

5 NEIGHBORHOOD

go-tos



6 LULA CAFE

- 6 **LULA CAFE**
2537 N Kedzie
Boulevard
Logan Square ⑤
+1 773 489 9554
lulacafe.com

The city's (and perhaps the country's) original farm-to-table restaurant, Lula opened in 1999 and, miraculously, has seldom repeated a specials menu since. From unique brunch dishes to lush, coursed-out dinners featuring farm-fresh produce and protein, it's a favorite destination for locals as well as visitors in-the-know. Don't skip dessert: the carrot cake is a must.

- 7 **SOUTHPORT**
GROCERY AND CAFE
3552 N Southport
Lakeview ⑤
+1 773 665 0100
southportgrocery.com

With just enough tables to accommodate popping in for breakfast or lunch (and secret dinners), this bustling staple in the heart of Lincoln Park's shopping district prides itself on from-scratch favorites like quiches with fresh ingredients, finger-lickin' sweet entrees, and chopped salads that rotate with the seasons. The grocery features housemade preserves and local purveyors.

5 bars

HIDDEN in plain sight

106 DORIAN'S THROUGH THE RECORD SHOP

1939 W North Avenue
Wicker Park ④
+1 773 687 9824
throughtherecordshop.com

Pop into the fluorescent lit record shop on this busy strip of North Avenue, follow the door to the 'listening booth', and you're on your way to this drinks den where local jazz-fusion and funk-forward acts take the stage four nights a week. On off nights, DJs take over the decks offering refreshingly unique soundtracks.

107 THE DRIFTER

676-678 N Orleans St
River North ①
+1 312 631 3887
thedrifterchicago.com

You'll have to traipse down a sketchy looking stairwell to discover this genuine relic from Prohibition's golden age. Tongue-in-cheek custom tarot cards spell out the night's cocktail selections, and one of the city's premier burlesque artists curates the entertainment.

108 NINE BAR

AT: MOON PALACE EXPRESS
216 W Cermak Road
Chinatown ③
+1 312 885 8249
ninebarchicago.com

Behind an unmarked door just inside Moon Palace Express, this uber-popular lounge draws locals from every corner of the city. Cocktail fans have been here since day one, upvoting Nine Bar to one of the best in the world. Expertly crafted drinks, yummy finger foods, and a party-like atmosphere keep the crowds coming.

109 NIGHTSHADE

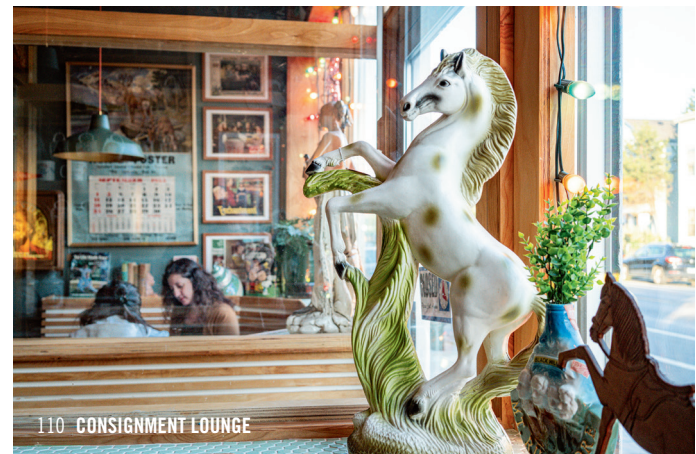
4359 N Milwaukee Avenue
Portage Park ⑥
+1 773 647 1942
moonflowerbar.com

Portage Park's Moonflower, kitted out with plants, *pinchos* and soul music, is lovely on its own. But its subterranean sister bar, Nightshade, transforms a trip to the basement into an entirely different night out. Minimal lighting and dark walls set the mood for a modest menu of classic and original cocktails.

110 CONSIGNMENT LOUNGE

3520 W Diversey Avenue
Avondale ⑤
+1 773 384 6273
consignmentlounge.com

At first glance, this cozy storefront trimmed in Christmas lights appears to be a secondhand shop. And it is... sort of. Part antique shop, part cocktail bar, Consignment Lounge combines its owners' love for vintage *tchotchkes* and community gathering spaces. A handful of cocktails and beers are on menu, and everything on display is for sale.





EXILE IN BOOKVILLE

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5 buildings WORTH THE DETOUR

206 EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE

14520 River Road
Plano
+1 630 552 0052
edithfarnsworthhouse.org

Designed by Mies van der Rohe as a quiet country retreat, this glass-and-steel structure reflects the modern architect's signature style. It's situated on a sparse piece of acreage that yields all attention to the building itself, and the fully restored 1951 interior is open for tours five days a week.

207 BAHÁ'Í HOUSE OF WORSHIP

100 Linden Avenue
Wilmette
+1 847 853 2300
bahai.us

One of just 14 Bahá'í temples in the world (and the only one in the United States), this intricate, dome-roofed structure was designed by Louis Bourgeois and completed in 1951 after 30 years of construction. In accordance with the Bahá'í style, the nine-sided temple is surrounded by a series of nine pathways, all of which are surrounded by nine gardens.

207 BAHÁ'Í HOUSE OF WORSHIP



5 SCULPTURES

worth seeking out

246 **THE WIZARD OF OZ STATUES**

AT: OZ PARK

2021 N Burling St

Lincoln Park ⑤

+1 312 742 7898

chicagoparkdistrict.com

Author L. Frank Baum lived in Chicago while writing *The Wizard of Oz* series, and its famous characters – the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, the Scarecrow, and Dorothy and Toto – were sculpted by artist John Kearny from 1995 through 2007 and scattered around the park. Across town, Baum’s home in Humboldt Park is commemorated with a mini-Yellow Brick Road.

247 **SHIT FOUNTAIN**

1001 N Wolcott Avenue

East Village ④

There is no play on words here. *Shit Fountain* looks exactly like a perfect ribbon of poop, bronzed and placed on a pedestal in the form of a water fountain, bronze plaque and all. Created by local sculptor Jerzy S. Kenar in 2005 as a not-so-subtle reminder for neighbors to pick up after their dogs, it’s quite a poopular – er, popular attraction.

248 **UNTITLED**

BY PABLO PICASSO

50 W Washington St

The Loop ②

chicago.gov

There are priceless Picassos hanging behind laser security systems in the Art Institute. And then there’s this massive, 50-foot-tall sculpture sitting in a public plaza, where children happily slide down its steel wings with no consequence. Fondly nicknamed *The Picasso*, this sculpture broke tradition when it was unveiled in 1967 and has been winning fans ever since.

249 **SKYLANDING**

BY YOKO ONO

AT: JACKSON PARK

6033-6263 S Cornell

Drive

Jackson Park ⑦

skylanding.com

Resembling a handful of silver lotus flower petals that happened to settle into the dirt, Yoko Ono’s delicate SKYLANDING is the artist and activist’s only permanent public artwork in the country. It’s installed adjacent to the Japanese Garden in Jackson Park – the same site as the Japanese Pavilion from the Chicago World’s Fair of 1893.

250 **FOUR SEASONS**

BY MARC CHAGALL

10 S Dearborn St

The Loop ②

chicago.gov

In the heart of the Loop, Chagall’s intricate mosaic work captures the city in seasonal change marked by the human experience. Installed in 1974 and renovated and restored 20 years later to include a protective glass case, the mosaic reflects the artist’s complex themes in even more detail than his famous *America Windows* at the Art Institute.

5 GALLERIES and ART CLUBS

306 **WESTERN EXHIBITIONS**
1709 W Chicago Avenue, #5009
West Town ④
+1 312 480 8390
westernexhibitions.com

A longtime exhibitor of weird and wonderful, unique and thought-provoking works. Among the standouts are Deb Sokolow's tongue-in-cheek conspiracy plans, Paul Nudd's vaguely biological bursts of color, and partners Dutes Miller and Stan Shellabarger's beautiful collaborations.

307 **KAVI GUPTA GALLERY**
835 W Washington Boulevard
West Loop ④
+1 708 480 2882
kavigupta.com

Kavi Gupta represents a roster of artists on the brink of breakout, and maintains them through their success. Layer-rich painter Angel Otero, multidisciplinary sculptor Allana Clarke, and culture vulture Tony Tasset are among Gupta's diverse roster.

308 **THE ARTS CLUB OF CHICAGO**
201 E Ontario St
Streetsville ①
+1 312 787 3997
artsclubchicago.org

Set in a Mies van der Rohe-inspired building, this private arts club maintains a street-level gallery open to the public. International stars and local up-and-comers alike have staged traditional framed wall hangings, site-specific installations in the garden, and jaw-dropping takeovers of the gallery space.

309 **SECRETIST | BEACH**
1801 W Hubbard St
West Town ④
+ 312 212 8888
secristbeach.com

Though Carrie Secrist's roster of artists doesn't stray too far from painting, drawing, sculpture and collage, the exhibitions are anything but traditional. The gallery is known to paint gallery walls a stark aqua to help works pop, or install a yellow stripe on its floor to create space for abstract sculpture installations.

310 **STONY ISLAND ARTS BANK**
6760 S Stony Island Avenue
Jackson Park ⑦
+1 312 857 5561
rebuild-foundation.org

A cross between a library, a community center, a gallery space, and an arts foundation, the Stony Island Arts Bank is truly one of a kind. Housed in a 1920s bank building purchased by local cultural icon Theaster Gates for a rumored one dollar, the building was thoughtfully restored to showcase wow-worthy archives of local Black artists.



308 THE ARTS CLUB OF CHICAGO



356 MAGGIE DALEY PARK

5 OUTINGS

kids love

- 356 **MAGGIE DALEY PARK**
337 E Randolph St
New East Side ②
+1 312 742 3918
maggiedaley.com
- A climbing structure, a skating ribbon, a miniature golf course, and a three-acre play garden are highlights of this massive park. Criss-crossed with a web of trails through rolling green spaces, it never feels too crowded despite its massive popularity on fair-weather days. The play garden alone features six different exploration areas demarcated for different ages.
- 357 **GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY**
300 N Central Park Avenue
Garfield Park ④
+1 773 638 1766
garfieldconservatory.org
- No matter the weather, it's always beautiful and balmy inside this gorgeous Victorian-era conservatory. Paved paths are stroller friendly, and the tickle of ferns on little noses is good for the soul. The Fern Room is a highlight with a trickling indoor lagoon, hungry koi fish and ever-present misting. Outside, beautiful gardens invite chasing butterflies.

5 places to go DANCING

426 SLIPPERY SLOPE

2357 N Milwaukee
Avenue
Logan Square ⑤
+1 773 799 8504
[slipperyslope
chicago.com](http://slipperyslope
chicago.com)

Bottle service and velvet ropes would likely be laughed off by the casual, carefree crowds at this incredibly popular late-night DJ bar. Open only on the weekends (Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights), there's no cover, no reservations, and no pretense. Festively lit with a red glow and upbeat tunes, Slippery Slope is always a good time.

427 PODLASIE CLUB

2918 N Central
Park Avenue
Avondale ⑤
+1 773 276 0841
podlasiechicago.com

This old-school Polish bar started heating up a few years ago when a handful of young creatives began hosting monthly dance parties dubbed the Podlasie Pleasure Club. Now fully revived, Podlasie hosts a mix of long-established and emerging DJs most nights of the week, spinning everything from techno-house to early 2000s UK dubstep.



426 SLIPPERY SLOPE