

HISTORY

West Town has seen waves of immigrants from all over the world. These global influences have shaped the neighborhood into the funky, creative enclave it is today.

FUN FACT

West Town is less known as the birthplace of the Chicago-style hot dog, which was invented in 1929 by the owner of Fluky's Hot Dogs on Maxwell Street.

By 1900, Polish immigrants staked a major claim in the neighborhood, transforming the intersection by Division and Ashland (where you'll find the Division Blue Line 'L' stop) into Chicago's "Polish Downtown." Since then, Russian Jews, Italians, Ukrainians, Puerto Ricans, and Mexicans have all made West Town home, adding to the neighborhood with restaurants, museums, and churches reflecting their cultures.



Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral

WHAT TO DO?

- Experience traditional self-care rituals, from thermal baths to saltwater pools, in a restored historic building at **AIRE Ancient Baths**.
- Grab lunch at **Kasia's Deli**, a popular neighborhood delicatessen that has been serving fresh deli sandwiches, homemade soups, salads, and other dishes since 1982. Kasia's Deli received the James Ward award for the best place in Chicago for home cooking.
- Head to the rooftop bar in **The Robey** hotel to sip piña colodas and take in 180-degree views of the city skyline.
- Visit the **606**, a repurposed rail line that gives you an elevated view of four distinctive Chicago neighborhoods.
- Catch a show at **Subterranean**, a beloved music venue in a century-old industrial building.



AIRE Ancient Baths

CULTURE

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UKRAINIAN VILLAGE

This neighborhood is known for its Eastern European heritage. You'll find beautiful historic architecture, cute cafes and boutiques, and a strong community feel. The Ukrainian National Museum houses an unparalleled collection of cultural items and artifacts, and the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art presents works by internationally recognized artists from around the globe.

WICKER PARK

Wicker Park is a trendy neighborhood with hives of activity that draws shoppers hunting for unique finds, foodies looking for the trendiest eats, and bar hoppers searching for late-night buzz. It's home to the city's favorite indie music venues, late-night clubs, pubs, speakeasies, and neighborhood dive bars.

NOBLE SQUARE

Noble Square is a quieter neighborhood that's a bit more residential than some of the other West Town neighborhoods. Here you can find the Polish Museum of America amongst historic architecture with great restaurants and bars.

EAST VILLAGE

East Village is a diverse and eclectic neighborhood with a mix of historic buildings and modern developments. There are plenty of restaurants and shops, and the area has a lively arts scene.

RIVER WEST

River West is a bustling neighborhood with a mix of residential and commercial spaces. It's popular with young professionals, and there are plenty of bars, restaurants, and entertainment options in the area.

GETTING THERE

BY TRAIN

West Town is serviced by three CTA lines: the Blue, Green, and Pink Lines. You can also visit via the Metra Electric line (MD-W) to the Western Avenue Station.

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

BY BUS

Several CTA lines service the West Town neighborhood: 8, 9, 49, 50, 56, 65, 66, 70, 94.

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BY CAR

West Town is conveniently located off of the I-90/I-94 interstate. Travel north from the Loop via I-90/I-94, take exit 49b, and head to W Augusta Blvd.

BY BIKE

West Town has a number of neighborhood bike routes. You can find bike routes along Milwaukee Ave, Halsted St, Grand Ave, Damen, and more with Divvy stations sprinkled throughout the neighborhood for car-free biking options.

VISIT WEST TOWN



Saints Volodymyr & Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church

Alcala's Western Wear

The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art

WEST TOWN

This "untapped" neighborhood is known for its eclectic, artsy and organically developed vibe. As the city's emergent arts district, West Town is an accessible, up-and-coming epicenter of transient American culture, shaped by its strong fusion of Latin and Eastern European immigrant influence. Here you can uncover thoughtfully curated boutiques (both vintage and contemporary), laidback taprooms, unique museums prioritizing "outsider art," Michelin-star restaurants, and unending art and design inspiration — both in the galleries and on the streets thanks to its vibrant public arts program.

INSIDER TIP

Chicago Avenue is a good spot to start exploring. Many of the area's diverse restaurants and bars are clustered around this area, like Chicago's first botanic brewery (**Forbidden Root**), a family-owned Italian restaurant that's been a local favorite since the 1970s (**Oggi Trattoria**), a Michelin-starred Portuguese tasting menu (**Porto**), a BYOB Creole spot (**Soulé**), and a Filipino bakery with lines out the door (**Kasama**).

For more info on this and other neighborhoods:



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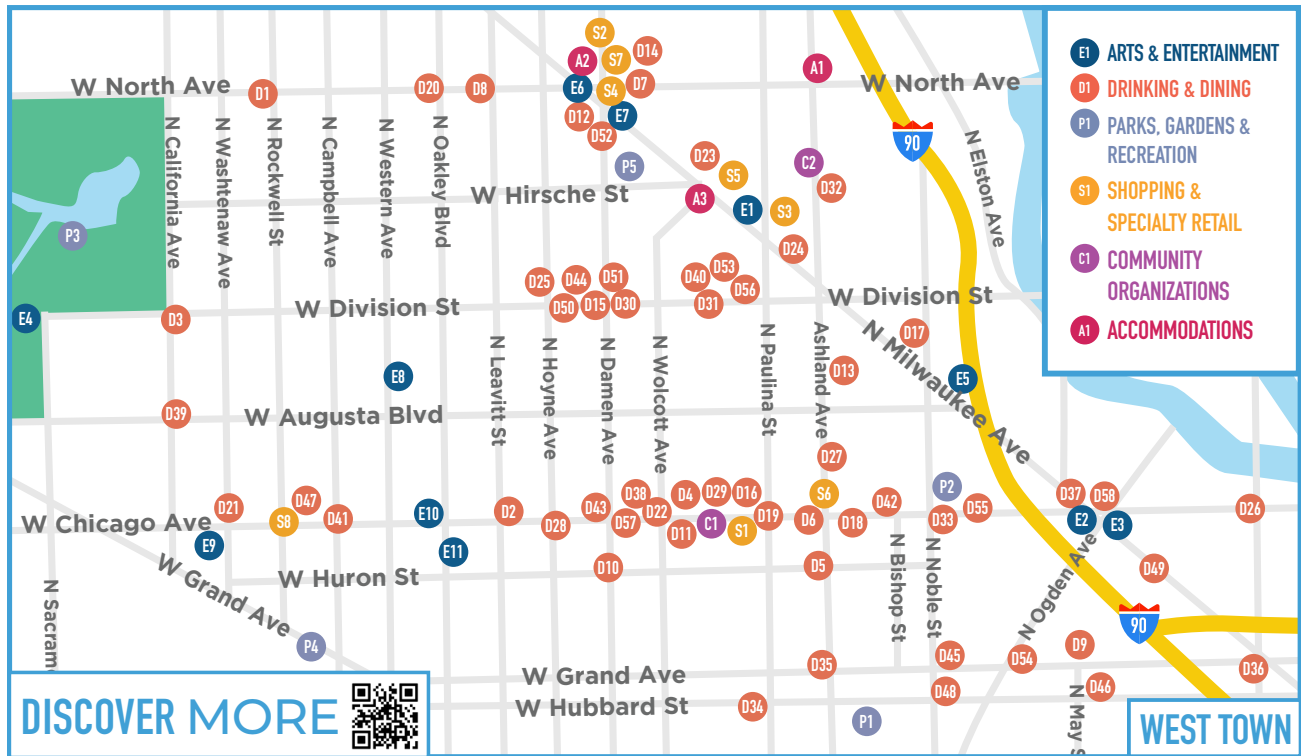
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Broken Nose Theatre 1331 N Milwaukee Ave.....	E1
Chicago Dramatists 1105 W Chicago Ave.....	E2
Intuit: The Center for Intuitive & Outsider Art	E3
756 N Milwaukee Ave	
National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture	E4
3015 W Division St	
Polish Museum of America 984 N Milwaukee Ave....	E5
Subterranean 2011 W North Ave.....	E6
The Den Theatre 1331 N Milwaukee Ave.....	E7
The Empty Bottle 1035 N Western Ave.....	E8
The Superior Street Center for the Arts	E9
2744 W Superior St	
Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art	E10
2320 W Chicago Ave	
Ukrainian National Museum 2249 W Superior St.....	E11

DRINKING & DINING

1492 Cuban Fusion Café 2615 W North Ave.....	D1
a tavola 2148 W Chicago Ave.....	D2
Aztec Dave's Cantina 1143 N California Ave.....	D3
Barcocina 1814 W Chicago Ave.....	D4
Bartoli's Pizzeria 658 N Ashland Ave.....	D5
Beatnik 1604 W Chicago Ave.....	D6
Bloom Plant Based Kitchen 1559 N Milwaukee Ave....	D7
Cebu Chicago 2211 W North Ave.....	D8
D'Amato's Bakery 1124 W Grand Ave.....	D9
Damen Tavern 701 N Damen Ave.....	D10
Dell Rooster Restaurant & Bar 1825 W Chicago Ave...	D11
Dove's Luncheonette 1545 N Damen Ave.....	D12
El Barco Mariscos 1035 N Ashland Ave.....	D13
Enso Sushi & Bar 1613 N Damen Ave.....	D14
Fatpour Tap Works 2005 W Division St.....	D15
Forbidden Root Restaurant & Brewery	D16
1746 W Chicago Ave	
Frontier 1072 N Milwaukee Ave.....	D17
Fry the Coop 1529 W Chicago Ave.....	D18
Funkenhausen 1709 W Chicago Ave.....	D19
Handlebar 2311 W North Ave.....	D20
Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar	D21
2700 W Chicago Ave	
Homestead on the Rood 1924 W Chicago Ave.....	D22
Ina Mae Tavern 1415 N Wood St.....	D23
Iron Age Korean Steakhouse	D24
1265 N Milwaukee Ave	
Jack's Bistro Wicker Park 2056 W Division St.....	D25
Jer. Modern Jamacian Grill 811 W Chicago Ave.....	D26
Junebug Café 851 N Ashland Ave.....	D27
Kasia's Deli 2101 W Chicago Ave.....	D28
Koko's Mediterranean Grille 1760 W Chicago Ave....	D29
Little Wok Wicker Park 1950 W Division St.....	D30
Mac's Wood Grilled 1801 W Division St.....	D31
Mott St 1401 N Ashland Ave.....	D32
Noble Thai 1371 W Chicago Ave.....	D33



DRINKING & DINING

On Tour Brewing Company 1725 W Hubbard St....	D34
Passport Bar Room 1601 W Grand Ave.....	D35
Piccolo Sogno 464 N Halsted St.....	D36
Pie-Eyed Pizzeria 1111 W Chicago Ave.....	D37
Roots Handmade Pizza 1924 W Chicago Ave.....	D38
Segnatore 1001 N California Ave.....	D39
Smoke Daddy BBQ 1804 W Division St.....	D40
Split-Rail & The Martin 2500 W Chicago Ave.....	D41
standing passengers 1458 W Chicago Ave.....	D42
Sunrise Café 2012 W Chicago Ave.....	D43
Takito Kitchen 2013 W Division St.....	D44
Tempesta Market 1372 W Grand Ave.....	D45
The Aberdeen Tap 440 N Aberdeen St 2nd Floor....	D46
The Beetle Bar & Grill 2532 W Chicago Ave.....	D47
The Breakfast Club and Grill 1381 W Hubbard St..	D48
The Dandy Crown 694 N Milwaukee Ave.....	D49
The Fifty / 50 2047 W Division St.....	D50
The Perch Kitchen and Tap 1932 W Division St.....	D51
The Violet Hour 1520 N Damen Ave.....	D52
Tortello 1746 W Division St.....	D53
Twisted Spoke 501 N Ogden Ave.....	D54
Vajra 1329 W Chicago Ave.....	D55
Wazwan 1742 W Division St.....	D56
West Town Bakery & Diner 1916 W Chicago Ave....	D57
Windy City Café 1062 W Chicago Ave.....	D58

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce	C1
1819 W Chicago Ave #1	
Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce ..	C2
1414 N Ashland Ave	

PARKS & RECREATION

Altitude Chicago Trampoline Park	P1
404 N Armour St	
Eckhart Park 1330 W Chicago Ave.....	P2
Humboldt Park 1400 N Humboldt Dr.....	P3
Smith Park 2526 W Grand Ave.....	P4
Wicker Park 1425 N Damen Ave.....	P5

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hyatt Place Chicago/Wicker Park	A1
1551 W North Avenue	
The Robey 2018 W North Ave.....	A2
Wicker Park Inn 1331 N Wicker Park Ave.....	A3

SHOPPING & SPECIALTY RETAIL

Alcala's Western Wear 1733 W Chicago Ave.....	S1
diptyque 1645 N Damen Ave.....	S2
Kokorokoko 1323 N Milwaukee Ave.....	S3
Myopic Books 1564 N Milwaukee Ave.....	S4
Reckless Records 1379 N Milwaukee Ave.....	S5
RR #1 Chicago 814 N Ashland Ave.....	S6
Scotch & Soda 1639 N Damen Ave.....	S7
Squasht Boutique 2556 W Chicago Ave.....	S8