



NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

CHICAGO

Your future awaits at North Park University!

Located on the northwest side of the city of Chicago, nestled along the north branch of the Chicago River, North Park University is the perfect mix of that “small school” feel and an incredible, world class city! Check out [North Park at a Glance](#) to learn more North Park facts and figures.



VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS

[Guided tour of campus buildings and facilities](#)

[Aerial Campus Tour](#)



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CAMPUS HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCES

[Helwig Recreation Center](#)

[Wellness Resources](#)

GREEN SPACES

The Chicago area is full of beautiful green spaces where you can enjoy nature!

❖ Close to North Park

- [Winnemac Park](#): Beautiful nature area
- [Welles Park](#): Indoor Pool and outdoor nature space
- [River Park](#): Outdoor pool and nature space with bike trail
- [Horner Park](#): 57-acre park
- [North Park Nature Center](#): Hiking and outdoor activities
- [West Ridge Nature Center](#): 21-acre park with pond
- Lake Michigan Lakefront: [Lakefront Trail Map](#), [things to do along the Lake](#)

❖ Greater Chicagoland Area

- [Chicago Botanic Garden](#)
- [Morton Arboretum](#)
- [Cantigny Park](#)
- [Fort Sheridan](#)
- [Best Chicago Bike Trails](#)

LOGISTICS

- ❖ [Campus Map, Transportation, and Parking Information](#)
- ❖ [Chicago Transit Authority](#): Use this link to plan a trip using Chicago's bus and elevated train system ("L")
- ❖ [Chicago Transit System Map](#): Great map of the city showing detailed transit lines, street names and landmarks
- ❖ [Airports](#): O'Hare International Airport is located directly west of North Park and is between 30-45 minutes' drive, depending on traffic. Midway is located south of the city and is roughly 45-60 minutes' drive, depending on traffic.

HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ [Holiday Inn & Suites Chicago North Shore](#): Skokie, a near north suburb
- ❖ [Holiday Inn Express & Suites Chicago North Shore](#): Niles, a near north suburb
- ❖ [InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile](#): located on the "Mag Mile", north of Chicago's downtown "Loop", is known for shopping and great dining options
- ❖ [Best Western Plus Hawthorn Terrace Hotel](#): located near the Lakefront and Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs



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LOCAL APARTMENT RESOURCES AND NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE

BASICS

- ❖ **LOCATION:** NPU is located on the northwest side of the City of Chicago at the corner of Foster and Kedzie Avenues in the North Park neighborhood of Chicago, very close to Northeastern IL University (NEIU). In your apartment search, if you see NEIU listed as being nearby, the location will be a similar distance to North Park.
 - Pro Tip:** Consider limiting your search to the north side of the City (north of downtown/the Loop area). Chicago traffic can double your commute time if you are too far away!
- ❖ **COST:** You should expect to pay between from \$900-\$1500 for a studio or 1 bedroom apartment, though prices vary by neighborhood
- ❖ **UTILITIES-QUESTIONS TO ASK:**
 - How long is the lease, and is the lease length flexible?
 - What utilities are covered in the lease (heat, air conditioning, cable, wi-fi, etc)
 - Is there laundry in the building? If so, is it free, coin-operated, etc
- ❖ **PARKING:** Be sure to ask the property manager whether there is parking onsite/how much it costs, whether street parking is by permit only, and how difficult street parking is. Permit parking on your street is good to have but is not always necessary. All Chicago residents are required to have a Chicago City Vehicle Sticker, however. The link to purchase yours is below.
 - [Get your Chicago City Vehicle Sticker](#)
 - [North Park University Campus Parking](#)
- ❖ **CAMPUS HOUSING:** North Park has a limited selection of graduate apartments available. If you would like to apply for housing, please [click here](#). We strongly encourage you to make alternative housing arrangements for at least your first term.

NEIGHBORHOODS/COMMUNITIES TO CHECK OUT

- ❖ **Examples of suburbs within 30 minutes:** Evanston, Skokie, Lincolnwood, Niles
- ❖ **Examples of Chicago neighborhoods within 30 minutes:** Rogers Park, Uptown, Edgewater, Lakeview, North Center, Lincoln Square, Andersonville, Albany Park, North Park, Jefferson Park, Portage Park, Forest Glen, Sauganash, Edgebrook, West Ridge, Arcadia Terrace, Ravenswood, Ravenswood Gardens, Bowmanville, Peterson Park, Horner Park, Irving Park/Old Irving Park, Roscoe Village, Budlong Woods

APARTMENT RESOURCES

North Park is located at the corner of Foster and Kedzie in the North Park neighborhood on the northwest side of Chicago. See below for resources. You can also try Craig's List, Trulia, Zillow, etc.



IMPORTANT: Please make sure to do your own research into the property/property management company as well as meet with the landlord virtually or in person, if possible. These resources are provided for your convenience and are not endorsed by North Park University.

North Park University Campus Housing: NPU has limited graduate apartments available. Many are 2 bedroom units. Campus housing may be a good option for you if you meet someone in the program with whom you would like to live and you can apply together for a 2 bedroom apartment in the future.

[Homestay Bay](#): Homestay Bay provides a listing of local homes that rent out affordable rooms/spaces on a short term or long term basis. **Many are furnished and located within 30 minutes of North Park, but stick to neighborhoods on the North Side of the city. Those that appear far away (south of downtown/Loop area) are often much more than 30 minutes away, depending on traffic!**

[For Rent University](#): Search is already set for North Park

[Apartment Finder](#): Apartment Finder provides a map of the North Park neighborhood and shows a cluster of apartments available near NPU. NPU is located at Foster and Kedzie.

[Rent Cafe](#): Search is already set for North Park

[Hot Pads](#): Search is already set for North Park

[Student Space](#): Student Space will help you identify apartments if you fill out a form with your contact info and what you are looking for

[Chicago Rentals](#): Apartments primarily located along Lakefront neighborhoods

[For Rent](#): Map already set to area around North Park

FURNITURE RENTAL RESOURCES

[INHABITR](#): Student furniture rental resources, offering packages and separate pieces at various price points. Click on "Chat Now" to get help.

[Brook Furniture Rental](#): Browse pieces by room. Packages and individual pieces available at various price points.

[AFR](#): Rent furniture packages for whole apartment.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ENJOYING A COLD CLIMATE

[Tips for living in a cold climate](#): This site offers some good tips. We would recommend purchasing boots, a coat, and gloves before you move; if you are moving in January and want to be able to try them on before you make a decision. Many stores here may have limited supplies of winter outdoor apparel by January.

Remember: "There is no such thing as bad weather...only bad clothing choices!"



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- ❖ Invest in a very warm coat that covers you at least to hip-level (longer coats are warmer!)
- ❖ Make sure you have a good hood or invest in a hat that fits your head and covers your ears
- ❖ The best scarves are not fuzzy/furry and do not get stuck in the chapstick you are likely wearing! Consider a washable fleece scarf.
- ❖ Buy gloves/mittens that are meant for very cold weather. Thin gloves are not warm enough.
- ❖ Buy warm, water-proof or water-resistant boots that keep your feet warm and dry. A good walking boot will allow you to walk and drive in winter weather comfortably. Check out [Merrell](#), [REI](#), and [Columbia](#) for some good options
- ❖ Wear slippers in your apartment and buy warm socks
- ❖ Layers, layers, layers! And consider layering with thermal underwear
- ❖ Winter can be pretty and fun! Bundle up and go outside.
 - [Best snowboarding and ski resorts near Chicago](#)
 - [Fun things to do in Chicago during the winter](#)
 - [Practice “Hygge” - the Danish tradition of coziness](#)
- ❖ Not into the cold weather? Study, binge your favorite shows, invite some friends over, and embrace indoor living in January and February! 😊

