



N. La Salle St. bridge - gateway to the Loop (map #8)

THERE ARE 36 MOVABLE BRIDGES IN CHICAGO AND 18 ARE IN THE LOOP ALONG THE CHICAGO RIVER.

WHICH BRIDGE:

- ★ IS THE OLDEST?
- ★ IS THE NEWEST?
- ★ IS THE WIDEST?
- ★ HAS THE LONGEST SPAN?
- ★ HAS THE MOST AUTO TRAFFIC?
- ★ HAS THE MOST FOOT TRAFFIC?
- ★ HAS THE HEAVIEST LEAF?
- ★ IS THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED?
- ★ THE FIRST DOUBLE DECK BRIDGE?



Looking north from the deck of the W. Jackson Blvd. bridge (map #17)

THE BRIDGES

(BRIDGE NUMBERS KEYED TO MAP)
(YEAR OPENED)

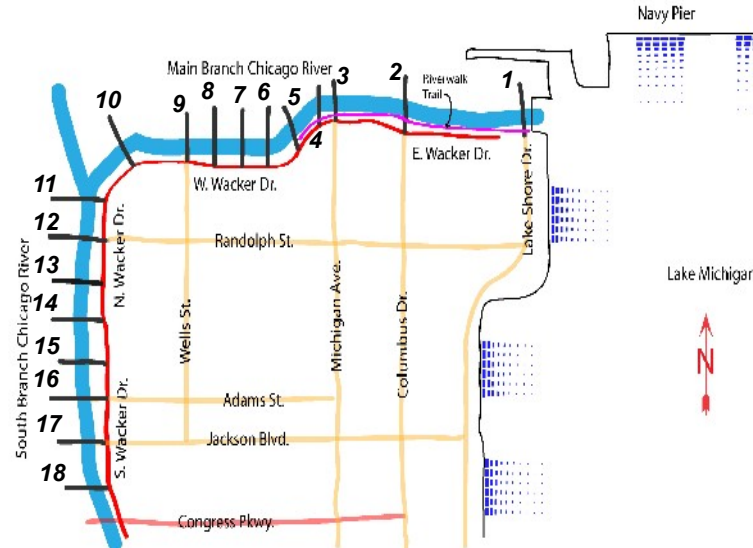
1. N. LAKE SHORE DR. (FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL BRIDGE -- 1937)
2. N. COLUMBUS DR. (WILLIAM P. FAHEY BRIDGE -- 1982)
3. N. MICHIGAN AVE. (1920)
4. N. WABASH AVE. (IRV KUPCINET BRIDGE -- 1930)
5. N. STATE ST. (BATAAN CORREGIDOR MEMORIAL BRIDGE -- 1949)
6. N. DEARBORN ST. (1963)
7. N. CLARK ST. (1929)
8. N. LA SALLE ST. (MARSHALL SULOWAY BRIDGE -- 1928)
9. N. WELLS ST. (1922)
10. N. FRANKLIN ST. (1920)
11. W. LAKE ST. (1916)
12. W. RANDOLPH ST. (1984)
13. W. WASHINGTON BLVD. (1913)
14. W. MADISON ST. (LYRIC OPERA BRIDGE -- 1922)
15. W. MONROE ST. (1919)
16. W. ADAMS ST. (1927)
17. W. JACKSON BLVD. (1916)
18. W. VAN BUREN ST. (1956)



A view of the upper deck at the N. Wells St. bridge (map #9)

Touring Tidbits

- ★ CHICAGO RIVERWALK RUNS FROM LAKE MICHIGAN TO STATE ST. (MAP #'S 1-5) AT RIVER LEVEL.
- ★ SEE THE BRIDGEHOUSE MUSEUM AT N. MICHIGAN AVE. (MAP #3)
- ★ OLDEST AND NEWEST BRIDGES ARE NEIGHBORS (MAP #'S 12 & 13).
- ★ WATER TAXI STOPS ARE NEAR NAVY PIER; N. MICHIGAN AVE. (MAP #3); W. MADISON ST. (MAP #14); AND W. ADAMS ST. (MAP #16).



ANSWERS

THE **OLDEST** BRIDGE IS AT W. WASHINGTON BLVD., BUILT IN 1913 (MAP #13).

THE **NEWEST** BRIDGE IS AT W. RANDOLPH ST., BUILT IN 1984 (MAP #12).

THE **WIDEST** BRIDGE IS THE N. COLUMBUS DR. BRIDGE AT 111 FT (MAP #2)

THE BRIDGES WITH THE **LONGEST SPAN** ARE AT N. COLUMBUS DR. AND N. WABASH AVE., TIED AT 232 FT (MAP #'S 2 & 4).

THE **MOST AUTO TRAFFIC** CROSSES THE N. LAKE SHORE DR. BRIDGE – 112,000 VEHICLES PER DAY (MAP #1).

THE **MOST FOOT TRAFFIC** CROSSES THE W. MADISON ST. BRIDGE – 42,000 PEOPLE PER DAY (MAP #14).

THE N. LAKE SHORE DR. BRIDGE HAS THE **HEAVIEST LEAF**, WEIGHING 6,420 TONS (MAP #1).

THE N. MICHIGAN AVE. BRIDGE IS THE **MOST PHOTOGRAPHED** BRIDGE IN CHICAGO (MAP #3).

THE W. LAKE ST. BRIDGE IS THE FIRST **DOUBLE DECK BASCULE** BRIDGE (MAP #11).



N. Michigan Ave. Bridge (map #3)



N. Lake Shore Dr. at night (Map #1)

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE BEAUTIES AT:

WWW.CHICAGOLOOPBRIDGES.COM

GENERAL INFORMATION

HISTORY

BRIDGES IN MOVIES AND MORE

VIDEOS OF THE BRIDGES IN ACTION

INFORMATION FOR SELF-GUIDED TOURING

SMART PHONE FRIENDLY VERSION

FREE GUIDED WALKING TOURS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION E-MAIL OR CALL

JIM PHILLIPS

STROLLING@CHICAGOLOOPBRIDGES.COM

312-540-0696

FOLLOW CHICAGO LOOP BRIDGES ON

[HTTP://TWITTER.COM/CHICAGOBRIDGES](http://TWITTER.COM/CHICAGOBRIDGES)

©2010 JAMES S. PHILLIPS

Chicago Loop Bridges
Two Miles - Eighteen Bridges



Looking west along the Main Branch Chicago River from the N. State St. bridge (map #5)

**WELCOME TO CHICAGO,
MOVABLE BRIDGE CAPITAL
OF THE WORLD!**



Looking north along the South Branch Chicago River from the W. Madison St. bridge (map #14)