

NMRA 2021 Chicago / Lombard Things To Do

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There are so many things to do in Chicago in mid-July that it is hard to choose the best ones. I asked local racquetball players for help, referred to websites, and referenced some from memory. Enjoy.

Downtown Chicago

Attraction	Link / Reference
General Suggestions	https://www.timeout.com/chicago/things-to-do/best-things-to-do-in-chicago
Cubs Major League Baseball	Wrigley Field https://www.mlb.com/cubs/schedule/printable-schedule
White Sox Major League Baseball	Guaranteed Rate Field https://www.mlb.com/whitesox/schedule/printable-schedule
Chicago Fire Major League Soccer	Check dates https://www.chicago-fire.com/schedule
McDonald's HQ	West Loop in Oprah's Old Studios https://popculture.com/trending/2018/06/19/mcdonalds-fancy-new-250-million-headquarters-tour/
Willis (Sears) Tower	Includes the 103 rd Floor Skydeck, and "The Ledge" https://www.willistower.com/ https://theskydeck.com/ https://www.signatureroom.com/
John Hancock Building	95 th Floor Signature Room (Fine Dining) and 96 th Floor Bar (for a drink). Great Views. They also have a Skydeck https://www.signatureroom.com/
Navy Pier	Restaurants, Boat Rides, Attractions, Shakespeare Theater, Ferris Wheel, Beer Garden, Lakefront Bike Rentals, Movies, shopping and more https://navypier.org/
Steve's Segway Tours	Entrepreneur-run Segway Tours on the Lakefront and Downtown. Varying lengths and focus areas. Ask for "Steve" and tell him you know Geoff Peters! https://www.stevessegwaytours.com/Pages/default.html
Shedd Aquarium	World-class Aquarium on the Lake https://www.sheddaquarium.org/
Natural History Field Museum	Sue the T-Rex and Much More https://www.fieldmuseum.org/
Observatory	Hancock Observatory https://360chicago.com/
River Tour	Chicago River Tour https://www.wendellaboats.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb
Gangster Tour	https://gangstertour.com/
Concerts	https://www.ticketmaster.com/discover/concerts/chicago?daterange=from20190622-to-20190705
Comedy	Second City Theater – No Monday shows https://www.secondcity.com/

Montrose Beach	Half -mile long in Uptown Lincoln Park Off Lake Shore Drive
Lincoln Park	Includes the zoo and conservatory with trails https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g35805-d132894-Reviews-Lincoln_Park-Chicago_Illinois.html
Outdoor City Art	Millennium Park – The Bean and More https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millennium_park_artarchitecture.html
Architecture Tour	Hop aboard Chicago’s First Lady ship for a tour down the Chicago River https://www.cruisechicago.com/architecture-tours
Children’s Museum	On the Navy Pier https://www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org/
Food Truck Festival	Downtown – Check dates

North/West Suburbs / Nearer Lombard

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General Suggestions	https://www.villageoflombard.org/214/Attractions https://www.aetvourguide.com/ https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/10326028518adgroup_id=51610334115&target_id=&loc_physical_ms=9021545&match_type=&ad_id=323249428981&keyword=&ad_position=none&feed_item_id=&placement=chicagoarchitecture.info&partner_id=DEF9D&qclid=EA1aIQbChMIOLaQOHk4QIVAQc_Cb3dYgB&EAEYASAAEGJ-WFD_BwE
Horse Racing	Arlington Park Race Track https://www.arlingtonpark.com/
Brookfield Zoo	Large suburban zoo – 10 Minutes https://www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Home
Arboretum	Morton Arboretum https://www.mortonarb.org/
Shopping	Oak Brook Mall (Upscale Stores) – 5 Minutes https://www.oakbrookcenter.com/en/directory/map/
Concerts	St. Charles Arcada Theatre – Zepparella or Jimmie Vaughn Owned by a racquetball player’s family http://www.arcadalive.com/
Architecture	Frank Lloyd Wright Home(s) in Oak Park – 20 Minutes https://flwright.org/
Hemingway Museum	Birthplace Near Oakbrook – 10 Minutes https://www.hemingwaybirthplace.com/
Elmhurst Art Museum	Elmhurst – 10 Minutes https://elmhurstartmuseum.org
First Division Military Museum	Cantigny Park Oakbrook https://catigny.org
Little Orphan Annie House	Cartoonist William LeRoy’s House https://catigny.org
McCormick Museum	Cantigny Park Oakbrook https://catigny.org
Golf Course / Gardens	Sugar Creek Villa Park Lombard Golf Course Cantigny Park Oakbrook



Must See Things in Chicago A-Z



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| A John Hancock Observatory | N Carbide and Carbon Building |
| B York | O Jay Pritzker Pavilion |
| C Water Tower | P Crown Fountain |
| D Magnificent Mile | Q Cloud Gate |
| E State Street | R BP Bridge |
| F Ohio Street Beach | S Sears Tower (Willis Tower) |
| G Amazing Chicago's Funhouse Maze | T Art Institute of Chicago |
| H Navy Pier | U Grant Park |
| I Wrigley Building | V Dearborn Station |
| J Tribune Tower | W Buckingham Fountain |
| K Lakepoint Tower | X Field Museum |
| L James R. Thompson Center | Y Shedd Aquarium |
| M Chicago Theater | Z Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum |

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