

Chicago SOUTHLAND

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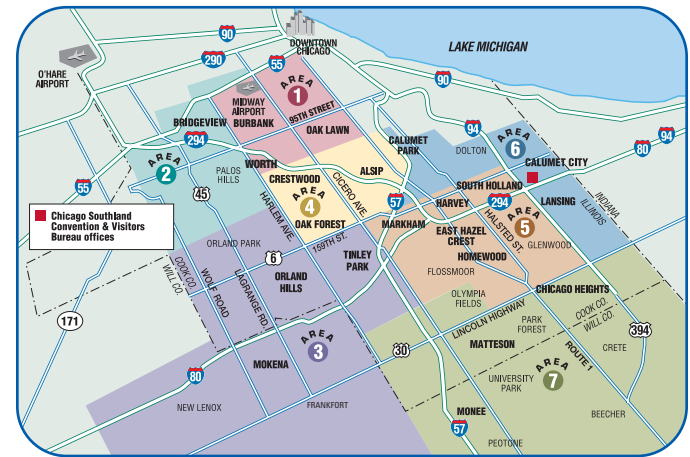


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Chicago Southland

The Chicago Southland is Chicago's 61 south and southwest 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 the Kankakee 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, there's plenty to keep you busy in the Chicago 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 local 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, and this guide will help you plan what to see and do during your visit!

CULTURE AND HISTORY

Located throughout the Chicago Southland, fine and performing arts centers, art galleries, theatre groups, and an internationally-recognized sculpture park entertain visitors and residents alike throughout the year. For big-name entertainment, the First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre 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, allowing visitors to 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. Some



communities offer seasonal home tours and house walks.

Whatever your cultural or historical preference, you'll find what you're looking for in the Chicago Southland. The following pages highlight cultural and historical amenities of the region; call the venue of your choice for up-to-date information on events and activities.

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

SHOPPING

The Chicago Southland offers virtually unlimited "shopportunities!" 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 featuring top national retailers and a host of unique specialty shops. These enclosed malls often feature special activities and sales to keep everyone in your party interested!

The next couple pages contain some "Southland shopportunities." So go ahead, shop until you drop!

GOLF COURSES

Rich in golf tradition, the Chicago Southland is home to scores of challenging golf courses. Past events have included the 2003 U.S. Open Golf Championship and the 1997 U.S. Senior Open.

Over 33 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 6,500 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 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!

In this guide, Chicago Southland hotels and motels are grouped into areas. Choose the area that's closest to your destination, and Bingo!

You'll find accommodations that fit your budget! Chicago Southland hotels and motels offer exceptional service, great prices, convenient locations, free parking and easy transportation options.

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

The Chicago Southland has restaurants for every taste, from fine dining to family fare!

Some Southland hotels offer on-site 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.

This section includes listings of many of the fine restaurants in the Chicago Southland. Be sure to call the restaurant of your choice for reservations or daily specials.

If you're in the mood for fine food, you've come to the right place...the Chicago Southland!



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 services offered in this section. 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.



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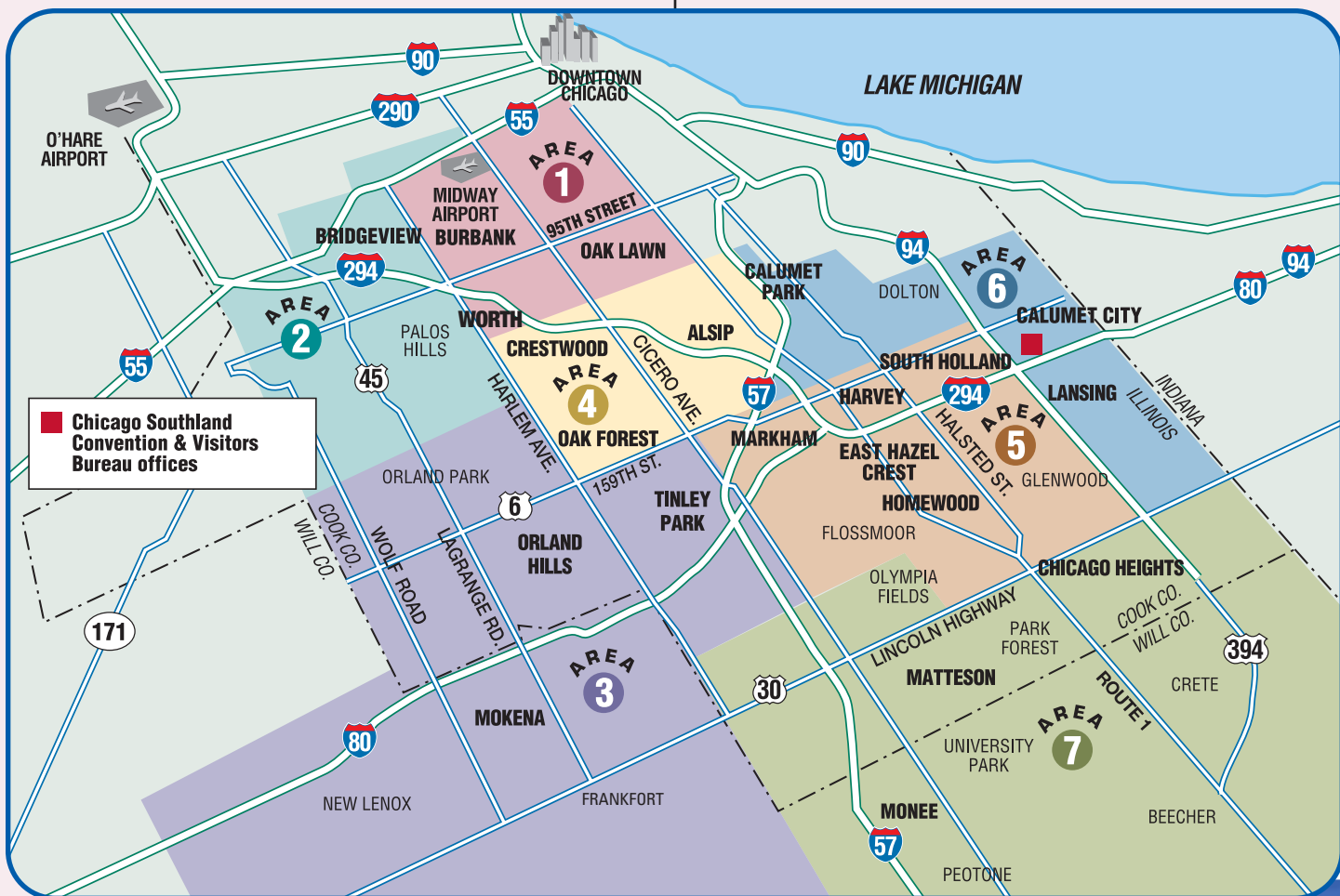
The Chicago Southland is a great place for business, with more and more executives and corporations looking to the Southland as a convenient, affordable place to start or relocate a business.

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 those in search of business relocation information. These entities can be a wealth of information to out-of-town visitors requiring accurate regional, demographic and economic development facts.

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. Additional business information is on our website at www.visitchicagosouthland.com.



Area Map



TRANSPORTATION

The Chicago metropolitan area is served by two major airports, Midway Airport and O'Hare International. Several regional accommodations offer complimentary airport transportation, and limousine and ground transportation services provide quality transportation to and from both airports.

The Lansing Municipal Airport serves private pilots and the business charter market. Call the 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.

