Planning a Train Crawl

A train crawl is a great way to get to and explore the suburbs in a fun, relaxed setting. A little foresight and planning will go a long way to ensuring you and your group have a great day riding the rails. This travel guide is specially designed to help you schedule your crawl so you can get the most out of your event.

First and foremost, plan a ‘home base’ station to start and end from. This way you and your group can easily plan ahead to determine the logistics of how to get home at the end of the night.

Next, determine what kinds of places you’d like to stop at and how long you’d like to spend at each location. The Yard Social Club recommends low-key, more casual establishments where guests will feel comfortable walking around and mingling. We recommend scheduling around the ‘sweet spot’ of 60-90 minutes per location, but obviously the train schedule will require some flexibility. Don’t forget to include time to get back to the station before the next train comes, including additional time to cross the tracks if needed. On the Union Pacific West, inbound trains usually run on the north track and outbound trains usually run on the south track. Build some flexibility in your schedule in case unforeseen delays occur, either due to your group, or slight delays on Metra’s end.

Please drink responsibly
Do Not drink and drive
Plan ahead: take transit, call a cab, or designate a driver


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Pace #834
Pace #359
#22-Clark
#29-State
#35-31st/35th
LaSalle Street Station
Gresham
Beverly Hills/91st
Beverly Hills/95th
Beverly Hills/99th
Beverly Hills/103rd
Beverly Hills/107th
Morgan Park/111th
Morgan Park/115th

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Interactive Train Crawl Map

Launch our Ultimate Train Crawl Map on your smartphone using the above QR code. Track your trip, plan your route, look up even more bars and restaurants, check out other train lines, and more!

Take Metra to Guaranteed Rate Field!
Exit trains at ‘Lou’ Jones/35th and walk two blocks west.