

CHICAGO

Chicago is not only the USA's first government-recognized gay neighbourhood but its Gay Pride Parade is attended by an estimated four hundred thousand people every year. Well known for its wind, the Blues Brothers and Al Capone, Chicago is slowly emerging as one of the nation's most gay-friendly cities.

Gay life in Chicago is mostly concentrated in two areas: Boystown ("East Lakeview") and Andersonville at the north side of the city. Bars and clubs have one of two licenses: most close at 2am (3am on Saturdays) and a few stay open after-hours until 4am (5am on Saturdays).



GAY & LESBIAN BARS

Sidetrack

Chicago's premiere video bar for 30 years
Boystown - 3349 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL
(773) 477-9189
<http://www.sidetrackchicago.com/>
Daily til 2am

Roscoes

one of Chicago's must stop bars/clubs with a young fun crowd.
Boystown - 3356 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL
(773) 281-3355
<http://www.roscoes.com/>
Daily til 2am (til 3am Sat)

Jackhammer

Neighborhood bar catering to leather and bear scene, but not exclusive to it.
Rogers Park - 6406 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL
(773) 743-5772
<http://www.jackhammer-chicago.com/>
M-F: 5p-4a Sat: 4p-5a Sun: 2p-4a

Minibar Ultra Lounge and Cafe

Hip lounge with mixed crowd and hot electronic music, often with a live DJ
Boystown - 3341 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL
(773) 871-MBAR

<http://www.minibarwinebar.com>

Sun-Fri: 5pm-2am, Sat til 3am

Touche

Cruisy leather bar north of Andersonville
6412 N Clark St (W. Devon Ave.), Rogers Park
(773) 465-7400
<http://www.touchechicago.com/>



GAY & LESBIAN RESTAURANTS

Wood

American bistro in a romantic setting right in the heart of Boystown
3335 N Halsted St (W Buckingham) – Boystown
(773) 935-9663
<http://woodchicago.com/>

Halsted's bar and grill

Spacious, lively spot with great beer garden
Boystown - 3441 N Halsted St., Chicago, IL
(773) 348-9696
<http://www.halstedschicago.com/>
Daily til 12am (Fri and Sat til 1am)

Las Mananitas

Margaritas to knock you on your ass
Boystown - 3523 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL
(773) 528-2109
Daily til 11pm (Fri-Sat til 12am)

Yoshi's Café

Romantic vegetarian-friendly spot
3257 N. Halsted (at W. Aldine Ave.) – Boystown
(773) 248-6160
<http://www.yoshiscafe.com/yoshiscafe/>

Hamburger Mary's Chicago

Great juicy burgers, margaritas, cruising fun
5400 North Clark Street (at W Balmoral Ave.)
(773) 784-6966
<http://www.hamburgermarys.com/chicago/>



GAY & LESBIAN NIGHT CLUBS

Hydrate

Lounge and dance club with big name DJs
Boystown - 3458 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL
(773) 975-9244
<http://www.HydrateChicago.com/>
Daily til 4am (til 5am Sat)

Berlin

Alternative dance club with eclectic playlist
Great spot for boys who like boys, girls who like girls and everything in between.
Boystown - 954 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL
(773) 348-4975
<http://www.berlinchicago.com/>
Daily til 4am, til 5am Sat.

Atmosphere

Bar and dance spot with weekend go-gos
Andersonville - 5355 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL
(773) 784-1100
<http://www.atmospherebar.com/>
Tues-Sunday 5pm-2am (til 3am Sat)



GAY & LESBIAN BEACHES

Hollywood Beach

Chicago winters may be cold, but summer weekends at Hollywood Beach are hot
W Hollywood Ave & Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL

North Avenue Beach

Great place to ogle hot "straight" boys
1600 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL

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