

# NMRA 2024 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	<a href="https://www.timeout.com/chicago/things-to-do/best-things-to-do-in-chicago">https://www.timeout.com/chicago/things-to-do/best-things-to-do-in-chicago</a>
Cubs Major League Baseball	Wrigley Field <a href="https://www.mlb.com/cubs/schedule/printable-schedule">https://www.mlb.com/cubs/schedule/printable-schedule</a>
White Sox Major League Baseball	Guaranteed Rate Field <a href="https://www.mlb.com/whitesox/schedule/printable-schedule">https://www.mlb.com/whitesox/schedule/printable-schedule</a>
Chicago Fire Major League Soccer	Check dates <a href="https://www.chicago-fire.com/schedule">https://www.chicago-fire.com/schedule</a>
McDonald's HQ	West Loop in Oprah's Old Studios <a href="https://popculture.com/trending/2018/06/19/mcdonalds-fancy-new-250-million-headquarters-tour/">https://popculture.com/trending/2018/06/19/mcdonalds-fancy-new-250-million-headquarters-tour/</a>
Willis (Sears) Tower	Includes the 103 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Skydeck, and "The Ledge" <a href="https://www.willistower.com/">https://www.willistower.com/</a> <a href="https://theskydeck.com/">https://theskydeck.com/</a> <a href="https://www.signatureroom.com/">https://www.signatureroom.com/</a>
John Hancock Building	95 <sup>th</sup> Floor Signature Room (Fine Dining) and 96 <sup>th</sup> Floor Bar (for a drink). Great Views. They also have a Skydeck <a href="https://www.signatureroom.com/">https://www.signatureroom.com/</a>
Navy Pier	Restaurants, Boat Rides, Attractions, Shakespeare Theater, Ferris Wheel, Beer Garden, Lakefront Bike Rentals, Movies, shopping and more <a href="https://navypier.org/">https://navypier.org/</a>
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! <a href="https://www.stevessegwaytours.com/Pages/default.html">https://www.stevessegwaytours.com/Pages/default.html</a>
Shedd Aquarium	World-class Aquarium on the Lake <a href="https://www.sheddaquarium.org/">https://www.sheddaquarium.org/</a>
Natural History Field Museum	Sue the T-Rex and Much More <a href="https://www.fieldmuseum.org/">https://www.fieldmuseum.org/</a>
Observatory	Hancock Observatory <a href="https://360chicago.com/">https://360chicago.com/</a>
River Tour	Chicago River Tour <a href="https://www.wendellaboats.com/?utm_source=google&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_campaign=gmb">https://www.wendellaboats.com/?utm_source=google&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_campaign=gmb</a> <a href="https://gangstertour.com/">https://gangstertour.com/</a>
Gangster Tour	
Concerts	<a href="https://www.ticketmaster.com/discover/concerts/chicago?daterange=from20190622-to-20190705">https://www.ticketmaster.com/discover/concerts/chicago?daterange=from20190622-to-20190705</a>
Comedy	Second City Theater – No Monday shows <a href="https://www.secondcity.com/">https://www.secondcity.com/</a>

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

## North/West Suburbs / Nearer Lombard

Attraction	Link / Reference
General Suggestions	<a href="https://www.villageoflombard.org/214/Attractions">https://www.villageoflombard.org/214/Attractions</a> <a href="https://www.aetvourguide.com/225/?omc=ca_sr&amp;campaign_id=1032602851&amp;adgroup_id=51610334115&amp;target_id=&amp;loc_physical_ms=9021545&amp;match_type=&amp;ad_id=323249428981&amp;keyword=&amp;ad_position=none&amp;feed_item_id=&amp;placement=chicagoarchitecture.info&amp;partner_id=DEF9D&amp;qclid=EAlaQobChMI0LaQrOHk4QIVAQo_Ch3dYgBtEAEYASAAEgJ-WD_BwE">https://www.aetvourguide.com/225/?omc=ca_sr&amp;campaign_id=1032602851&amp;adgroup_id=51610334115&amp;target_id=&amp;loc_physical_ms=9021545&amp;match_type=&amp;ad_id=323249428981&amp;keyword=&amp;ad_position=none&amp;feed_item_id=&amp;placement=chicagoarchitecture.info&amp;partner_id=DEF9D&amp;qclid=EAlaQobChMI0LaQrOHk4QIVAQo_Ch3dYgBtEAEYASAAEgJ-WD_BwE</a>
Horse Racing	Arlington Park Race Track <a href="https://www.arlingtonpark.com/">https://www.arlingtonpark.com/</a>
Brookfield Zoo	Large suburban zoo – 10 Minutes <a href="https://www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Home">https://www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Home</a>
Arboretum	Morton Arboretum <a href="https://www.mortonarb.org/">https://www.mortonarb.org/</a>
Shopping	Oak Brook Mall (Upscale Stores) – 5 Minutes <a href="https://www.oakbrookcenter.com/en/directory/map/">https://www.oakbrookcenter.com/en/directory/map/</a>
Concerts	St. Charles Arcada Theatre – Zepparella or Jimmie Vaughn Owned by a racquetball player’s family <a href="http://www.arcadalive.com/">http://www.arcadalive.com/</a>
Architecture	Frank Lloyd Wright Home(s) in Oak Park – 20 Minutes <a href="https://flwright.org/">https://flwright.org/</a>
Hemingway Museum	Birthplace Near Oakbrook – 10 Minutes <a href="https://www.hemingwaybirthplace.com/">https://www.hemingwaybirthplace.com/</a>
Elmhurst Art Museum	Elmhurst – 10 Minutes <a href="https://elmhurstartmuseum.org">https://elmhurstartmuseum.org</a>
First Division Military Museum	Cantigny Park Oakbrook <a href="https://catigny.org">https://catigny.org</a>
Little Orphan Annie House	Cartoonist William LeRoy’s House <a href="https://catigny.org">https://catigny.org</a>
McCormick Museum	Cantigny Park Oakbrook <a href="https://catigny.org">https://catigny.org</a>
Golf Course / Gardens	Sugar Creek Villa Park Lombard Golf Course Cantigny Park Oakbrook

