**HISTORY**

The neighborhood’s history dates back to the mid-19th century when it was mostly farmland and prairies settled by German and Swedish immigrants. However, as Chicago grew, the area began to urbanize, and Lakeview became an attractive location for industry and manufacturing. During the 1960s and 1970s, Lakeview became known as a center of counterculture and political activism in Chicago. The neighborhood was home to a number of alternative newspapers, music venues, and activist organizations, and it played a prominent role in the anti-war and civil rights movements of the era.

Lakeview has a number of historical sites and landmarks. **Alta Vista Terrace** calls the neighborhood home and was Chicago’s first designated historic district in 1971. Nestled into the heart of this historic neighborhood is the iconic Wrigley Field, home to the Chicago Cubs. Wrigley Field is the second oldest stadium in the country and draws millions of baseball fans to their friendly confines every year.

**WHAT TO DO?**

- Catch a movie while enjoying craft beer, a live organist, and vintage surroundings at the **Music Box Theatre**. The **Laugh Factory** is a well-known spot to catch emerging and established comedy and stand-up acts, plus surprise celebrity guests. Take a stroll down the ultra-charming **Southport Corridor**, where you’ll find an array of boutique shops and bustling restaurant patios.
- Try the Michelin-approved **Sochi Saigonese Kitchen** serving up some of the traditional Vietnamese favorites from their dinner menu, like banh mi, pho, and crab fried rice.
- Visit the **Lakefront Trail**, a 1,200-acre outdoor oasis, featuring a scenic Lakefront Trail, a golf course and driving range, a boat harbor, tennis courts, and grassy fields perfect for picnicking.
- Enjoy a meal at the **Chicago Diner**, a long-running institution that has been meat free since ’83. Everything on the menu is either vegan or can be made vegan.

**CULTURE**

Lakeview is also known as a go-to for arts and culture — you’ll find a thriving theatre, dance, and comedy scene. **Blue Man Group** is a world-famous troupe that brings music, comedy, and performance art together in one unforgettable show. And the **Belmont Theater District** is home to more than 20 theatres offering an endless array of options, from musicals to dramas to family-friendly shows. If you’re looking to catch some live music, Lakeview is home to a plethora of unique venues. Get dinner and a show at **Schuba’s Tavern**, rock out at **The Vic** and dance the night away at **Metro**.

**FUN FACT**

Lakeview’s Northalsted neighborhood is the country’s oldest official LGBTQ+ neighborhood. The area is filled with color — large-scale murals dedicated to the queer community, the often-photographed rainbow crosswalks, and the rainbow-hued Legacy Walk honoring LGBTQ+ icons.

Live it up with the locals at the seemingly endless array of much-loved bars and restaurants, from Michelin-awarded spots to beloved local taverns. **Drew’s on Halsted** has American bistro fare and a popular patio, **Chilam Balam** is an under-the-radar BYOB spot for Mexican shared plates, **Dear Margaret** has earned Michelin acclaim for its French-Canadian cuisine, and **BITES Asian Kitchen** serves up sushi, ramen, baos, and Asian-inspired tapas.

**GETTING THERE**

**BY TRAIN**

Lakeview can be reached by three CTA lines: the Brown, Red, and Purple Lines.

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**BY BUS**

Several CTA bus routes service the Lakeview neighborhood: 146, 156, 36, 77, 8.

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**BY CAR**

Lakeview is conveniently located off Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive on the lakefront. Travel north from the Loop to Belmont Ave.

**BY BIKE**

The Lakefront Trail, which stretches to the Far North Side providing car-free biking across the length of the city, extends to Lakeview. Take (U.S. Bicycle Route 37) to Belmont Harbor Ave. From there continue on to 26th St.

**LAKEVIEW**

Anchor by a beautiful stretch of shoreline to the east, the Lakeview neighborhood melds several distinct areas — East Lakeview, Central Lakeview, Northalsted, and Wrigleyville. Each spot offers something unique, but they’re all pulled together by Lakeview’s casual, welcoming feel. Each enclave offers something unique — live comedy, boutique hotels, one-of-a-kind theatre, vintage music venues, LGBTQ+ history, and (of course) tons of waterfront views. Lakeview’s laid-back atmosphere, convenient walkability, and picture-perfect shoreline make it a favorite hangout among locals and visitors alike. And spots like lively Wrigleyville, Northalsted, and the Belmont Theater District make it a major entertainment hub, too.

**INSIDER TIP**

Hit the bustling shopping districts along Broadway in East Lakeview, along Belmont near Boystown, and the bustling Southport Corridor for local boutiques, record shops, and vintage treasure hunting.

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