Berger Park Cultural Center

Access and Location Information (a.k.a Wayfinding)

The address for the main building of Berger Park Cultural Center is **6205 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660**.

Watch a video orientation of the spaces at Berger Park for the August 3, 2024 Birthday Bash event at this link: https://vimeo.com/984444567?share=copy

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TRANSPORTATION

Parking options - Shoreline Tower Condominium, located at 6310 N. Sheridan Road (one block north of Berger Park) offers hourly public parking for $8.00 (up to 4 hours). Daily parkers must pay via credit or debit cards.

Street metered parking is available on Granville Avenue, as well as Broadway.

Visitors may also choose to use the Loyola University's parking lot. To access this parking, continue north on Sheridan Road to Kenmore Avenue. Turn right on Kenmore at Loyola's main entrance and follow the signs to the parking garage.

There is a cul-de-sac (@ Granville) on the south side of the park, which allows for ADA drop off. All of the North/South streets west of Sheridan Rd are NOT residential permit parking so if you can find a spot, park there.

Red Line Train - Granville Stop. Exit station and go two blocks east toward the lake.

151 or 147 CTA bus - Stops right in front of the park at Granville Avenue and Sheridan Road.

Bicycle - Bike racks are located throughout Berger Park. Most bike racks are on the east (lake) side of the park.

Berger Park includes multiple buildings, 2 of which are always accessible to people who use mobility assistance devices and/or wheelchairs.
The first floor of the South (main) Mansion and the Coach House buildings are accessible by ramps. In the Coach House Black Box Theater, seating on floor level (with no step up) is available.

The North (office) Mansion and Dance Studio (3rd floor) are not permanently accessible. We are working on temporary ramps for the North mansion.

Moving into the buildings with mobility assistance devices

The paths into and around the buildings are mostly smooth and even, though there are some changes in levels and occasional cracks in the concrete. The paths are all continuous from the drop off driveway to each building and all are wider than city sidewalks.

Below: view of main (aka South) mansion entrance from N Sheridan Rd.

Image description: a front photo of Berger Park South Mansion. A three story beige building. Two sets of brick stairs leading to the entrance doors are separated by a railing. First set of stairs has three steps, the second set has six steps. Green bushes are located on each side of the stairs. There's ample space in front of the entrance doors.

Video of moving through the South Mansion space: [1 South Mansion.MOV]

About the Dance Studio

We regret that the studio is not fully accessible. Participants must move up two sets of wide wooden stairs to access the studio space.
The dance studio is located on the 3rd floor of the main mansion. It has a Marley dance floor over wood planks, natural and artificial lighting, and window air conditioning. Non-binary bathrooms are available on the 2nd floor.

Below: view of the Dance Studio on the 3rd floor of the main mansion

Above: a corner view of the dance studio with a black vinyl (aka Marley) floor taped down over wood. The walls are painted beige and brown and have angles like the attic of a house, with water pipes and lighting fixtures attached.

Below: view of the Coach House entrance from the central courtyard.

Image description: Photo of the Berger Park Coach House. The front of the two-story beige brick building with various windows, a curved roof detail, and two large glass entrance doors.

Video of area outside Coach House: 2 outside Coach House.MOV

The South Mansion sunroom is pictured here:

Image description: A rounded room with wooden walls and large windows overlooking the lake. Tile floor has ornaments and mosaic patterns. Two black radiators are located on each side of the room.

The seating in the Coach House black box theater is pictured here:

Image description: A theater seating area with black brick walls, silver metal chairs with soft orange padding and armrests set in four rows, each one a step higher than the previous one. There's seven chairs in each row.

ACCESS FEATURES that may be available or requested

- **Amplified lead voice** - Announcements can be done with vocal amplification where the announcer wears a microphone and small amplifier.
- **American Sign Language (ASL)** - A live ASL interpreter may be available if requested in advance.
- **Audio Description** - Live or recorded audio descriptions may be available if requested in advance.
- **Transcript** - A typed script for performances may be available if requested in advance.
- **Signage** - Signs are posted for accessible pathways to spaces.

Additional notes - you may leave and rejoin classes, events, and performances at any time. Seating will be available in all spaces.

Access and Inclusion notes

Synapse Arts events actively welcome individuals with diverse identities, including all genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, religions, abilities, income levels, ages, parent/caregiver statuses, backgrounds, and household structures.
All bodies and minds are welcome at all classes and events.
Some Berger Park bathrooms are non binary and some are binary. Both types of restrooms are available in the South Mansion, with the nonbinary restroom upstairs on the 2nd floor.

Sensory Information

All Synapse Arts events are relaxed and as sensory-friendly as possible (please see event programs for more information, including any content warnings).
For sensory considerations, the performance spaces are set in a public park and we do not have control of noise. There may be strong lighting and sound used in some of the art work. Some events will have a photographer and/or videographer present. Please refrain from wearing or using products with strong scents.
You are welcome to watch or leave performances at any time.
Our spaces always have some lights on - for people to move however they need to and see more easily if they have low vision, as well as a sensory consideration.
We have a dedicated quiet room - a separate space intended to serve for breastfeeding or other quiet and semi-private needs. If you need one, look for a specific sign or ask a member of staff for directions.

What we can't provide at this time

Live captions, assurance against sound or strong lighting, total privacy or quiet (all spaces are shared and some fully public). Other access features may be available. For additional requests or questions, please contact us by email at info@synapsearts.com, or call or text 947-2CREATE (947-227-3283).

COVID-19 considerations

Social distancing and mask wearing is encouraged. We no longer require proof of vaccination to enter. We are required to abide by The Chicago Park District mandates.

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Map of Berger Park

Above: a screenshot of Google Maps showing the top view of Berger Park