

CHICAGO

A black and white photograph of the Chicago skyline. In the foreground, the Cloud Gate sculpture (The Bean) is visible, reflecting the sky and surrounding buildings. The background shows a dense cluster of skyscrapers under a cloudy sky. The word "CHICAGO" is overlaid in large, cyan, sans-serif capital letters in the upper left quadrant.

A City for Photographers
by Dan Landis

Equipment:

Camera Bodies:

Canon 10D

Canon 40D

Canon 5D MkII

Canon 5D MkIII

Lenses:

Canon 17-40 f4

Canon 70-200 f4

Gitzo tripod and ball head

GETTING THERE AND GETTING AROUND

- Automobiles



- Trains

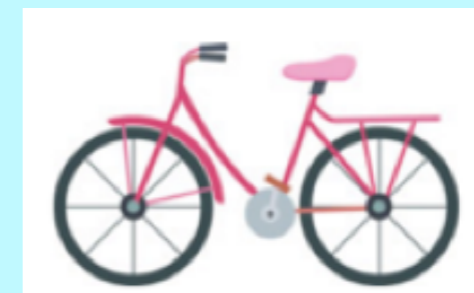


- Subways



- Trolley

- Bicycles



DRIVING IN CHICAGO

- DON'T if you can avoid it.
- BUT IF YOU MUST: Park at Millennium Garages. There are four underground garages in the Millennium Park area that charge anywhere from \$15 for 8 hour parking to \$22 for 24 hour parking. Buy a parking pass online for the cheapest rate (milleniumgarages.com). You won't beat this rate. Anywhere else will cost you \$40 and up for the day.
- Avoid driving at rush hour: 6:30-9 am and 4:30-7 pm. on weekdays. Avoid major events, like Lollapalooza or the Blues Festival.
- Weekends are much better than weekdays.



BNSF METRA TRAINS—PARK AND RIDE



- Use the BNSF Metra Train system for traveling from further outside Chicago.
 - Like the subway system, one may park outside the city and ride the train to downtown.
 - All trains will take you to Union Station, which is one mile from Millennium Park.
 - The one-day Ventra pass will NOT work on these trains. The cost varies with the distance from Union Station.
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Metra BNSF Train Map

I often travel from Lagrange Rd. to Union Station. The trip takes about 40 minutes, and costs around \$8.



SUBWAY—PARK AND RIDE



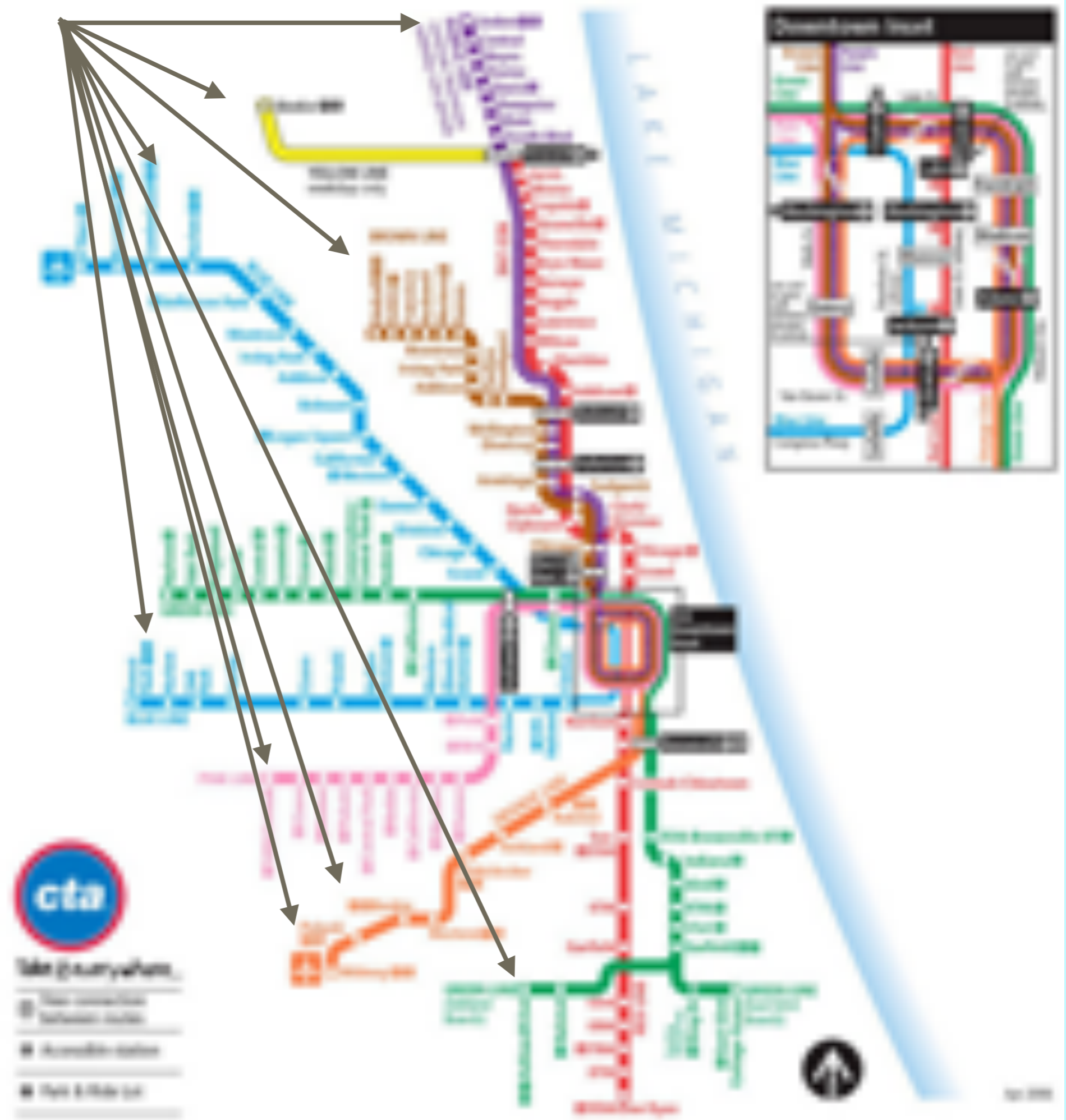
- Go to <https://www.transitchicago.com/parking/> for locations of parking near subway stops on the outskirts of downtown.
- Chicago's new Ventra system offers the following rates for unlimited CTA subway and busses:
 - 1-Day CTA Pass for \$10
 - 3-Day CTA Pass for \$20



Chicago Subway Map

Park and Ride locations, found at subway stops on the outskirts of Chicago, are marked on this subway map.

The **Red Line** is most beneficial for the tours in this presentation.



FREE TROLLEY SERVICE



2018 Free Trolley Schedule

April 1 - May 28:

Saturday: 10am - 10pm

Sunday: 10am - 8pm

June 1 - Sept 2:

Sunday - Thursday 10am - 10pm

Friday and Saturday: 10am - Midnight

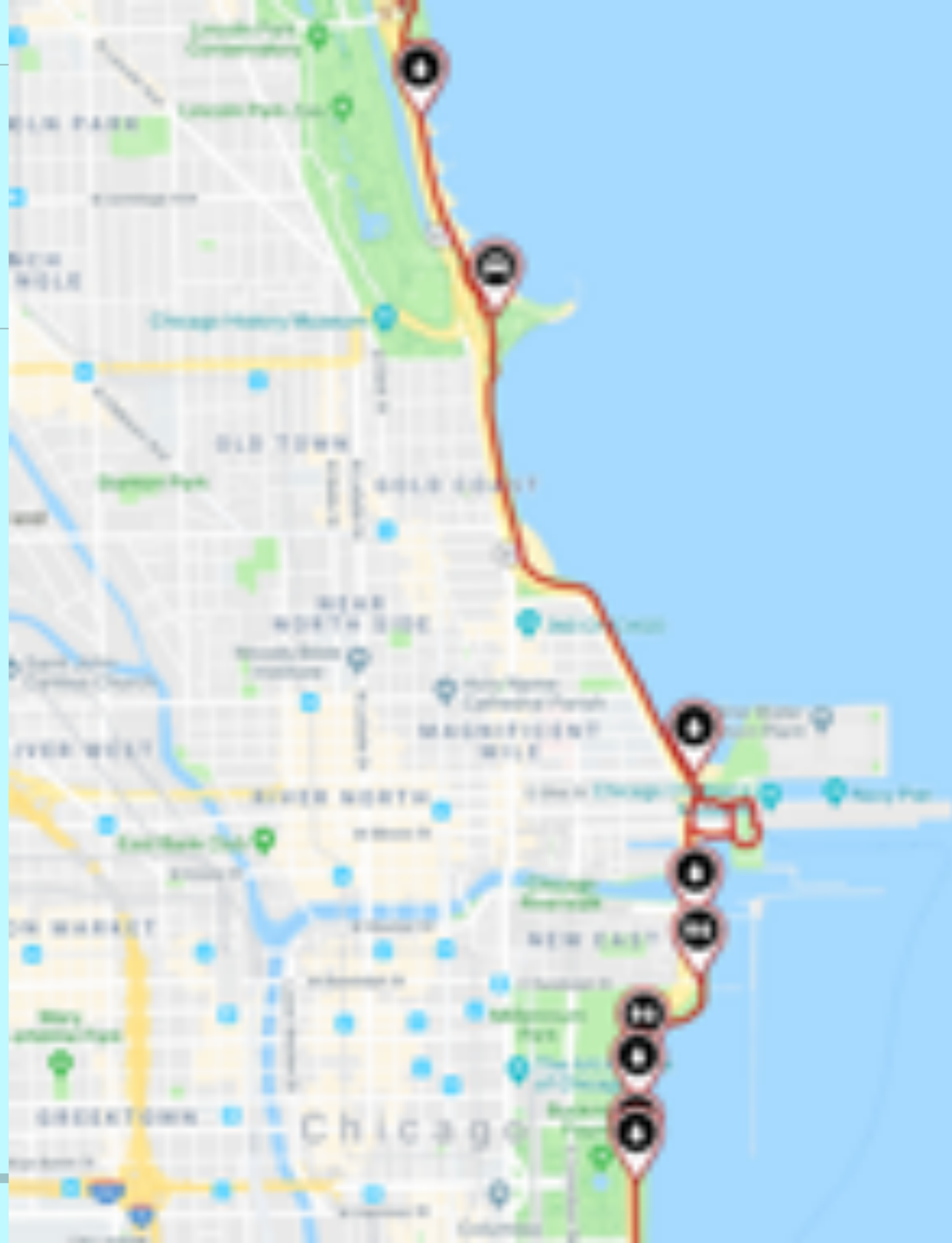
BICYCLE RENTAL



- NOTE: I only use bikes on the Chicago Lakefront Bike Trail, which, as the name suggests, runs along Lake Michigan for 19 miles. The bike trail is useful for traversing north and south along the edge of Chicago. From Millennium Park, one can bike along this trail to get closer to places like Lincoln Park or Shedd Aquarium.
 - Each bike has a rack with straps (for your tripod!)
 - DIVVY bike rental is \$3 for each 30 minutes of use.
 - DIVVY bike rental stations are located all along the Lakefront Bike Trail.
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A Portion of the Chicago Lakefront Bike Trail

Divvy bike
rental stations
are located all
along this trail.



FOUR CHICAGO PHOTO TOURS:

1. Millennium Park and Vicinity: Minimal walking
 2. “The Loop”: 2.2 miles total walking
 3. North of the Loop: 3 miles total walking
 4. Lakefront: 4 miles (unless you rent a bike)
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TOUR I: MILLENNIUM PARK AREA AND CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER

- Cloud Gate Sculpture, aka “The Bean”
- Pritzker Pavilion
- Crown Fountain
- Maggie Daley Park
- Chicago Cultural Center

Everything
on Tour I
is free!

Chicago Millennium Park



- 100 ft
- 50 ft
- 25 ft
- 10 ft
- 5 ft
- 2 ft
- 1 ft
- 0.5 ft
- 0.25 ft
- 0.125 ft

“THE BEAN” (CLOUD GATE)

- Artist: Sir Anish Kapoor (British)
- Constructed between 2004 and 2006





A 160-degree view of the Millennium Park public area



Also great at night time



CROWN FOUNTAIN



Designed by
Catalan
artist Jaume
Plensa

Completed
in 2004



PRITZKER PAVILION

- Designed by architect Frank Gehry
- Constructed between 1999 and 2004









- Chicago skyline from Maggie Daley Park, which adjoins Millennium Park
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(Chicago Cultural Center)

- Millenium Park Skating Rink in Winter

THE CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER

- Opened in 1897
- Contains two ornate glass domes, one being the largest Tiffany glass dome in the world.
- Constructed with Carrera marble, Vermont marble, Knoxville marble, and Irish marble.
- Bring your tripod!







TWO AMAZING GLASS DOMES

- The Healy-Millet glass dome
(north entrance, Randolph Street)
 - The Tiffany glass dome—largest in the world
(south entrance, Washington Street)
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The largest Tiffany
glass dome in the
world!







TOUR 2: THE LOOP

- Palmer House Hotel
- The Rookery Building
- The Willis Tower
- The Thompson Center
- The Union Station Train Yards (extra credit)

All free except
Willis Tower (\$22)
Rookery Building Tour (\$7)



- 1. Millennium Park
(begin)**
- 2. Palmer House Hotel**
- 3. The Rookery Building**
- 4. The Willis Tower**
- 5. The Thompson Center**

**Total walking distance:
2.2 miles**

**Extra Credit:
The Chicago Train Yards
(add 2.6 miles)**

THE PALMER HOUSE HOTEL

First opened on Sept. 26, 1871, it
burned down thirteen days later
in the great Chicago fire.
Rebuild completed in 1875.

.3 miles from
Millennium Park

7 minute walk



The Palmer House Great Room Ceiling

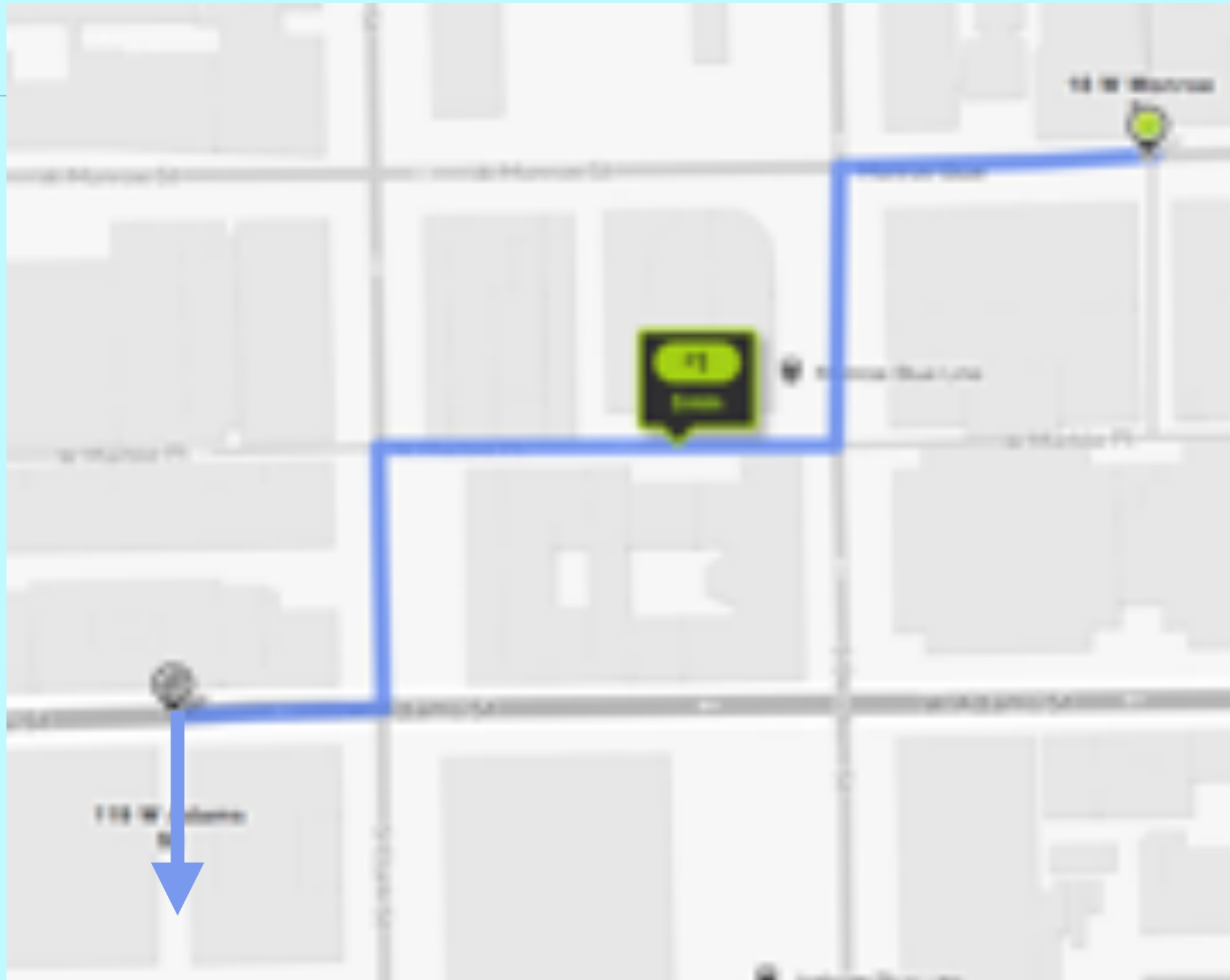


Palmer House Staircase



Palmer House to the Rookery Building

.3 miles, 7 minute walk





THE ROOKERY BUILDING

Built in 1888, the interior of the Rookery building was redesigned by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1907.

Entering the lobby is free; guided tours which go further into the building cost \$7.

(Tripods are not allowed.)

The lobby atrium of the Rookery Building



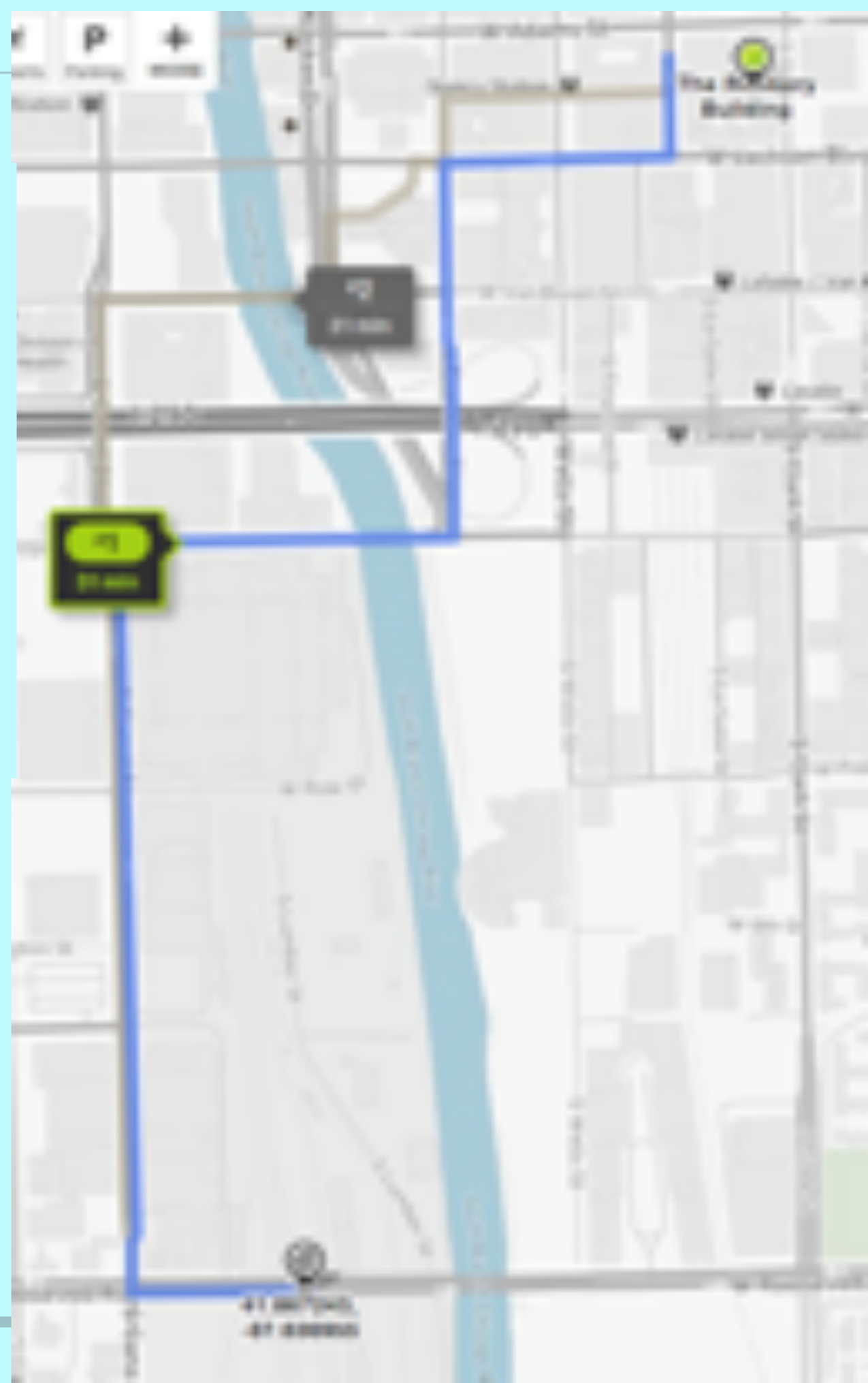


The famous stairway
(only seen on the tour)

Extra Credit:

THE CHICAGO TRAIN YARDS

1.3 miles one way,
31 minute walk





Rookery Building to Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower)

.3 miles, 7 minute walk



THE WILLIS TOWER

Opened in 1973, the (then) Sears Tower was the tallest building in the world until 1998.

Tickets to the observation deck are \$22.



Willis Tower to the James R. Thompson Center

.7 miles, 16-minute walk



JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER

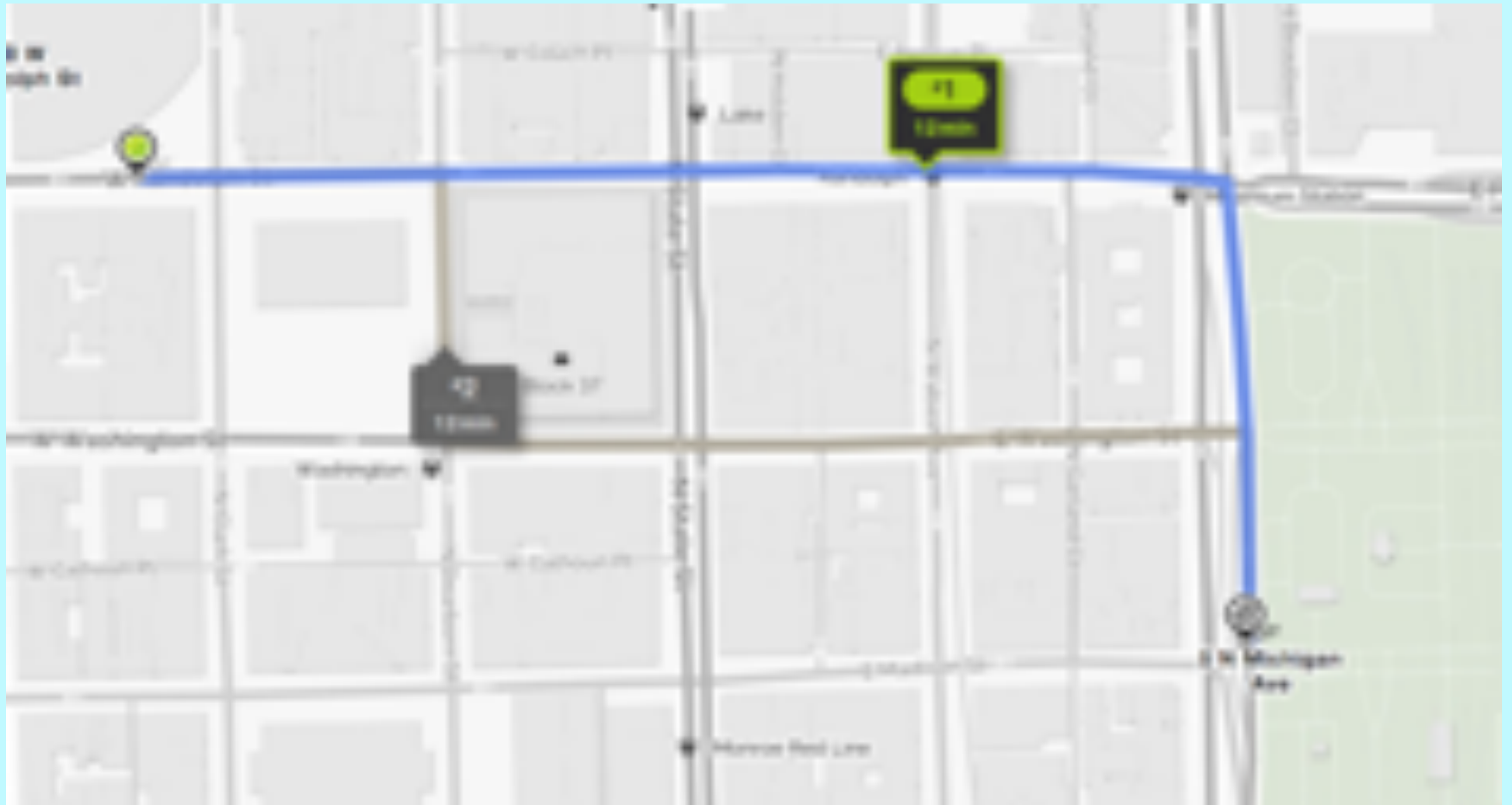
The James R. Thompson Center, opened in 1985, houses Illinois State government offices.

The towering, sky-lit atrium is impressive.



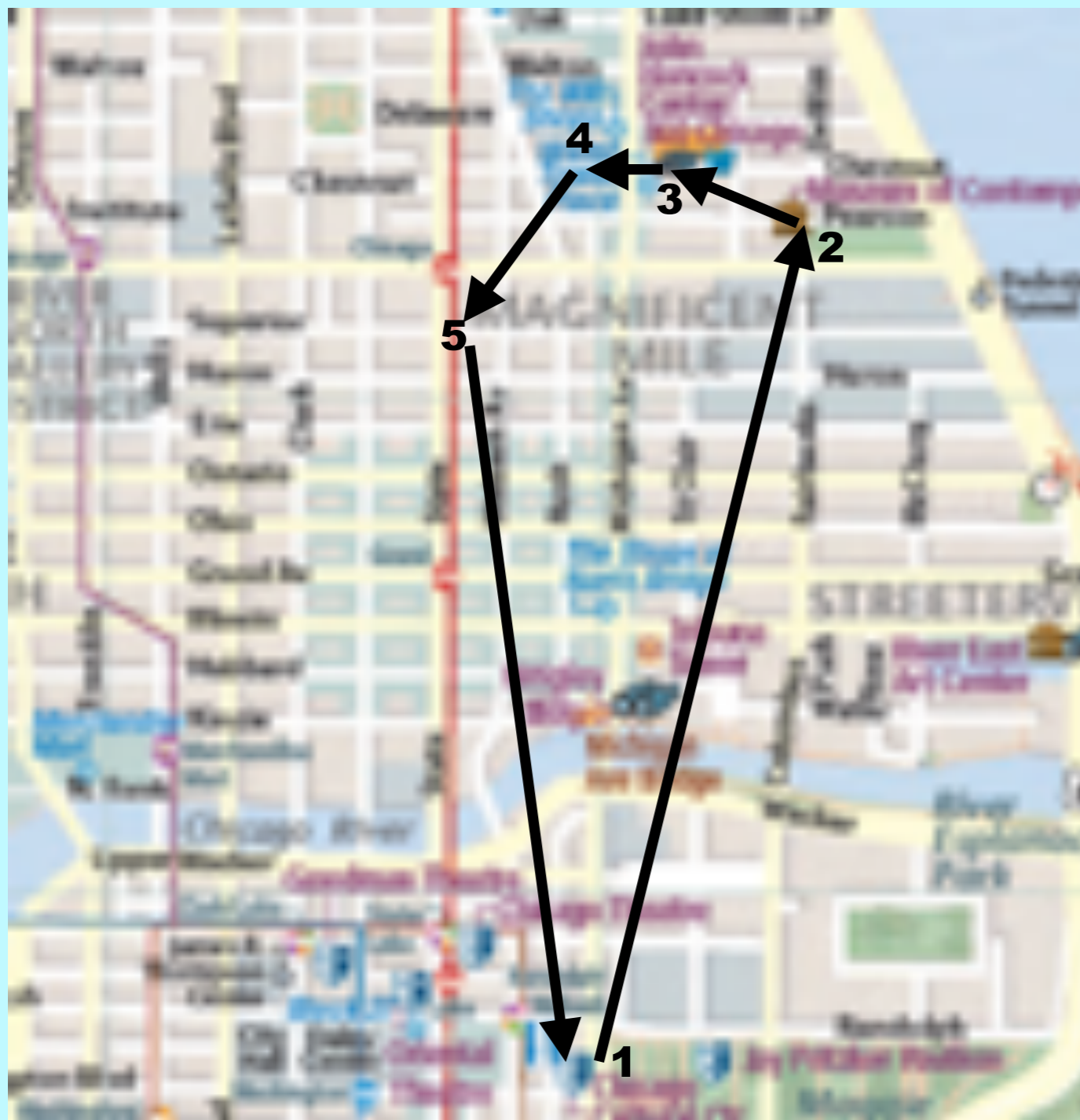


Thompson Center back to Millennium Park
.5 miles, 12 minute walk



TOUR 3: NORTH OF THE LOOP

- Museum of Contemporary Art **\$8-\$15**
 - John Hancock Center (360° Chicago) **\$22**
 - Fourth Presbyterian Church **Free**
 - Holy Name Cathedral **Free**
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**1. Millennium Park
(begin)**

**2. Museum of Contemporary
Art**

3. John Hancock Building

4. Fourth Presbyterian Church

5. Holy Name Cathedral

**Total walking distance:
2.9 miles**

OR

**Take the free trolley—
from April 1st through Sept 2—
and cut the distance in half**

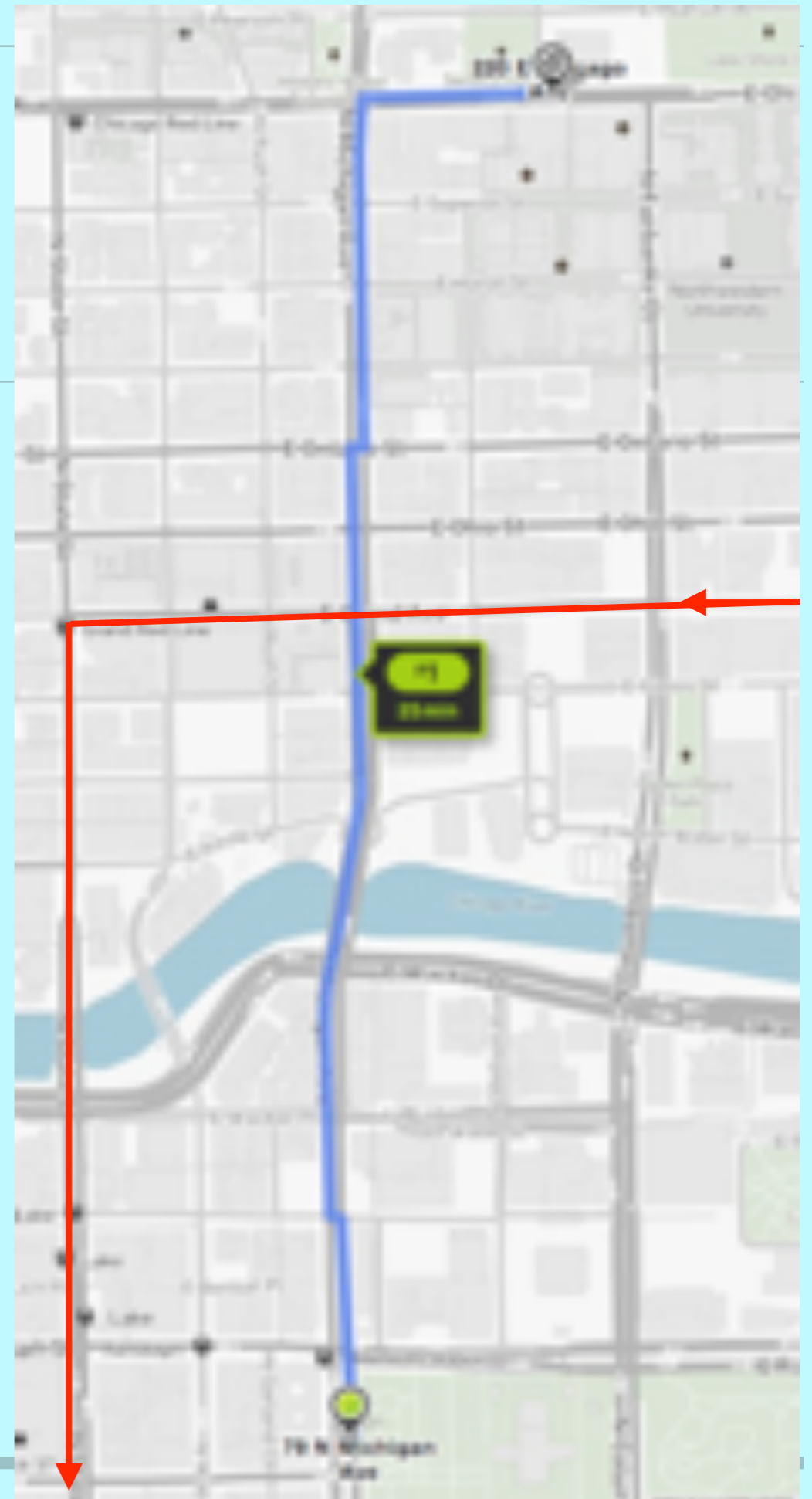
**(get off the trolley at
Fairbanks St.)**

Millennium Park to the Museum of Contemporary Art

1.1 mile, 25 minute walk

(Or take the free trolley and
cut the walking in half.)

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(Free trolley route)



CHICAGO MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Admission:
\$15 Adults
\$8 Students, teachers,
and seniors

Cool staircase



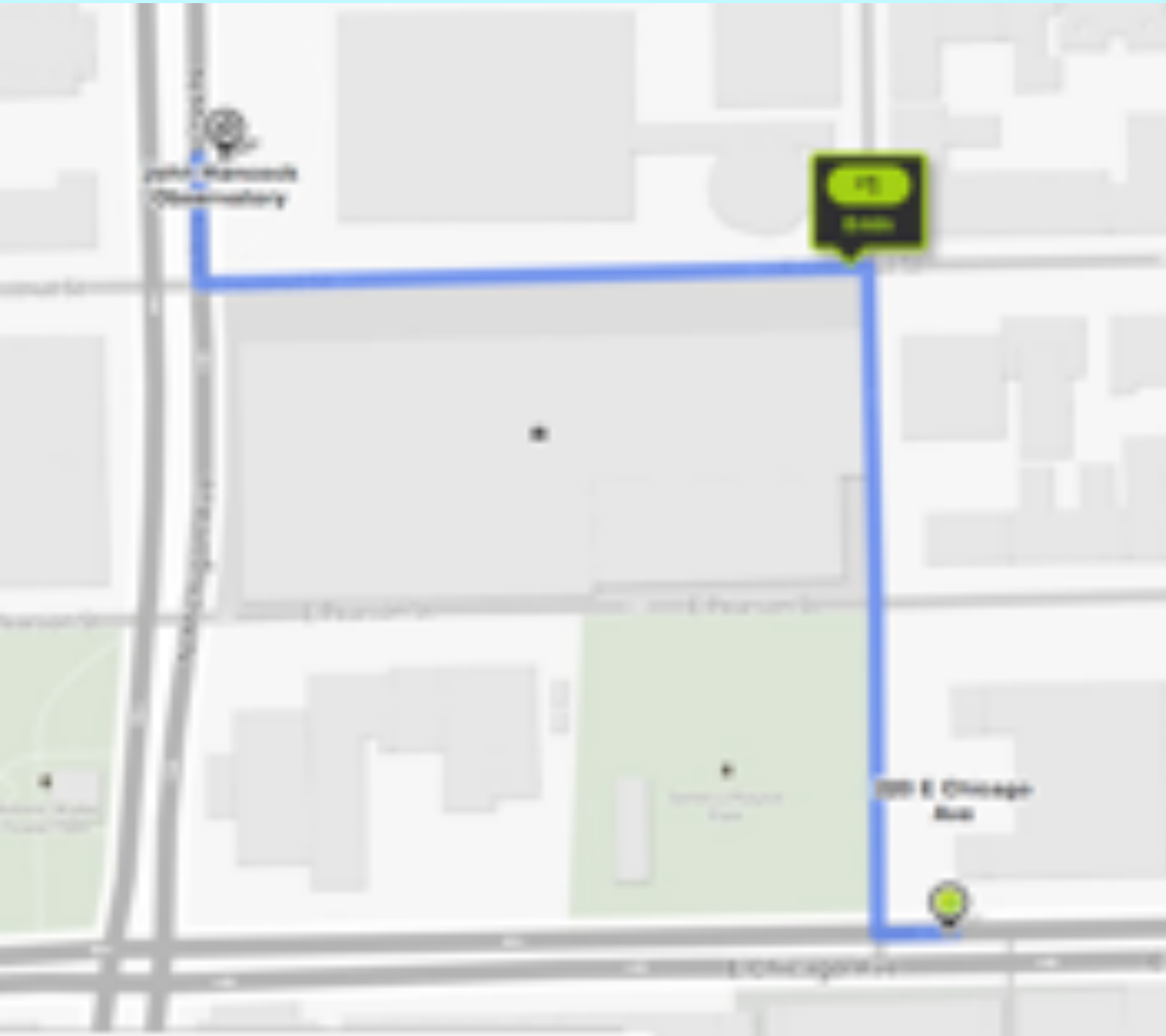


Performance Art!



Museum of Contemporary Art to the John Hancock Center

.3 miles,
6-minute walk



THE JOHN HANCOCK CENTER

When opened in 1968, it was the second tallest building in the world.

The 94th floor, known as “360° Chicago,” is open to the public. \$21-\$23 depending on the season.

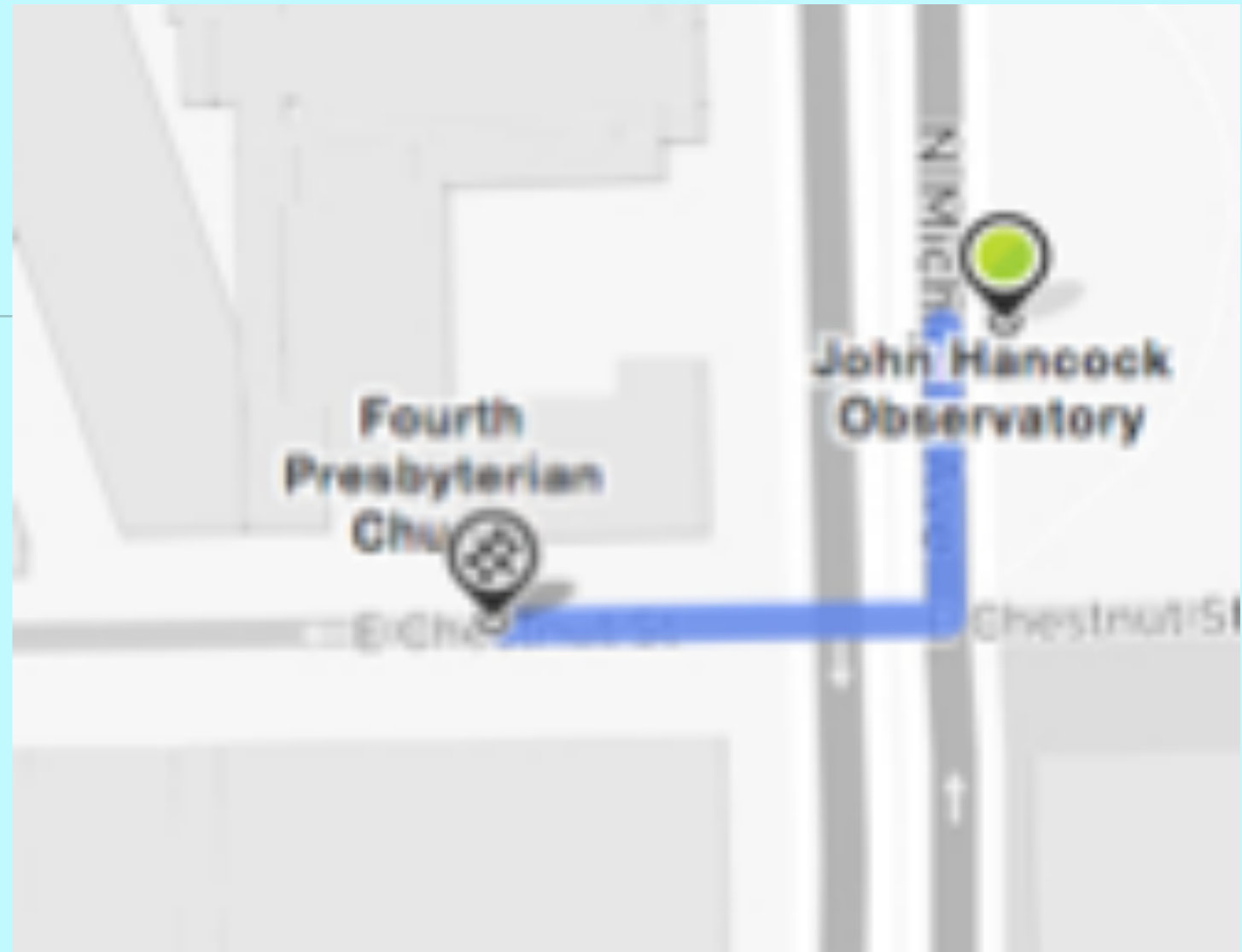


Tripods are allowed,
but you will be
shooting through
a window.



John Hancock Building to Fourth Presbyterian Church

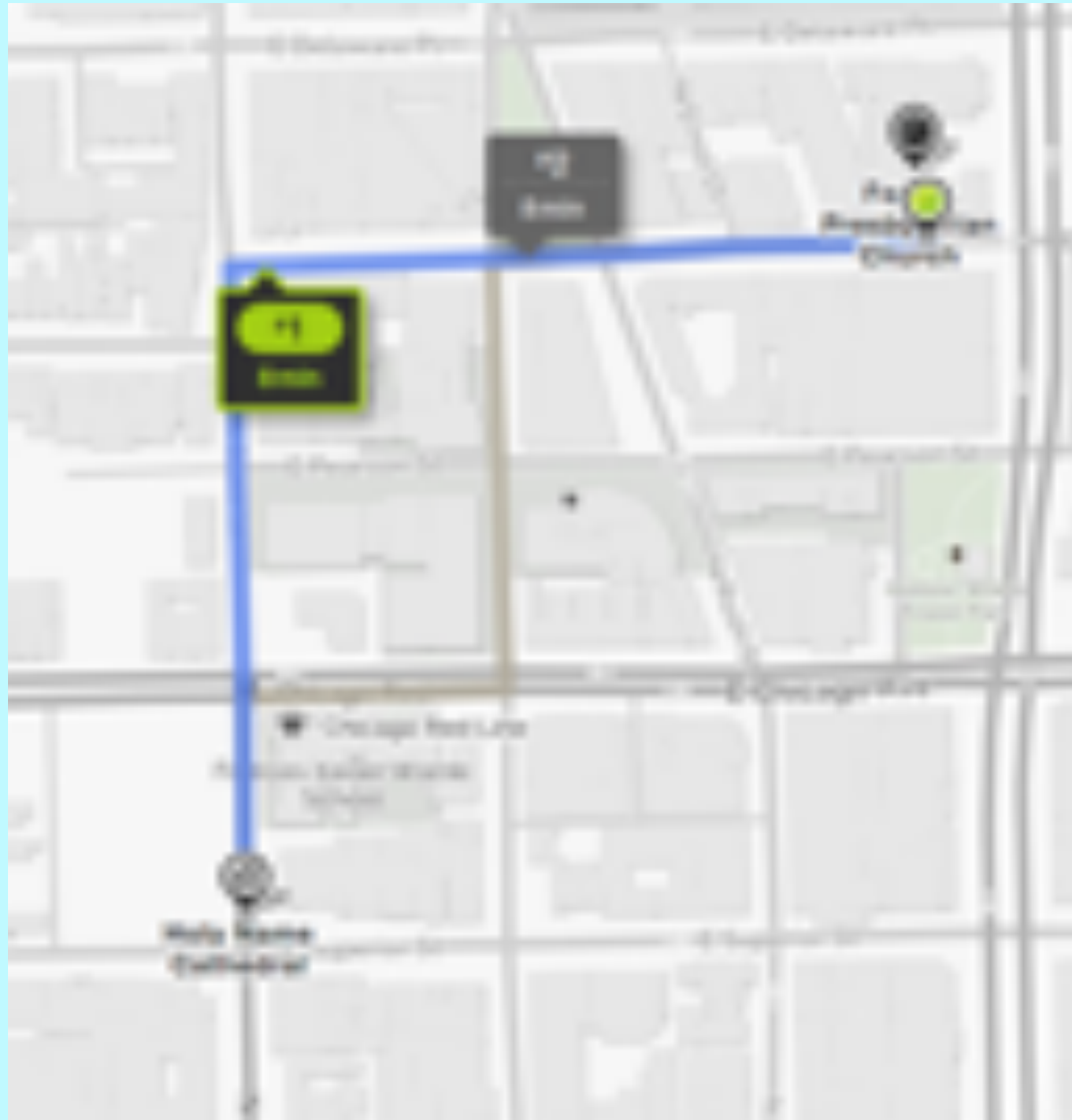
.1 mile, 3 minute walk



— FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, dedicated in 1914 —







Fourth Presbyterian Church to Holy Name Cathedral

.4 miles, 8 minute walk

HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL—Dedicated 1875



Spectacular ceiling—
Gothic Revival Style







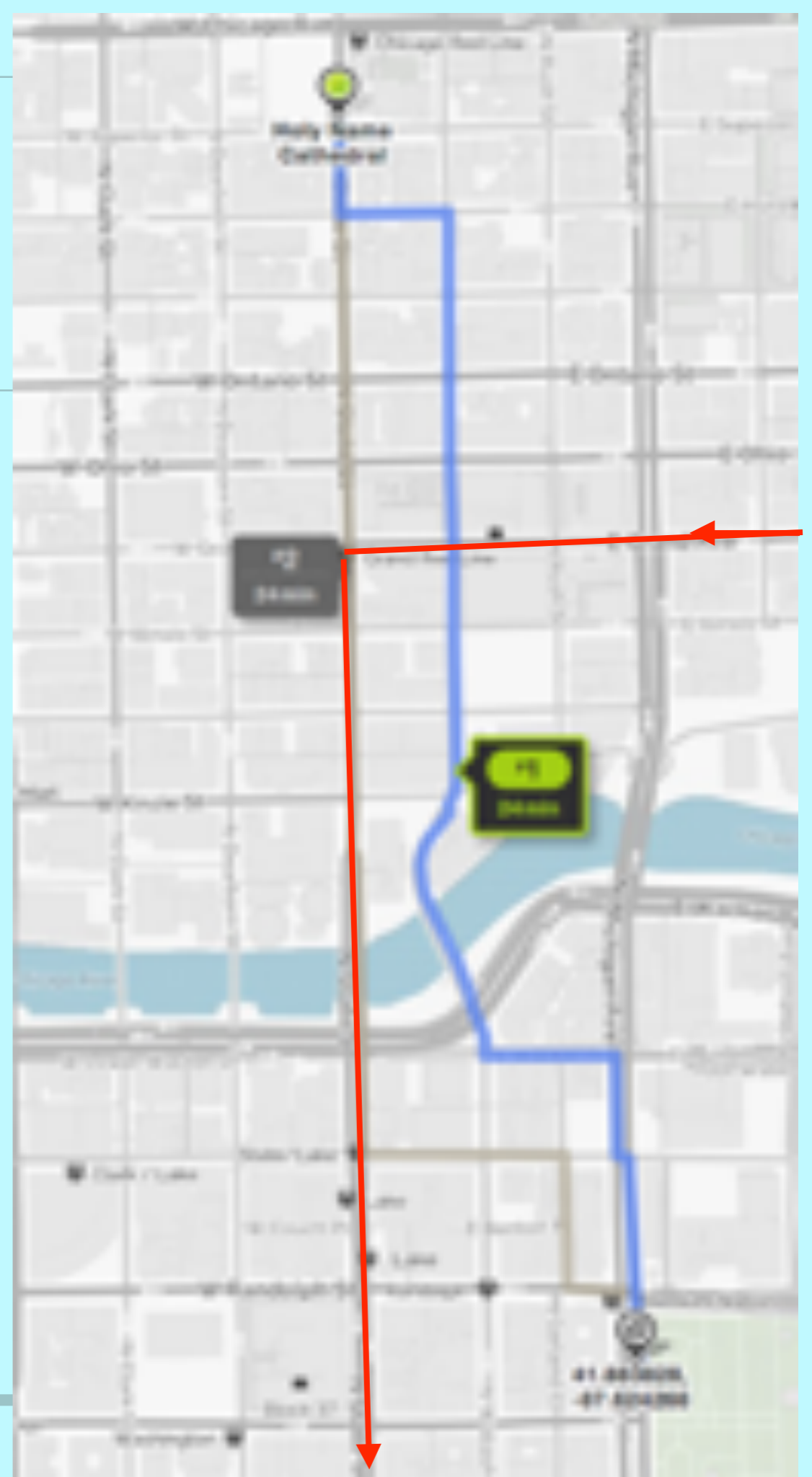
End of Tour #3

Holy Name Cathedral
back to Millennium Park

1 mile, 24 minute walk

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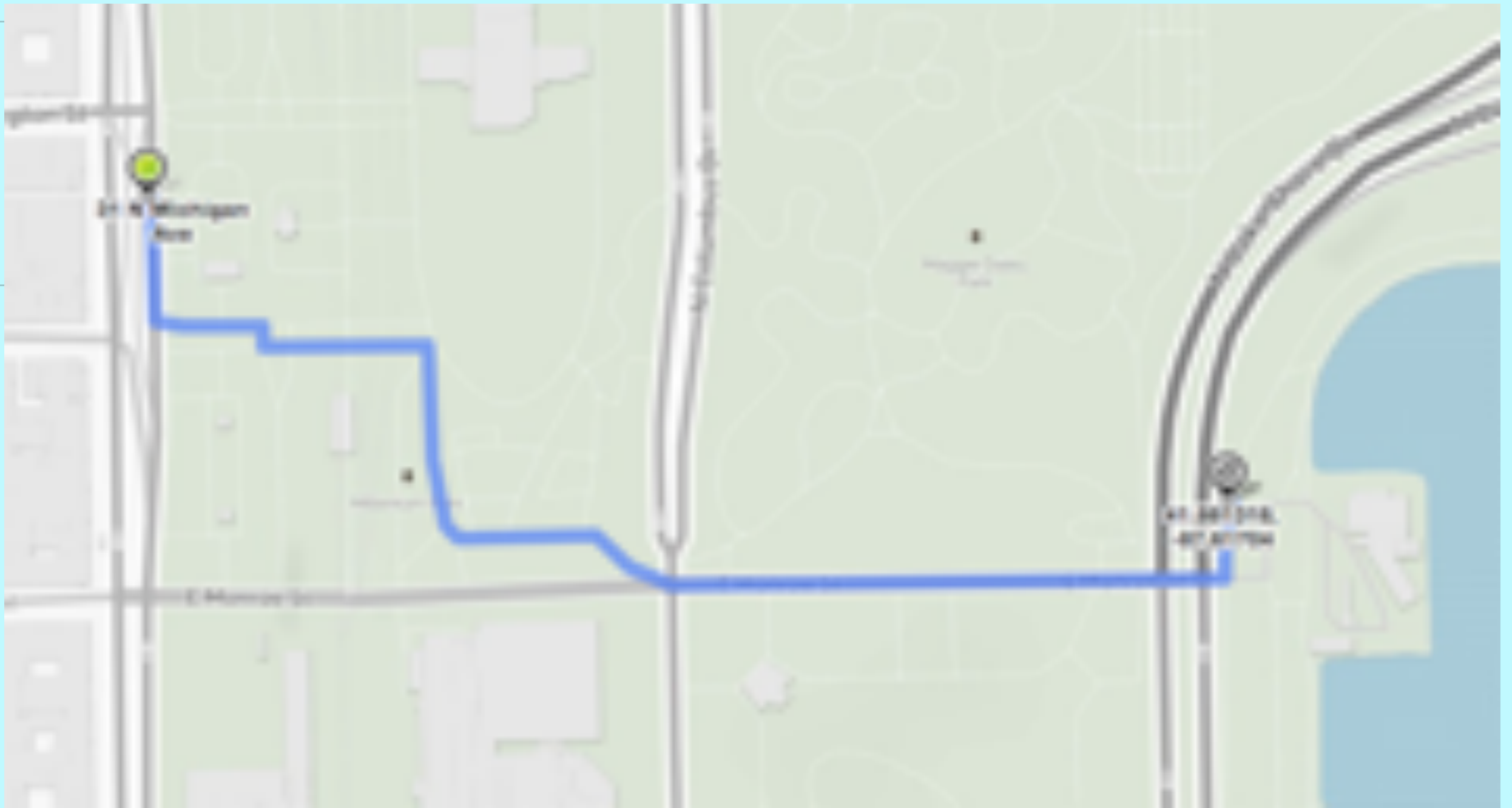
Take the free trolley
(at Grand/Rush or Grand/State)



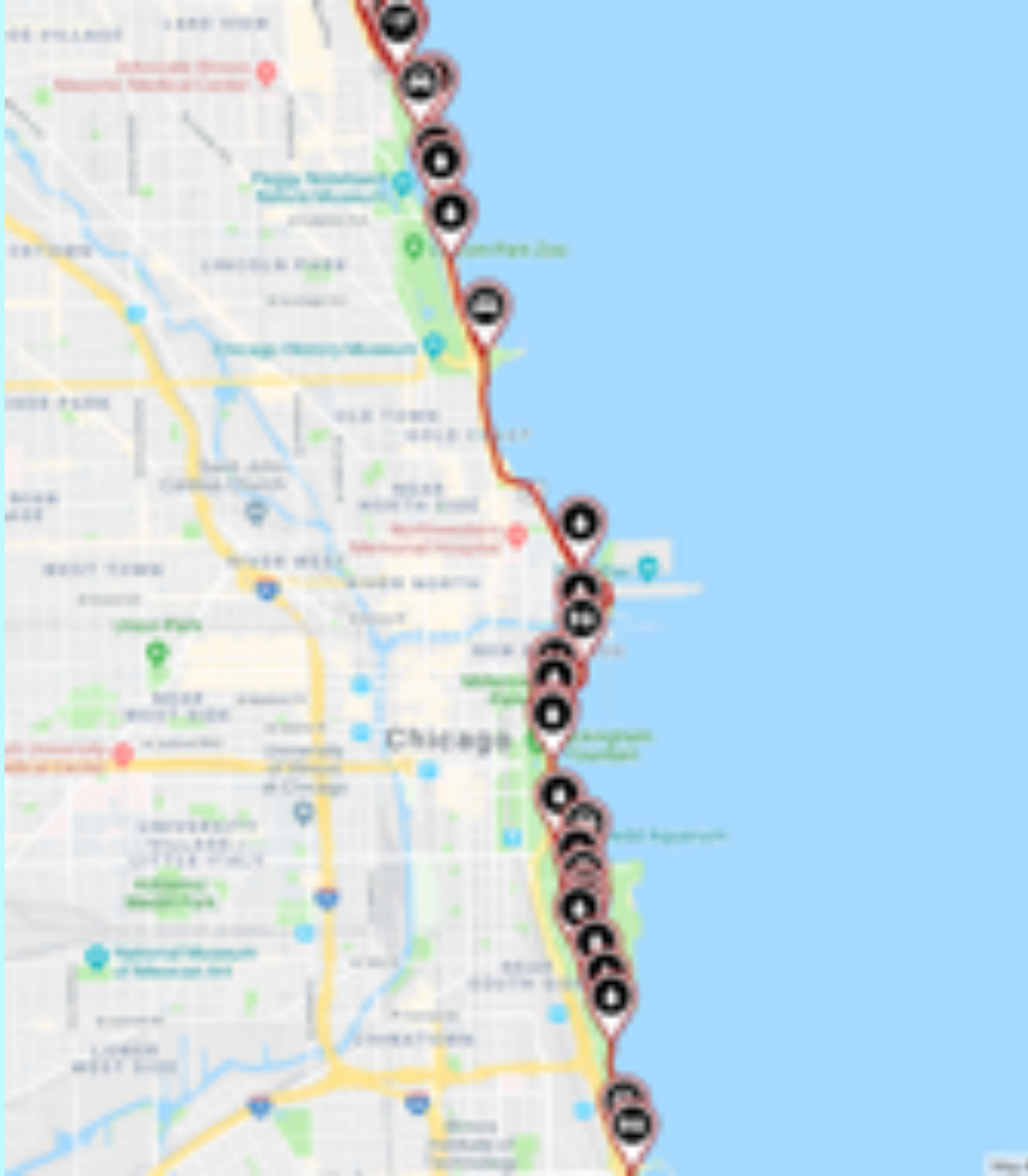
TOUR 4: THE LAKEFRONT

From Millennium Park to a good spot for cityscapes is 1.9 miles, or 45 minute walk.

In the summer, rent a bicycle (Divvy Station), .6 mile walk from Millennium Park.



Walk 1/2 mile through the parks to the Chicago Lakefront Trail, where you'll find Divvy bike rentals.





Adler Planetarium
—Good spot for Chicago Skyline





From here, ride your bike to Navy Pier,
Lincoln Park Zoo, and Lincoln Park Conservatory.



Navy Pier
to Lincoln Park
Conservatory/Zoo:
3 miles

Adler Planetarium
to Navy Pier:
2.5 miles

NAVY PIER

FREE—attractions extra



LINCOLN PARK ZOO

FREE!



LINCOLN PARK CONSERVATORY

FREE!



It's about the journey, not the destination.

Look for opportunities along the way.



















