

## Wilmette to Downtown Chicago

There are many, many ways that you can ride from Wilmette to downtown Chicago. 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** downtown Chicago **to** Wilmette because of one-way streets.

Note – this route starts from 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
	Southeast	0.0	From Wilmette Village Hall onto Poplar Drive
Left	East	0.6	Isabella Street
Right	South	1.2	At Isabella Street, take a slight dog-leg to your left to continue south on McDaniel Avenue in Evanston
Left	East	1.7	Lincoln Street ( <b>Caution: Traffic on Lincoln does NOT have stop signs</b> )
Right	South	2.1	Sherman Avenue ( <b>Caution: You'll be riding through downtown Evanston – pay particular attention to parked cars</b> )
Right	West	3.3	Lake Street
Left	South	3.4	Elmwood Avenue
Left	East	4.0	Lee Street
Right	South	4.1	Sherman Avenue
Left	East	4.6	Seward Street
Right	South	4.7	Custer Avenue
Straight	South	5.3	At Howard Street (the Chicago border), Custer becomes Damen Avenue
Slight Dog-leg Left	South	5.7	At Rogers Avenue, Damen makes a slight dog-leg to the left. Continue riding south.
Left	East	5.8	Touhy Avenue
Right	South	5.9	Wolcott Avenue
Left	East	6.4	Pratt Boulevard ( <b>Caution: Traffic on Pratt does NOT have stop signs</b> )
Right	South	6.5	Ravenswood Avenue
Left	East	6.8	Albion Avenue
Right	South	7.3	Glenwood Avenue
Left	East	7.7	Rosemont Avenue
Right	South	8.0	Winthrop Avenue
Left	East	8.7	Ardmore Avenue
Straight	East	8.8	Sheridan Road ( <b>Caution: Obey the traffic lights at Sheridan Road</b> )
Right	South	8.9	Get on Chicago's <b>Lakefront Trail</b> <b>CAUTION:</b> 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. <b>Ride carefully</b> , and enjoy the view.

Chicago's Lakefront Trail will take you south to (and past) downtown Chicago. You will need to choose where it's best for **you** to head west across Lake Shore Drive to get to your destination (hint: choose an intersection with an underpass or traffic lights, such as the underpass at Michigan Avenue [15.3 miles] , Grand Avenue [16.2 mi] or Monroe Street [17.1 mi]).