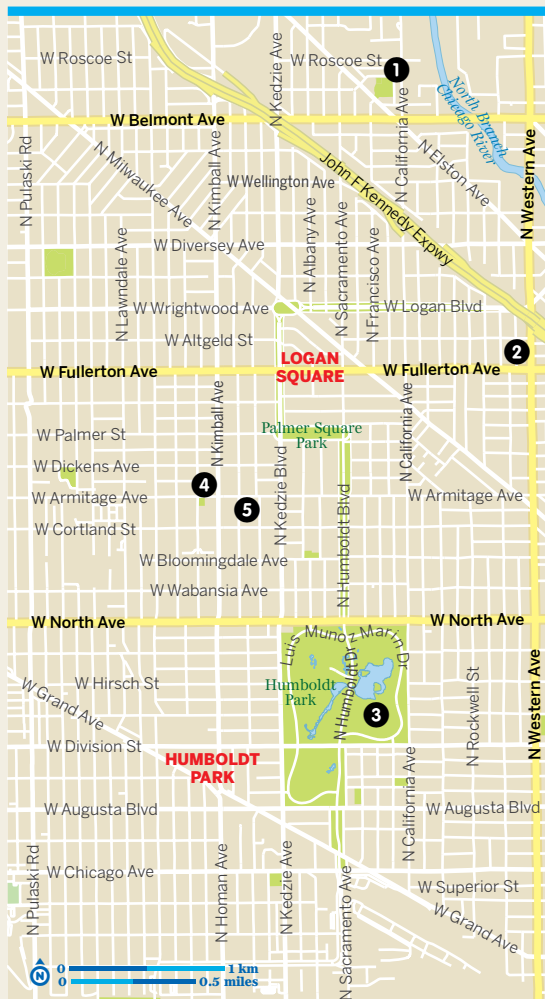


Logan Square & Humboldt Park



Neighborhood Top Five

- ❶ Biting into a fig-and-goat-cheese-slathered elk sausage while admiring weenie-themed art after meeting the pope of en-cased meats at **Hot Doug's** (p155).
- ❷ Flicking through sweet vinyl and playing vintage Donkey Kong at **Logan Hardware** (p163).
- ❸ Strolling around the lagoon and munching Puerto Rican snacks in **Humboldt Park** (p155).
- ❹ Hearing a fret-bending set by local bluesmen at **Rosa's Lounge** (p162).
- ❺ Perusing thousands of oddball badges at the **Busy Beaver Button Museum** (p155).

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Pack your patience for Logan Square's rich restaurant scene. Most places do not take reservations, so you'll have to wait an hour or more to fork into that goji berry pheasant sausage. Try to arrive right at opening time. Otherwise, hit the bar. At **Kuma's Corner** (p156) and **Longman & Eagle** (p160), you can order meals at the bar if you snag a seat.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Hot Doug's (p155)
- ➔ Longman & Eagle (p160)
- ➔ Reno (p156)
- ➔ Kuma's Corner (p156)
- ➔ Lula Cafe (p160)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Revolution Brewing (p161)
- ➔ Billy Sunday (p161)
- ➔ Small Bar (p162)
- ➔ Quenchers Saloon (p162)
- ➔ Scofflaw (p162)

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Best Places for Entertainment

- ➔ Whistler (p162)
- ➔ Rosa's Lounge (p162)
- ➔ Logan Theatre (p163)
- ➔ Prop Thtr (p163)
- ➔ Elastic Arts Foundation (p163)

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Explore: Logan Square & Humboldt Park

Sights are few and far between in Logan Square and Humboldt Park. No matter. You're here to eat, drink and see a show. Many of Chicago's best restaurants are tucked in along the neighborhood's tree-shaded boulevards. These aren't high-falutin' places, but rather boisterous taverns and small storefronts dishing out inventive fare (Michelin-starred, in some cases) at reasonable prices. Add in retro dive bars, sudsy brewpubs and thrifty gin lounges for sipping, plus artsy music clubs for entertainment, and you've got a stellar Chicago night out.

Logan Square is the hipster haven, home to artists and stylish types who've moved in among the Latino families. Gentrification continues its relentless push here, but thanks to Logan's community gardens, neighborhood-run farmers market and preservation efforts, the area has more or less held on to its dignity. Longman & Eagle, Hot Doug's, Lula Cafe and several other must-eats serve during the day, but nighttime is when the action peaks.

Humboldt Park, to the south, is rougher around the edges. It's still heavily Puerto Rican, as the giant flag sculptures and island-food cafes along Division St attest. The eponymous park is the area's focal point. Morning or afternoon is the best time to visit.

Local Life

- ➔ **Free Stuff** Just north of Lula Cafe (p160), there are a couple of newspaper boxes that front W Logan Blvd. Inside are free books and DVDs. Go ahead: take one or leave one. Residents swap 'em all the time.
- ➔ **Heavy Drinking** To slake thirst, the neighborhood hot spot is the 2300 block of N Milwaukee Ave. At press time, three new bars and a craft distillery were slated to open, joining Revolution Brewing (p161), Cole's (p162) and a couple of awesome coffee shops.
- ➔ **Sausages** Longman & Eagle (p160) hosts a pop-up sausage restaurant at its Offsite Bar (across the patio from the main venue) every Saturday starting at 11am.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **El** Most Logan Square destinations can be reached via the Blue Line stations at Logan Square and California.
- ➔ **Bus** For Humboldt Park destinations, you'll need a bus. Number 70 travels along Division St to the heart of the park. Bus 72 along North Ave, bus 73 along Armitage Ave and bus 74 along Fullerton Ave are also useful.
- ➔ **Car** Street parking isn't bad, although it can get tight around Logan Square near Lula Cafe.