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## Lakefront Walk, Chicago, Illinois

### Start point:

HI Chicago, The J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel at 24 E Ida B Wells Dr (formerly Congress Parkway), Chicago, IL

### Directions to start point:

Drive: Near Ida B. Wells/Congress (500 S) and Wabash Ave (50 E)

Parking: There are 3 parking garages within 1 block of the hostel.

Train: see metrarail.com – 1 mile from Union Station, 1.2 miles from Ogilvie Transportation

CTA (Chicago Transit Authority): see transitichicago.com. Closest stop is Harold Washington Library/State & Van Buren.

**TRAIL:** Paved walkways and roadways. The trail is 11 kilometers (6.2 miles); a shorter trail (6k) is available. The degree of difficulty is a 1B. Wheelchairs and baby strollers may experience some difficulty on the trails. Restrooms and water are available at the start point and throughout the walk.

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### Special Programs

#### Great Lakes, Great Fun, Great Fitness, Great Friendships

Lakefront 6k: Walk on Michigan Ave and along Lake Michigan.

Lakefront 11k: Walk on Michigan Ave and along Lake Michigan. Cross Ontario Street, Erie Street, Huron Street and Superior Street.

#### Walking with America's Veterans

Lakefront 11k: Milton Lee Olive III (November 7, 1946 – October 22, 1965) was a United States Army soldier and a recipient of America's highest military decoration — the Medal of Honor — for his actions in the Vietnam War. At the age of 18, Olive sacrificed his life to save others by falling on a grenade. He was the first African-American recipient of the Medal of Honor from the Vietnam War.

Walking the United States - 50 States

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LAKEFRONT WALK 11K/6K

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Hosteling International, 24 E Ida B. Wells Dr (formerly Congress Parkway), Chicago, IL

312-360-0300

1. Exit Hostel on Ida B Wells Dr/Congress.
2. LEFT to Michigan Ave.
3. RIGHT on Michigan Avenue 2 blocks to Balbo (700 South).
4. LEFT on Balbo, crossing Michigan, Columbus, Lake Shore Drive and bicycle path.
5. RIGHT on path just before stairs walking south towards museums.
6. RIGHT following Pedestrian path markings.
7. Cross bicycle path carefully, LEFT into museum campus.
8. Go up the stairs between the Shedd Aquarium on your left and the Field Museum on your right (or take ramp around front of Aquarium).
9. Angle LEFT passing the Aquarium. Keeping the Aquarium on your left, continue along the sidewalk to the street (Solidarity Drive). (2K)
10. LEFT on Solidarity Drive to Adler Planetarium.
11. Stay to your RIGHT to circle the Planetarium back to Solidarity Drive (great view of Chicago skyline).
12. RIGHT on Solidarity Dr. toward the Aquarium. Take the stairs down to lake.
13. LEFT to follow the lake trail around the back side of the Aquarium,
14. RIGHT onto the first sidewalk along the lakefront.
15. Continue along the lakefront path passing Buckingham Fountain, Chicago Yacht Club, Columbia Yacht Club.

**IF you wish to walk 6K:**

When you reach the Buckingham Fountain area (on LEFT in the distance), LEFT to carefully cross Lake Shore Drive at the pedestrian crossing. Continue straight toward the Congress Hotel sign. Cross Michigan Avenue and continue straight on Ida B. Wells Dr back to the Start Point.

16. After passing Columbia Yacht Club (large white ship) watch marina gates on your right. First gate is Gate "H".
17. At Marina Gate "B" turn LEFT up to the bridge. (6K)
18. RIGHT onto the bridge, crossing the Chicago River.
19. RIGHT on ramp to Navy Pier.
20. CROSS plaza to the front of Navy Pier. Walk in front of Navy Pier to Grand Avenue.
21. Cross Grand Ave.
22. LEFT on Grand one block (crossing Streeter Drive) to Lakefront Trail.
23. RIGHT on N Lakefront Trail toward Oak Street Beach watching for Milton Lee Olive Park on your right (Vietnam War Memorial).
24. Stay on the N Lakefront Trail along the lake to Chicago Avenue underpass. The underpass is to your left just past the Chicago Ave traffic light and sign on Lake Shore Drive. There is a small sign "Stairs to Chicago Avenue".
25. Take the underpass, crossing under Lakeshore Dr.
26. Turn LEFT and up the stairs to Chicago Avenue. (8K)

27. RIGHT on Chicago Avenue to Michigan Avenue.

28. Chicago Avenue to Michigan Ave.

*You will pass the Museum of Contemporary Art. Just before Michigan Ave look for the second oldest (1902) fire station in Chicago.*

29. LEFT on Michigan Ave.

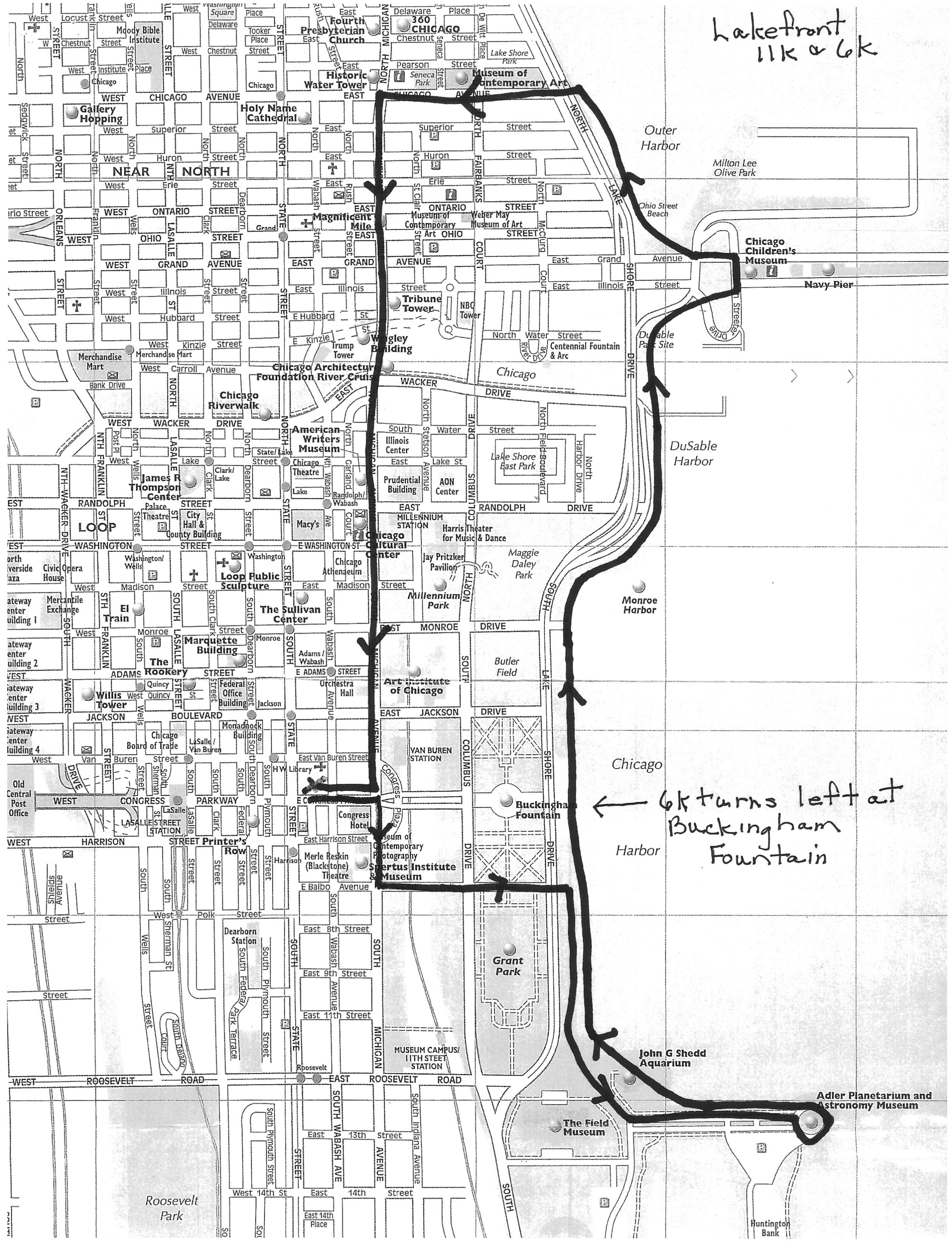
*You are now on the "Magnificent Mile". Water Tower Place shopping center is one block on your right (on Michigan Ave); the John Hancock and Observation Deck is 2 blocks on your right. A visitors' center is in the old water tower building at Pearson St and Michigan Ave. (one block on your right).*

30. STRAIGHT on Michigan Avenue, crossing the Chicago River, for approximately 12 blocks to Ida B. Wells Dr/Congress Parkway.

*On your left you will pass Millennium Park, with the Cloud Gate (Bean) sculpture, the Gehry-designed Pritzker Pavilion, the Crown Fountain and the Art Institute. On your right you will pass the Chicago Cultural Center and Symphony Center.*

31. RIGHT on Ida B Wells Dr/Congress to Wabash Avenue and hostel startpoint.

Lakefront  
11k & 6k



← 6k turns left at  
Buckingham  
Fountain

Adler Planetarium and  
Astronomy Museum

John G Shedd  
Aquarium

The Field  
Museum

Grant  
Park

Buckingham  
Fountain

Chicago  
Harbor

Monroe  
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Milton Lee  
Olive Park

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Map labels include: West, North, East, South, Chicago Avenue, Superior Street, Huron Street, Erie Street, Ontario Street, Grand Avenue, Wacker Drive, Randolph Street, Washington Street, Madison Street, Monroe Street, Adams Street, Jackson Street, Congress Street, Harrison Street, Roosevelt Road, South Wabash Ave, South Indiana Avenue, South Plymouth Street, West 14th St, East 14th Street, East 8th Street, East 9th Street, East 11th Street, East 13th Street, East 14th Street, West 14th St, West 13th Street, West 12th Street, West 11th Street, West 10th Street, West 9th Street, West 8th Street, West 7th Street, West 6th Street, West 5th Street, West 4th Street, West 3rd Street, West 2nd Street, West 1st Street, West 1/2 Street, West 1/4 Street, West 1/8 Street, West 1/16 Street, West 1/32 Street, West 1/64 Street, West 1/128 Street, West 1/256 Street, West 1/512 Street, West 1/1024 Street, West 1/2048 Street, West 1/4096 Street, West 1/8192 Street, West 1/16384 Street, West 1/32768 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