

# Chicago Southland

## Visitors Guide

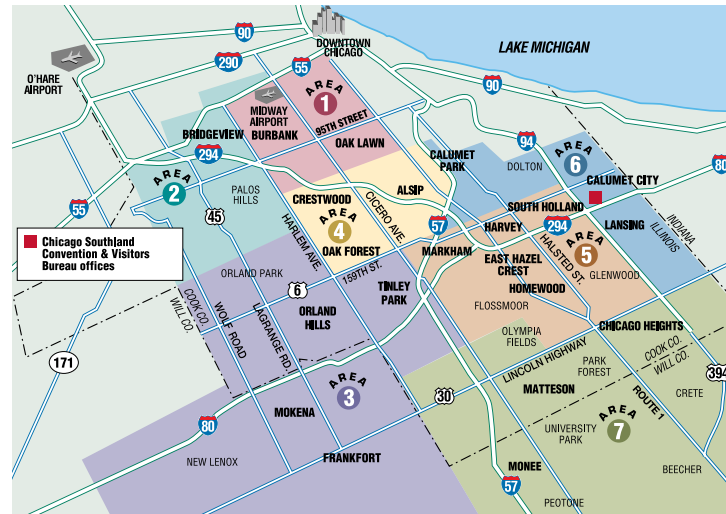
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The Chicago Southland is Chicago's 61 south and south-west suburbs, only minutes from downtown Chicago. Bounded by Midway Airport to the north, the Chicago Southland extends from the Illinois & Michigan Canal on the west to the Indiana border on the east, and past the Will County Line to the south. It's an area that many people have traveled through, but few have identified as Chicago Southland. Due to the large geographic size of the region, we have divided it up into seven different areas. Each listing in this guide is designated by the area in which it is located.



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If you lead an active lifestyle, the Chicago Southland can't be beat! There's plenty to keep you busy in the Southland...

If it's family fun you're looking for, try a miniature golf course or local nature center. Looking for some exercise? Try one of the hiking and biking trails that weave through the region, or work out at a park district fitness center. If it's nightlife you're after, several casinos and nightclubs are just minutes away!

There's always something to enjoy in the Chicago Southland.

## Culture and History

Fine and performing arts centers are located throughout the Chicago Southland. The region is home to many art galleries, theatre groups, and an internationally-recognized sculpture park. For big-name entertainment, the Tweeter Center in Tinley Park hosts the top entertainers in rock and pop music. On any given weekend during the theatre season, there's sure to be a Broadway-quality production at one of the Southland's many regional theaters.

Additionally, the Chicago Southland boasts over 20 historical societies and special-interest museums that let you explore our region's rich and colorful past. Many Southland communities hold heritage festivals and other events offering a glimpse into the Southland's history. The region is also home to a number of sites on the National Register of Historic Places, and historical communities and residential districts are interspersed throughout the region, offering seasonal home tours, house walks and garden walks.

Whatever your cultural or historical preference, you'll find what you're looking for in the Chicago Southland.

The Chicago Southland: rich in culture, history and tradition!

The Chicago Southland offers virtually unlimited "shoppportunities!" Home to four antiquing communities, Blue Island, Crete, Frankfort, and Orland Park feature "antique rows" where shoppers can park their car or leave their bus and walk from store-to-store!

If you're a "power shopper," the Chicago Southland is home to several large malls and shopping centers with some of the finest stores in the region, plus a host of unique specialty shops. These enclosed malls often feature special activities and sales to keep everyone in your party interested!



## Golf Courses

The Chicago Southland is rich in golf tradition. Home to scores of challenging golf courses, the Southland has also hosted the 2003 U.S. Open Golf Championship and the 1997 U.S. Senior Open!

Over 32 public and semi-private courses dot the landscape, with courses for players of every level. Many courses offer early-bird savings, so the early bird truly does get the worm! When you're ready to hit the links, call the golf course of your choice for tee times and fees.

Try a different course every day during your stay in the Chicago Southland! Fore!



With over 7,000 hotel and motel rooms, there's always a great place to stay in the Chicago Southland! From first-class hotels to budget motels, your travel dollar goes much further in the Southland. That means more fun for less money, and that's one of the reasons the Chicago Southland is the affordable leisure and meeting destination!

Chicago Southland hotels and motels offer exceptional service, great prices, convenient locations, free parking and easy transportation options. Choose the area that's closest to your destination, and Bingo! You'll find accommodations that fit your budget!

If your group is considering the Chicago Southland for their next meeting, seminar, or training session, call the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau's sales department toll-free at 888-895-8233.

## Restaurants

There's a restaurant for every taste in the Chicago Southland! Whatever you fancy, you'll find it here: Italian, Mexican, French, German, Greek, Cajun, Chinese, Thai or American, the Southland has it all. Steaks, seafood, pasta, chops, chicken, pizza, fajitas, or a good ole burger and beer... you can find it in the Chicago Southland!

Many Southland hotels also offer fine restaurants for travelers, so you won't even have to leave your hotel to get a bite to eat. A number of restaurants feature lounges with music and dancing for after-dinner entertainment.

If you're in the mood for fine food, the Chicago Southland is the place to be!



As with any bustling metropolitan region, a wide variety of professional services are available in the Chicago Southland. If you're a businessperson in need of specialized, professional services, look no further than the fine businesses and services offered in Chicago Southland. Banks banquet facilities, caterers, colleges and universities, computer system consultants, health care facilities, office supplies, printers and copy centers, spas and much more are available for the businessperson in need of fast service.

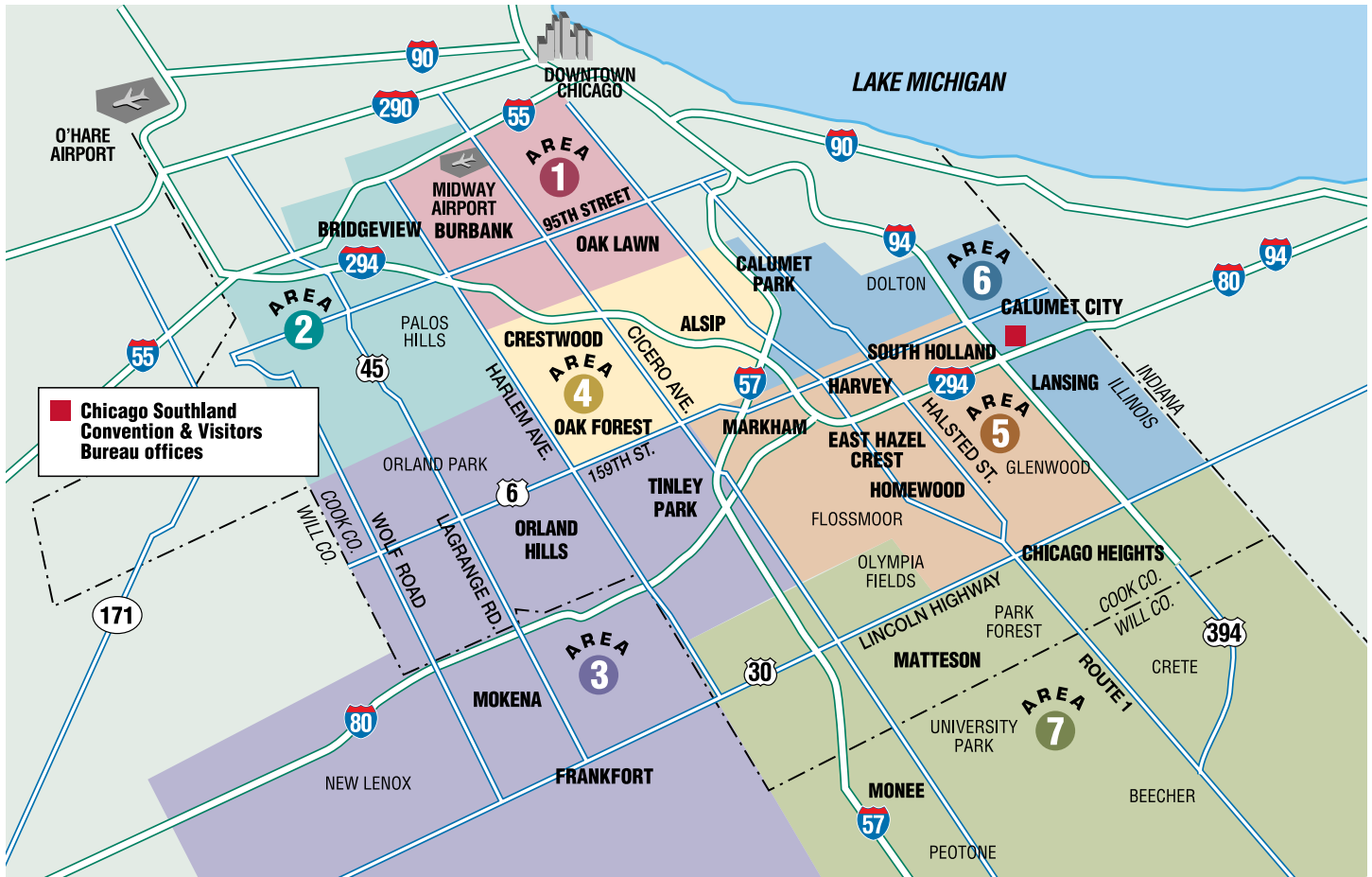


## Regional Services

The Chicago Southland is a great place to do business, with more and more executives and corporations looking to the Southland region as a convenient, affordable place to start or relocate a business.

A strong, pro-business regional focus and cohesive network of chambers of commerce and municipal governments exist in the Chicago Southland to offer advice and guidance to businesspersons in search of information. These entities can be a wealth of information to the out-of-town visitor who needs accurate regional, demographic and economic development information.

If you're unsure which direction to go to find the information you need, call the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau toll-free at 888-895-8233, or e-mail: [info@visitchicagosouthland.com](mailto:info@visitchicagosouthland.com). Additional information is on our Web site: [www.visitchicagosouthland.com](http://www.visitchicagosouthland.com).



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## Transportation Services

The Chicago metropolitan area is served by two major airports—Midway and O’Hare International—bringing the world to the Chicago Southland. While many regional accommodations offer complimentary airport transportation, several limousine and ground transportation companies serve the area on a frequent basis, providing quality transportation to and from both airports.

Two regional airports also serve the business charter market and private pilots: the Lansing Municipal Airport and Arctic Aviation in Frankfort. Call either airport for additional details.

A number of bus charters and group tour operators are headquartered in the Southland, and car rental locations are readily available.

