

## HISTORY

The neighborhood was originally inhabited by Native American

tribes before being settled by European immigrants in the late 1800s. Since then Edgewater has become a destination for diverse groups of immigrants including Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia. Still to this day, Edgewater has a wide variety of ethnic restaurants, shops, and cultural centers that reflect the area's rich history and heritage.

Dive into Edgewater's history at the **Edgewater Historical Society**, a neighborhood museum and society that is collecting and preserving the memories and histories of the residents of Edgewater. The museum is housed in a renovated Chicago firehouse and contains exhibits about local history, including the famous Edgewater Beach Hotel. Visitors may also learn about the three historic districts of Edgewater: Lakewood Balmoral, Bryn Mawr, and Andersonville.



Church of The Atonement

## WHAT TO DO?

- Take your pick from a variety of shows across Edgewater's many theatre companies. You'll experience knock-your-socks-off acting and innovative, jaw-dropping productions at places like **The Edge Theater** or the award-winning **Rivendell Theatre**. You'll also find the longstanding **Raven Theatre Company**, a cultural cornerstone on the north side of Chicago for 37 years and counting. Take in a show at the diversity-driven **Jackalope Theatre**.
- Discover authentic African dishes through traditional recipes at the many restaurants featuring cuisine from the East and West sides of the continent, like **Ethiopian Diamond Restaurant & Bar** or **Awash Ethiopian Restaurant**.
- Spend a day in the sun at **Osterman Beach**, featuring a LEED-certified beach house and a destination for paddleboarders.
- Try the Michelin-approved **Herb** serving upscale Thai cuisine or **Mango Pickle**, an Indian-American "atelier" kitchen and bar.
- Edgewater is perfect for a fun-filled day of antiquing, browse for hours at **Broadway Antique Market**, the city's largest and oldest antique store.



Osterman Beach

## CULTURE

Edgewater has many prominent cultural influences and is home to a wide range of ethnicities and cultures. One of the most prominent cultural influences in Edgewater is the neighborhood's strong LGBTQ+ community. Osterman Beach, sometimes called Ardmore Beach or Hollywood Beach even boasts a Pride Pier Light. Every summer, Edgewater hosts the annual Andersonville Midsommarfest, a celebration of the neighborhood's LGBTQ+ community and Scandinavian heritage. Another prominent cultural influence in Edgewater is the neighborhood's Southeast Asian community. Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian immigrants have established a vibrant cultural presence in the area, with a number of ethnic restaurants, markets, and cultural centers.

### FUN FACT

When founded in 1979, City Lit Theater Company was the only theater in the nation devoted to stage adaptations of literary material.

Edgewater's multicultural community has a strong influence on the vibrant arts, theatre, and music scene. With over twenty theatre companies based in Edgewater, the neighborhood is a hotbed for the kind of theatre that's put Chicago on the map.



Raven Theatre Company

## GETTING THERE

### BY TRAIN

Edgewater can be reached by three CTA Red line stops: **Granville, Bryn Mawr, and Berwyn**.

Please confirm routes and schedules at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

### BY BUS

Several CTA bus routes service the Edgewater neighborhood: **22, 36, 50, 84, 136, 147, 151, 155**.

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### BY CAR

Edgewater is conveniently located off Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive on the lakefront. Travel north from the Loop to W Hollywood Ave and turn left onto N Broadway.

### BY BIKE

The Lakefront Trail, which stretches to the Far North Side providing car-free biking across the length of the city, extends to Edgewater. Take (U.S. Bicycle Route 37) to N Broadway.

## VISIT EDGEWATER



Broadway Antique Market



Ethiopian Diamond Restaurant & Bar



Jackalope Theater

### EDGEWATER

The Edgewater neighborhood hugs the water's edge, with miles of beaches and green spaces to relax in — and pretty stunning views over Lake Michigan from seven miles north of the Loop. Family-friendly Edgewater is an antique and vintage shopper's haven. Browse for hours at Broadway Antique Market and nearby Edgewater Antique Mall, then continue the vintage vibe in the neighborhood's Bryn Mawr Historic District, a charming reminder of 1920s Chicago. Its global mix of cultures, which includes large pockets of African and Eastern European immigrants, makes the neighborhood a culinary feast. It's also famous for authentic delis, boutique grocery stores, and specialty farm stands.

### INSIDER TIP

Outside of food and antiques, Edgewater is lauded for its storefront theatre district, where you'll experience innovative productions in intimate, immersive 50 – 100 seat theatres.

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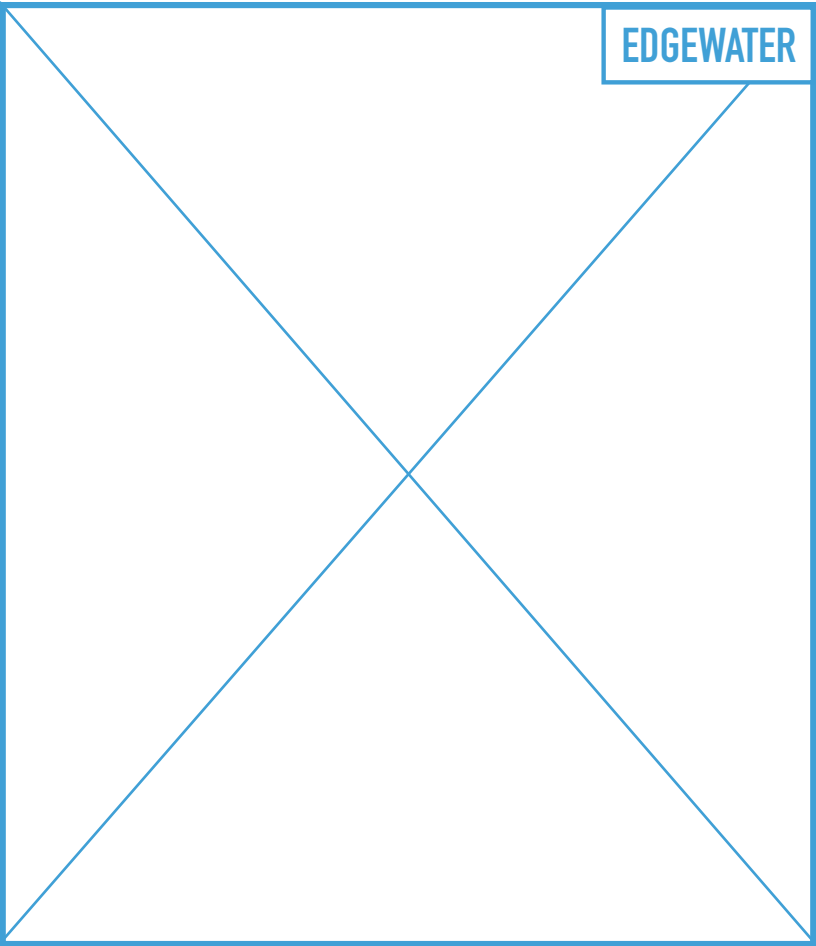
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CULTURE & THEATER

About Face Theatre	5252 N Broadway	C1
Berger Park Cultural Center	6205 N Sheridan Rd	C2
Chicago Danzetheatre Ensemble	1650 W Foster Ave	C3
Chicago Film Makers	1326 W Hollywood Ave	C4
City Lit Theater Company	1020 W Bryn Mawr Ave	C5
Edgewater Beach Apartments	5555 N Sheridan Rd Suite 3	C6
Episcopal Church of the Atonement	5749 N Kenmore Ave	C7
Idle Muse Theatre Company	5451 N Broadway	C8
Interrobang Theatre Project	5315 N Clark St #142	C9
Jackalope Theatre Company	5917 N Broadway	C10
Raven Theatre	6157 N Clark St	C11
Raven Theatre Company	6157 N Clark St	C12
Red Twist Theatre	1044 W Bryn Mawr Ave	C13
Rivendell Theatre	5779 N Ridge Ave	C14
Saint Ita's Church	5500 N Broadway	C15
Steep Theatre	1044 W Berwyn Ave	C16
Swedish American Museum	5211 N Clark St	C17
The Edge Off Broadway	1133 W Catalpa Ave	C18
The Edge Theater	5451 N Broadway	C19
The NeoFuturists	5153 N Ashland Ave	C20
Theatre in the Dark	1244 W Thorndale Ave	C21

EAT & DRINK

AFGHAN SARAY	6141 N Broadway	E1
Alexander's Restaurant	6158 N Clark St	E2
Alice & Friends' Vegan Kitchen	5812 N Broadway	E3
Ann Sather	1147 W Granville Ave	E4
Awash Ethiopian Restaurant	6324 N Broadway	E5
Beard & Belly	6157 N Broadway	E6
Brasserie by C&C	5940 N Broadway	E7
Burke's Public House	5401 N Broadway	E8
Calo Ristorante	5343 N Clark St	E9
defloured: A Gluten Free Bakery	1477 W Balmoral Ave	E10
Edgewater Tacos	5624 N Broadway	E11
Eli Tea Bar	5507 N Clark St	E12
Ethiopian Diamond Restaurant & Bar	6120 N Broadway	E13
Herb	5424 N Broadway	E14
Jin Ju	5203 N Clark St	E15
Kanela Breakfast Club	5413 N Clark St	E16
Lady Gregory's Irish Bar & Restaurant	5260 N Clark St	E17
Lickity Split Frozen Custard	6056 N Broadway	E18
Little Bad Wolf	1541 W Bryn Mawr Ave	E19
Little Corner Restaurant	5937 N Broadway	E20
m.henry	5707 N Clark St	E21
Mango Pickle	5842 N Broadway	E22
Marty's Martini Bar	1511 W Balmoral Ave	E23



EDGEWATER

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EAT & DRINK

Mas Alla del Sol	5848 N Broadway	E24
Middle East Bakery & Grocery	1512 W Foster Ave	E25
Moody's Pub	5910 N Broadway	E26
Oda Mediterranean	5657 N Clark St	E27
Pearl's Southern Comfort	5352 N Broadway	E28
Petes Pizza and Bakehouse	1100 W Granville Ave	E29
Reza's Restaurant	5255 N Clark St	E30
Sfera Sicilian Street Food	5759 N Broadway	E31
Simply Pasteur	5525 N Broadway	E32
Tanoshii	5547 N Clark St	E33
The Little India	1109 W Bryn Mawr Ave	E34
Uvae Kitchen and Wine Bar	5553 N Clark St	E35

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATIONS

Heart O' Chicago	5990 N Ridge Ave	H2
House 5863- Bed and Breakfast	5863 N Glenwood Ave	H3

PARKS, BEACHES & RECREATION

Foster Beach	5200 N Lake Shore Dr	P1
Kathy Osterman Beach	5800 N Lake Shore Dr	P2
Saddle & Cycle Club	900 W Foster Ave	P3
Senn Park	5887 N Ridge Ave	P4

SHOPPING & SPECIALTY RETAIL

Alchemy Arts Occult Supply	1203 W Bryn Mawr Ave	S1
Andy's Art Antiques & Oddities	1253 W Devon Ave	S2
Cowboys and Astronauts	1478 W Summerdale Ave	S3
Broadway Antique Market	6130 N Broadway	S4
Brownstone Antiques	6328 N Clark St	S5
Chicagoland Games: Dice Dojo	5550 N Broadway	S6
Green Element Resale	6241 N Broadway	S7
Heirloom Books	6239 N Clark St	S8
On the Rocks Gems Jewelry & More	5709 N Clark St	S9
Richard Alan Estate Options	5936 N Broadway	S10
The Brown Elephant	5404 N Clark St	S11
Winifred Grace	5632 N Clark St	S12
Women & Children First	5233 N Clark St	S13