

## Downtown Chicago to Wilmette

There are many, many ways that you can ride from downtown Chicago to Wilmette. I assume that you're able to get to Chicago's Lakefront Trail, which offers a delightful view of the city and of Lake Michigan. Ride north (hint – head toward the lake, and then turn left on the trail) until the Trail ends one block north of Hollywood at Ardmore Avenue.

**Note:** Especially between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Lakefront Trail can be crowded with a wide variety of people (and their pets), especially in the early evening. **Ride carefully** and enjoy the view.

This is the route that suits **my** commuting demeanor: It's neither the most direct nor the fastest route, but in general uses streets with relatively little automotive traffic (so that my mind can wander while I ride). This route is **not** identical (but it's close) to the route **from** Wilmette **to** downtown Chicago because of one-way streets.

Note – this route ends at the Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois

**Caution:** You **will** be riding on city streets, so be prepared for traffic.

Turn	Direction	Distance (Miles)	Street/Location
Left	West	0.0	From Chicago's Lakefront Trail onto Ardmore Avenue ( <b>Caution: Obey the traffic lights at Sheridan Road</b> ). <b>NOTE:</b> You <b>WILL</b> be riding against the flow of traffic for one block on Ardmore, in the official bike lane
Right	North	0.2	Kenmore Avenue
Left	West	0.8	Granville Avenue
Right	North	1.2	Glenwood Avenue
Left	West	2.0	Pratt Boulevard
Right	North	2.5	Ravenswood Avenue
Left	West	2.6	Morse Avenue
Right	North	2.8	Wolcott Avenue
Left	West	3.3	Rogers Avenue
Right	North	3.3	Winchester Avenue
Left	West	3.7	Howard Street ( <b>Caution: Cross traffic does NOT have stop signs on Howard</b> )
Right	North	3.7	Custer Avenue
Left	West	4.5	Reba Place
Right	North	4.6	Sherman Avenue
Left	West	5.0	Lee Street
Right	North	5.1	Elmwood Avenue
Right	East	5.5	Greenwood Street
Left	North	5.6	Sherman Avenue ( <b>Caution: You'll be riding through downtown Evanston – pay particular attention to parked cars</b> )
Right	North	7.5	Asbury Avenue
Left	West	7.9	Isabella Street
Right	Northwest	8.6	Poplar Avenue
Straight	North	9.1	<b>Carefully</b> cross Wilmette Avenue to the Wilmette Village Hall