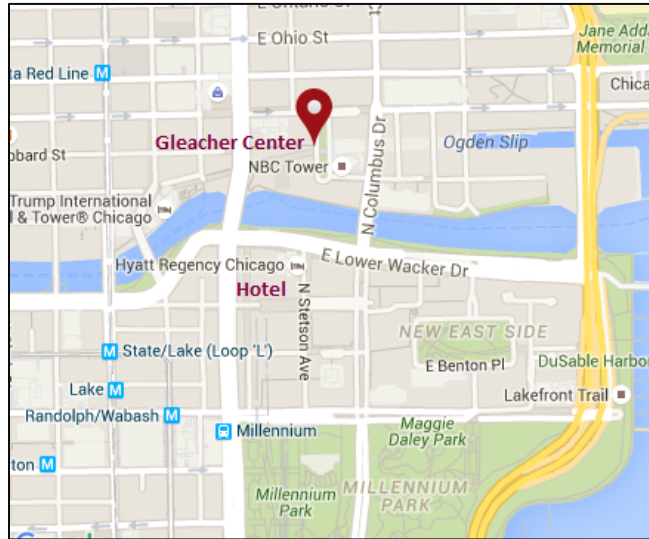


CHICAGO MEETING AREA GUIDE

CRL Annual Council Meeting and Collections Forum May 23-24, 2019

Room 621 Gleacher Center, 450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive Chicago, IL 60611

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Restaurants Nearby for Lunch

Beacon Tavern 405 N. Wabash (across Michigan Ave., in plaza just east of Trump Tower)

American gastropub fare; crowded at lunch but has outdoor seating

Cityfront Café and Espressamente Illy 455 N. Cityfront Plaza (NBC Tower)

Salad bar, grill, sushi, sandwiches in café; coffee, pastries, and paninis at Illy. Take it out to the river walk?

Nordstrom Food Court 520 N. Michigan Ave.

- Aloha Poke Co.
Very popular grain bowls with various toppings and fresh tuna or salmon
- Café Nordstrom
Diverse menu—soup, pizza, salads, sandwiches, and more

Billy Goat Tavern 430 N. Michigan Ave (lower level)

Cheeseburgers, etc. (the original diner from “Saturday Night Live”)

Wells St. Market 205 W. Wacker Drive

One of Chicago’s new food halls. Includes insanely good sandwiches from Tempesta.

Nearby Places for Dinner or Drinks (Further afield: West Loop, Greektown, Logan Square . . .)

Bar Sotano 443 N. Clark St.

Voted best new cocktail spot; also has Bayless-inspired Mexican bar food

Cindy's 12 S. Michigan Ave. (rooftop of Chicago Athletic Association Hotel)

Great views of the park and the lake; very crowded—good for drinks

City Winery 11. W. Riverwalk (down on the river, just west of State St.)

Drinks, snacks, great views of river activity

Eataly 43 E. Ohio St.

Emporium of Italian foodstuffs, with casual dine-in options

The Gage 24 S. Michigan Ave

*Attractive setting, upscale pub food, across from the park. Next door is sibling **Acanto**, upscale Italian*

India House 59 W. Grand St.

Vegetarian, Indian, Pakistani

River Roast 315 N. LaSalle St.

Upscale, great river view, roast chicken specialty

Star of Siam 11 E. Illinois St.

Thai, soups, stir-fry, vegetarian, etc.

Tavern at the Park 130 E. Randolph St.

American grill

Essential Sights Downtown

Exceptionally popular Chicago River boat tours depart from docks near the Michigan Ave. bridge—best is offered by Chicago Architecture Center but all are good; the River Walk starts just west of Michigan Ave. and runs to Lake St. featuring cafes, views, and evening video projections (Art on theMart); stunning new Apple Store in the plaza west of Gleacher Center; also Millennium Park with the “Bean” sculpture and colorful Lurie Garden; Art Institute; MCA.

Airport Transit

Returning home by plane: allow a minimum of one hour by taxi or ride service from downtown to O'Hare Airport; at least 45 minutes by taxi or ride service from downtown to Midway Airport. CTA trains: Blue Line to O'Hare allow one hour; Orange Line to Midway around 40 minutes.