and public art installations, created by local artists and community organizations. These artworks are not only visually stunning, but they also showcase the neighborhood's cultural heritage and more.

For more info on this and other neighborhoods:



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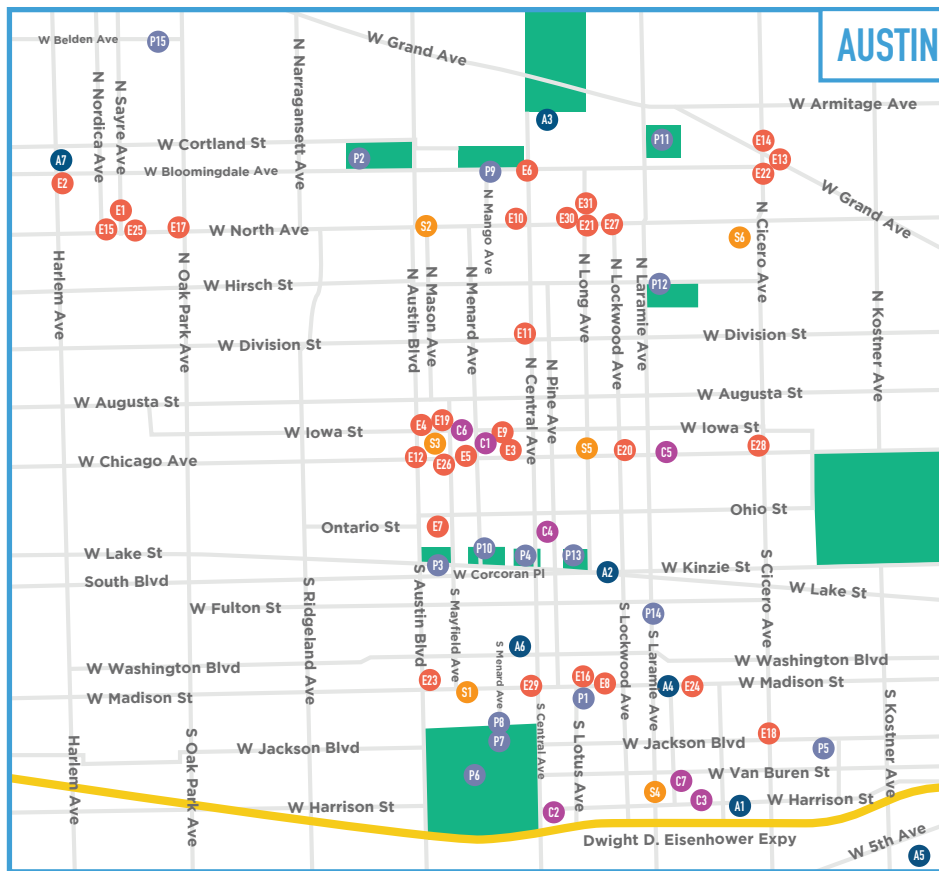
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ARTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

- African Art & Objects** 4918 W Flournoy St..... **A1**
- alt_ Chicago** 5339 W Lake St LL 33..... **A2**
- AMC Galewood Crossings 14** 5530 W Homer St..... **A3**
- Artist Room Cafe** 5125 W Madison St..... **A4**
- Chicago Studio City** 5660 W Taylor St..... **A5**
- The Kehrein Center For The Arts**..... **A6**
5628 W Washington Blvd
- Toast to Paint** 7185 W Bloomingdale Ave..... **A7**

EAT & DRINK

- 6978 Soul Food** 6978 W North Ave..... **E1**
- Amato's Pizza** 1745 N Harlem Ave..... **E2**
- Barney's Pizza Chicago** 5648 W Chicago Ave..... **E3**
- Bitoy Bistro** 5946 W Chicago Ave..... **E4**
- Brown's Soul Food** 5847 W Chicago Ave..... **E5**
- Carolyn's Lounge** 1744 N Central Ave..... **E6**
- Chef Daddy's** 5944 W Lake St..... **E7**
- Chop Suey Kitchen** 5353 W Madison St..... **E8**
- Coleman's 2 Ribs & Tips** 5754 W Chicago Ave..... **E9**
- El Gran Burrito** 5632 W North Ave..... **E10**
- Jay's Backyard BBQ** 5604 W Division St..... **E11**
- L & E Vienna** 5965 W Chicago Ave..... **E12**
- La Birrieria Restaurant** 4743 W Grand Ave..... **E13**
- Las Islas Marias** 4770 W Grand Ave..... **E14**
- Lemme Get Ummm...** 7016 W North Ave..... **E15**
- MacArthur's Restaurant** 5412 W Madison St..... **E16**
- Okami Sushi Chicago** 6818 W North Ave..... **E17**
- Original Maxwell Street** 266-298 S Cicero Ave..... **E18**
- Peeples Taco Place** 5944 W Chicago Ave..... **E19**
- Schweet Cheesecake** 5248 W Chicago Ave..... **E20**
- Tacos El Pichiiz** 5409 W North Ave..... **E21**
- Tacos Velazquez** 1729 N Cicero Ave..... **E22**
- Terry's Place** 5950 W Madison St..... **E23**
- The Licking Chicago** 5045 W Madison St..... **E24**
- The Perfect Jerk** 6954 W North Ave..... **E25**
- The Roasted Leaf Cigar & Coffee Cafe**..... **E26**
5925 W Chicago Ave
- Three-Ds Jerk Chicken** 5317 W North Ave..... **E27**
- Two Sisters Catering and Restaurant**..... **E28**
4800 W Chicago Ave
- Uncle Remus SFC - Central & Madison**..... **E29**
5611 W Madison St
- Vegan World Cafe** 5419 W North Ave..... **E30**
- Victor's Restaurant Pizza** 5418 W North Ave..... **E31**



- A1 ARTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT**
- E1 EAT & DRINK**
- P1 PARKS, GARDENS & RECREATION**
- S1 SHOPPING & SPECIALTY RETAIL**
- C1 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

SHOPPING & SPECIALTY RETAIL

- A'Splash of Love by Shun & Black Love Attire**...**S1**
5831 W Madison St
- Austin Sweets Shop** 1550 N Mason Ave..... **S2**
- Avanti Elegant Boutique** 5949 W Chicago Ave..... **S3**
- Forever Grateful Clothing** 524 S Laramie Ave..... **S4**
- Sam's Discount Beauty** 5400 W Chicago Ave..... **S5**
- Washington Square Mall** 4849 W North Ave..... **S6**

PARKS, GARDENS & RECREATION

- 29th Ward Veterans Garden** 5413 W Madison..... **P1**
- Amundsen (Roald) Park** 6200 W Bloomingdale Ave... **P2**
- Austin Park** 5951 W Lake St..... **P3**
- Austin Town Hall Park** 5610 W Lake St..... **P4**
- Clark (John) Park** 4615 Jackson Blvd..... **P5**
- Columbus Park** 500 S Central Ave..... **P6**
- Columbus Park Golf Course** 5701 W Jackson Blvd.... **P7**
- Columbus Park Refectory** 5701 W Jackson Blvd..... **P8**
- Galewood Park** 5729 W Bloomingdale Ave..... **P9**

PARKS, GARDENS & RECREATION

- GlennArt Farm** 5749 W Midway Park..... **P10**
- Jason Heyward Baseball Academy**..... **P11**
1856 N Leclair Ave
- La Follette (Robert) Park** 1333 N Laramie Ave..... **P12**
- Levin (John) Park** 5458 W. Kinzie Pkwy..... **P13**
- Rosie's Peace in the Valley Garden**..... **P14**
168 N Laramie Ave
- Rutherford Sayre Park** 6871 W Belden Ave..... **P15**

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- AAABNA** 5820 W Chicago Ave..... **C1**
- Austin Chamber of Commerce** 645 S Central Ave.... **C2**
- Austin Coming Together** 5049 W Harrison St..... **C3**
- Austin Community Family Center**..... **C4**
501 N Central Ave
- Austin Peoples Action Center** 5125 W Chicago Ave.... **C5**
- Gone Again Travel & Tours** 5940 W Chicago Ave..... **C6**
- South Austin Neighborhood Association**..... **C7**
5071 W Congress Pkwy