

A JOURNEY THROUGH PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Welcome aboard the South Shore Line — your ticket to the vibrant and diverse Calumet Region. This is not just a journey, but an exploration curated for the Calumet Heritage Area, which showcases the region's unique blend of history, innovation, and natural beauty.

The Calumet Heritage Area serves as a bridge between Illinois and Indiana's shared past and future. It's our mission to enrich lives by highlighting and interpreting the heritage assets of the Calumet Region.

As we navigate the South Shore, you'll encounter a landscape that beautifully intertwines past, present, and future. Each stop and the ride between them introduces you to a facet of the Calumet Region's character. From thriving urban centers and humming industries to tranquil rural vistas and scenic natural wonders, our region's charm is as vast and varied as the landscape itself.

So sit back, relax, and let us guide you through a land rich in diversity as you ride along the South Shore. With our guide in hand, you're not just a passenger — you're an explorer, an adventurer, a witness to the unfolding story of the Calumet Region.

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE TOGETHER

We invite you to join our community of passionate individuals committed to preserving and celebrating the Calumet Region's heritage. Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Become a Member:** Support our mission by becoming a member and gain access to exclusive benefits and opportunities to engage with the Calumet Heritage Partnership community.
2. **Volunteer:** Share your time, skills, and enthusiasm by volunteering for our various programs and projects. Contribute directly to the preservation and interpretation of the Calumet Region's rich heritage.
3. **Sponsorship and Donations:** Help us continue our vital work by sponsoring our initiatives or making a generous donation. Your support ensures the long-term sustainability of our preservation efforts.
4. **Find Us Online and On Social:** Reach out today to learn more about the Calumet Heritage Partnership and how you can get involved. Visit calumetheritagearea.org or check us out on our social channels!



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OUR PARTNERS



EXPLORE THE SOUTH SHORE

DISCOVER LAKE
MICHIGAN'S HISTORIC
SHORELINE



YOUR GUIDE TO THE HEART OF THE CALUMET REGION

DISCOVER THE VIBRANT LANDMARKS
ALONG THE SOUTHERN
SHORE OF LAKE MICHIGAN

Calumet Heritage Area

Calumet Heritage Area
contained in the dotted
line area of the map

U.S. Route 12

The portion of U.S. Route 12
that runs through NW Indiana

The Marquette Greenway

A non-motorized greenway
58 miles in length once done.
Solid lines are complete paths
and transparent lines are
in the works. Bikes can be
brought on trains

Scan the QR Code to find out more about
these stops along the South Shore:



KNOW THE AREA



1-4 Millennium Station Van Buren Street Museum Campus McCormick Place

- Grant Park and Museums
- Millennium Park
- Black Metropolis National Heritage Area and the Great Migration Corridor

5 55-56-57th Street

- University of Chicago and leaders who advocated to study (Henry Chandler Cowles) and save (Sen. Paul Douglas) the Dunes
- Future site of Obama Presidential Center

6 Hegewisch

- Powderhorn Lake (most species rich part of Chicago)

7 Hammond

- Double tracking and historic investments in commuter rail

8 East Chicago

- Roxanna Marsh
- Petroleum Industry

9 Gary/Chicago Airport

- Seidner Dune + Swale, Du Pont Natural Areas
- Grand Calumet River cleanup and restoration

10 Gary Metro Center

- Gary Union Station
- Thomas Edison concrete homes
- EJ&E #765 Steam Locomotive
- US Steel Gary Works

11 Miller

- Paul Douglas Center for Environmental Education
- Marquette Park (Pavilion, Aquatorium, beach)
- West Beach (Indiana Dunes National Park)
- Nelson Algren Museum

12 Portage / Ogden Dunes

- Cleveland Cliffs (formerly Bethlehem Steel)
- Portage Lakefront Park (Indiana Dunes National Park and City of Portage)

13 Dune Park

- Indiana Dunes National Park
- Indiana Dunes Visitors Center
- Indigenous Cultural Trail
- Marquette Greenway

14 Beverly Shore

- 1933 Chicago's World's Fair homes
- Mt. Baldy
- Great Marsh restoration

15 Michigan City

- Historic street running of the RR
- Historic South Shore train station
- Downtown Arts District
- Barker Mansion Museum

16 Carroll Avenue

- Shops of the "Last Interurban RR in America"

17 Hudson Lake

- Hesston Steam Museum

18 South Bend Airport

- Gateway to South Bend (Studebaker Museum, University of Notre Dame)

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