

Chicago's Millenium Park

Chicago's Newest Attraction

Welcome to Chicago's latest showcase-Millennium Park. First planned in 1998 as a way to create new parkland in Grant Park and transform unsightly railroad tracks and parking lots, Millennium Park has evolved into the most significant millennium project in the world.

Located in downtown Chicago on Michigan Avenue between Randolph and Monroe Streets, the 24.5-acre park is an unprecedented center for world-class art, music, architecture and landscape design, where you can experience everything from interactive public art and ice skating to al fresco dining and free classical music presentations by the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus. Among the park's prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary Lurie Garden designed by the team of Kathryn Gustafson, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture.

Cloud Gate will be tented to undergo final polishing and welding through Spring, 2005. It will be off view to the public during this process.



Millenium Park History

Millennium Park was first conceived in 1998 with the original mission of creating new parkland in Grant Park to transform the unsightly railroad tracks and parking lots that had long dotted the lakefront in prime real estate in downtown Chicago. Over time, the project has evolved into the most important millennium project in the world.

With an unprecedented combination of architecture, monumental sculpture and landscape design, the 24.5 acre Millennium Park includes the artistry of an unprecedented collection of world-renowned artists, architects, planners, landscape architects and designers including Frank Gehry, Anish Kapoor, Jaume Plensa and Kathryn Gustafson.

Millennium Park is the crowning achievement of the vision set forth by the original founders of Chicago in 1837. The city's motto, "Urbs In Horto" or "City in a Garden" has never rung truer. Today's Millennium Park marks the Millennium for the ages and leaves Chicago with a marvelous venue to be enjoyed and cherished for generations to come.