

McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum

Main Stem of the Chicago River

Address or Nearest Intersection:

376 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL. On the Northwest corner of N. Michigan Ave. and Wacker Dr. or in the southwest tower on the DuSable Bridge.

Directions: The museum's main entrance is located on the lower (river) level, on the Chicago Riverwalk.

Owner: Friends of the Chicago River.

Habitat Description:

The Bridgehouse Museum is on the channelized section of the river downtown. It's a great destination for a hike, history-themed lesson, boats, bridges, and bird watching. *Special Note:* The Bridgehouse Museum celebrates the Chicago River and its world-famous movable bridges and is open to the public. Located just feet away from the historic site of Fort Dearborn, the five-story museum reveals the river's history as well as the gears that open the Michigan Ave. Bridge. The Bridgehouse Museum is seasonal and open mid-May through the end of October. Visit www.bridgehousemuseum.org for more info, a complete schedule and help planning a trip.

Access to water: There is no wading access, but you can do water chemistry testing in front of the museum. This site is perfect for a group interested in learning more about the river's history.

Amenities: The museum has bathrooms for visitors during open hours. The Riverwalk is open to the public.

Parking: No parking at the museum. Buses can drop off along Wacker Dr. Public transport is the best option.

Capacity: Up to 40 visitors at a time; groups larger than 20 can stagger entrance times for the museum.

