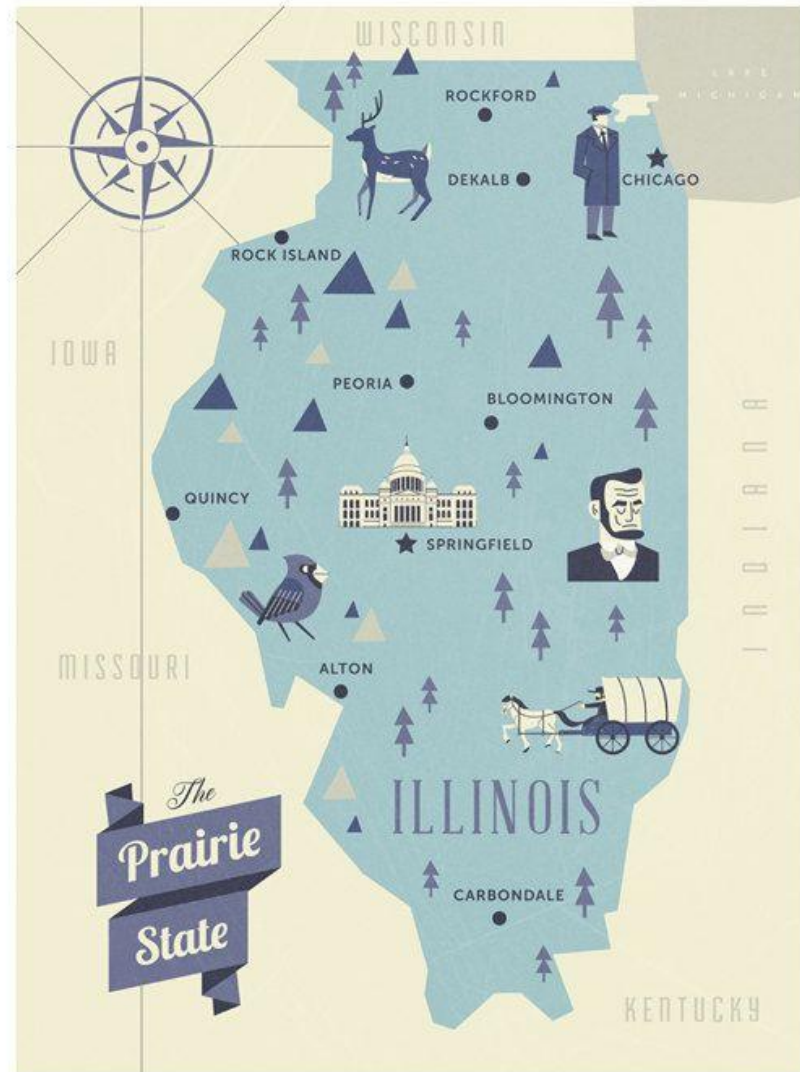


Chicago

Location

Chicago is located in northeastern Illinois on the southwestern shores of Lake Michigan. It is the principal city in the Chicago metropolitan area, situated in the Midwestern United States and the Great Lakes region. The city lies beside huge freshwater Lake Michigan, and two rivers—the Chicago River in downtown and the Calumet River in the industrial far South Side—flow entirely or partially through Chicago.



Population

Chicago boomed during the 1840s and by 1850 it had a population of 30,000. By 1920 it had reached 2.7 million. By 1930 the population of Chicago was 3,376,000. In 1950 the population of Chicago peaked at 3.6 million. However in the late 20th century the population of the city gradually declined. Today the population of Chicago is 2.7 million.

Climate



The city lies within the hot-summer humid continental climate zone. Summers are hot and often humid, with a July daily average high of 85.0 °F (29.4 °C). There are many sunny but cold days in winter. The normal winter high from December through March is about 36 °F (2 °C), with January and February being the coldest months, when overnight temperatures occasionally drop below 0 °F (-18 °C).

A brief history of Chicago

- The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 burned for three days, and destroyed a third of the city (20,000 buildings). 300 people were killed, and the 100,000 people who were left homeless faced a freezing winter.
- In 1903 the city of Chicago suffered a disaster when a fire broke out in the Iroquois Theater and nearly 600 people died. The Iroquois Theater was demolished in 1925 and it was replaced by the Oriental Theater.
- Prohibition and the resultant Chicago gangland wars dominated the news in the 1920s. 1,000 gangs ran the liquor business in Chicago including that of Al Capone.
- In 1927 Chicago Municipal Airport opened. (it is now called Midway Airport).
- On December 2, 1942, the first nuclear reaction in a controlled environment was conducted at the University of Chicago.

Sights in Chicago

The Green Mill

Once you've snapped a picture of the iconic Green Mill marquee, head inside, order a cocktail and take in a set from some of the city's top jazz musicians.



Wrigley Field

To watch baseball at one of the oldest ballparks in America.



360 CHICAGO

Daredevils will want to test their mettle on 360 CHICAGO's TILT attraction, which dares guests to lean over the side of the building and look down at the busy streets below.



Thanks for watching!

