

WINDY CITY ROAD WARRIOR TOURS

The history of Route 66 in Chicago's Loop is best understood when you park your car and put shoe leather on the sidewalks. The Route 66 corridor comes alive when you savor the sights and sounds, venture into the buildings that line the highway, and take a close look at the things that fly by your car window too fast.

Route 66 in Chicago's Loop ran along Jackson Boulevard and Adams Street, parallel thoroughfares packed with historic sites and structures.

EAST LOOP TOUR

We explore Route 66 on Jackson Boulevard and Adams Street between Michigan Avenue and LaSalle Street.

- See Chicago's Historic Route Center, where Route 66 Began.
- See buildings designed by Chicago's famous architects.
- See how Chicago's railroad history shaped the Route 66 corridor.

WEST LOOP TOUR

We explore Route 66 on Jackson Boulevard and Adams Street between LaSalle and Clinton Streets.

- See the Chicago River Bridges that carried Route 66 traffic to and from the Loop.
- See Union Station, Chicago's last functioning railroad station.
- See Lou Mitchell's Restaurant, where motorists have gathered since 1923.

TOUR RATES AND DETAILS

All tours last approximately 2 hours and cover about one mile in a circular loop.

The tours are \$15.00 per person (subject to change). Payment is CASH ONLY at the time of the tour. Advance payments will be accepted with Money Order, Personal Check, or Paypal. Please see the back of this brochure for payment and reservation information.

All tours are by reservation only. Times are normally available 7 days per week, morning through evening hours.

CUSTOM AND DRIVING TOURS

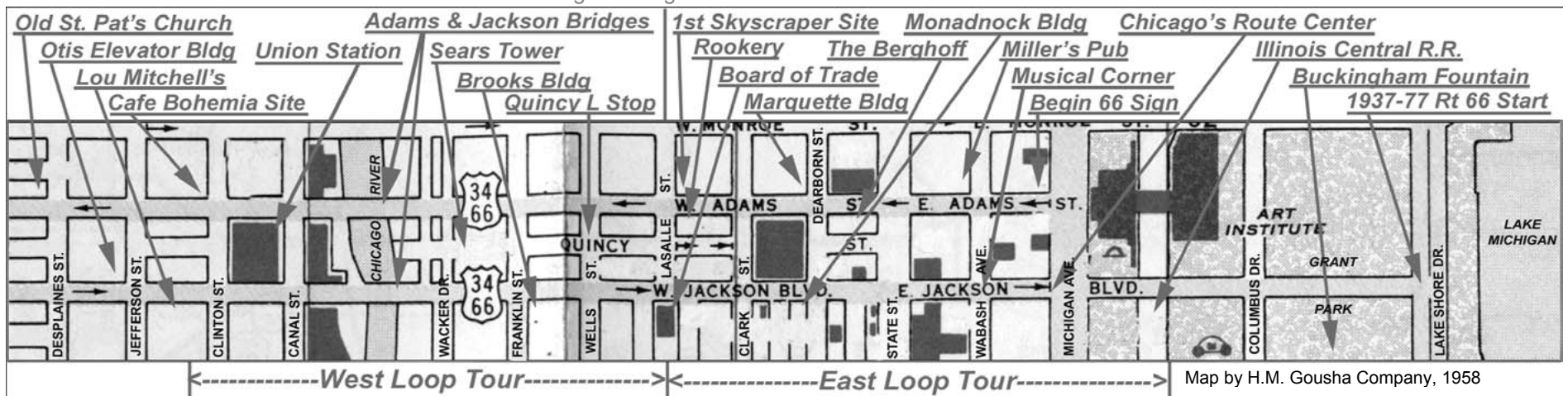
Windy City Road Warrior tours can arrange a tour of different sections of Route 66 within Cook County, tours of other famous highways in the area, or even narrated tours by car. Custom tours have a minimum fee of \$30.00. Please see the back of this brochure for contact information.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING OPTIONS

The Route 66 corridor is convenient to Lake Shore Drive, US 41, and interstates I-55, I-90, I-94, and I-290. Parking in the West Loop area near Union Station and Lou Mitchell's is half the cost of parking in the heart of the Loop.

METRA trains and CTA rapid transit and bus service is plentiful in the Route 66 corridor. Information is available at www.rtachicago.com or at 312-836-7000.

Union Station (on the West Loop Tour) is Chicago's Amtrak station. Service information is available at www.amtrak.com or 1-800-USA-RAIL.



Map by H.M. Gousha Company, 1958

IT WINDS FROM CHICAGO...

From 1926-1977, Route 66 guided motorists from the Windy City lakefront to the Pacific surf in California

For half a century, the mystique grew to make Route 66 America's most famous highway.

It started as America's Main Street, stringing together the town squares from Chicago to Los Angeles.

In the Great Depression, Route 66 became the Mother Road, the road of flight for poor families migrating to the Promised Land of California.

In the Baby-boomer 1950s, Route 66 was the #1 road for vacationers heading west to the Petrified Forest, the Grand Canyon, or the newly opened Disneyland.

But there would have been no Route 66 if not for the place...

...WHERE THE ROADS BEGIN

The place that would become Chicago was a Potawatomi trail head and pioneer crossroads. The town of Chicago was created to be the center of trade when the Illinois & Michigan Canal connected the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River.

Chicago became the railroad hub of North America, the gateway from the settled east to the new American west. Commerce flowed along the iron rails between Midwest plains and Southwestern deserts.

The corridor of commerce connecting Chicago to Los Angeles and blazed by the railroads became the blueprint for Route 66. The Mother Road followed the path west from Chicago, and brought that corridor into the car culture of the 20th Century.

RESERVE YOUR TOUR ON CHICAGO'S ROUTE 66

To reserve a tour or for any questions please contact

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"My group enjoyed your tour so much! I love the blend of general highway history, Chicago city history, architecture, and Route 66 information that you offer in your tour."

--M.B., Oak Park, IL

"Many thanks for a great walk and tour. We have been here less than a day but we feel we have a really good feel for the city."

--J.T., Toronto, Canada

"I was fortunate to go both on the east walk and the west walk. I've been to Chicago many times, but this shed a whole new light on it."

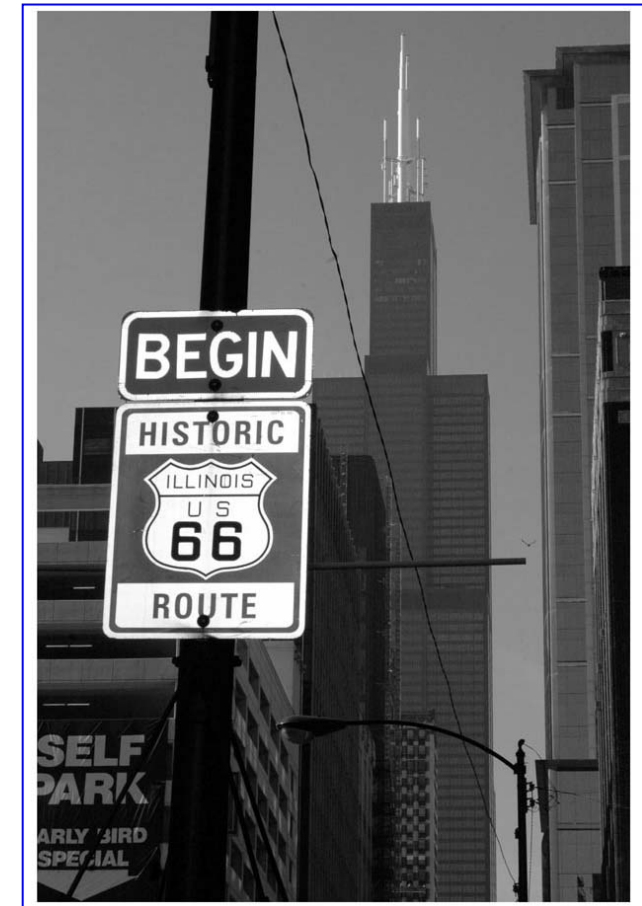
--D. H., Fox Lake, IL



LOOP WALKING TOURS

Get Your Kicks on Chicago's Route 66

Where the Mother Road Begins!



Take a walk through history on the first mile of the Main Street of America