

Quick Guide: How to Use This Book


Exploring Route 66 in Chicagoland is designed to be useful whether you are intending to drive the 66 alignment through Cook County, see the sights on foot in downtown Chicago, or whether you are simply taking a “virtual tour” from the comfort of your armchair.

For the “virtual tourist,” the instructions are easy: start reading at the beginning, and do not stop until you have turned the last page!

DRIVING TOURS: 66 in Cook County is aligned, for the most part, on four streets: Jackson Boulevard (one-way eastbound) and Adams Street (one-way westbound) in downtown Chicago; Ogden Avenue on Chicago’s west side and in the suburbs of Cicero, Berwyn, Riverside, and Lyons; and Joliet Road in Lyons, McCook, Countryside, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, and Burr Ridge.

The first section of the book deals with each of these streets separately. For each street, there is a biography/history chapter followed by a tour chapter. For ease of use, the tour chapters are oriented in--

Landscape


Each two-page spread of the tour chapters has a spotting map marked with numbered “yield” signs--  --places for you to slow down, pull over, let other drivers go by, as you read the information corresponding to that attraction or place of interest.

Since Jackson Boulevard and Adams Street are both primarily one-way tours, you simply start at the beginning and work towards the end. Ogden Avenue and Joliet Road are both two-way streets; if you are driving **OUTBOUND** from Chicago to the southwest, you follow the tour from front-to-back, low “yield” sign to high. If traveling **INBOUND** towards Chicago from the suburbs, you just start at the last page of the corresponding tour section, and work from high-numbered “yield” sign to low.

For Jackson, Adams, and **OUTBOUND** Ogden and Joliet, directions for taking the dreaded superslabs to the tour starting points are found at the beginning of the tour chapters. For **INBOUND** Ogden and Joliet, the expressway directions are at the end of the tour chapters. Any special instructions pertaining to **INBOUND** or **OUTBOUND ONLY** are highlighted in gray.

SIDE TRIP ALERTS are also highlighted in gray and are noted as they occur in each tour. Two **SIDE TRIPS** are sufficiently detailed to merit their own chapters: the Tri-Taylor neighborhood tour is a side trip off of Ogden Avenue, and the South Harlem Avenue tour is a side trip off of Joliet Road. All **SIDE TRIPS** are optional, but they are included in case time permits a more in-depth exploration.

66 IN THE LOOP ON FOOT: It is HIGHLY recommended that you take the time to walk around and enjoy at least part of the Mother Road’s delights in downtown Chicago. For **SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS**, a spotting map to help you find and identify many of the attractions and places of interest is

located **inside the BACK COVER** of the book. Numbered “Stop” signs--  --on the map identify the places, and the following section (again, oriented from the BACK of the book, and in Landscape) gives a description of each of the numbered stops.

The introductory information in the **LOOP ON FOOT** section also describes the **GUIDED WALKING TOURS** available from **Windy City Road Warrior**. If you would rather LISTEN than READ, and would like to have the opportunity to ask questions of a knowledgeable tour guide—contact us!



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