

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

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

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



Jackelope 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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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 antiques, browse for hours at **Broadway Antique Market**, the city's largest and oldest antique store.



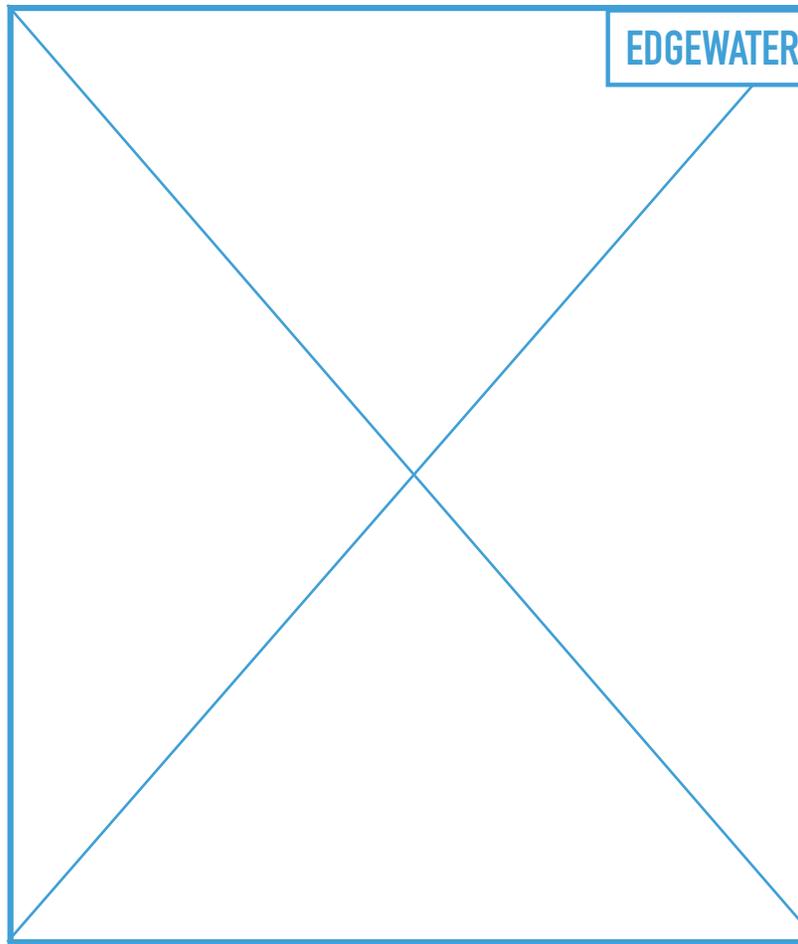
Osterman Beach

CULTURE & THEATER

About Face Theatre 5252 N Broadway	C1
Berger Park Cultural Center 6205 N Sheridan Rd....	C2
Chicago Danzetheatre Ensemble	C3
1650 W Foster Ave	
Chicago Film Makers 1326 W Hollywood Ave.....	C4
City Lit Theater Company 1020 W Bryn Mawr Ave....	C5
Edgewater Beach Apartments	C6
5555 N Sheridan Rd Suite 3	
Episcopal Church of the Atonement	C7
5749 N Kenmore Ave	
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	E10
1477 W Balmoral Ave	
Edgewater Tacos 5624 N Broadway.....	E11
Eli Tea Bar 5507 N Clark St	E12
Ethiopian Diamond Restaurant & Bar	E13
6120 N Broadway	
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	E17
5260 N Clark St	
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



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- E1** EAT & DRINK
- H1** HOTELS & ACCOMMODATIONS
- P1** PARKS, BEACHES & RECREATION
- S1** SHOPPING & SPECIALTY RETAIL

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	H3
5863 N Glenwood Ave	

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	S9
5709 N Clark St	
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