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Today's Agenda



Welcome-Zoom Housekeeping

Background and History of Paratransit

Ride Lake County Service Details

- Resources
- •Q&A



What is Paratransit?



A shared and flexible ondemand service that responds to rider requests for travel within a defined service area geared toward individuals with mobility limitations that prevent them from accessing scheduled bus service, and/or live outside an area served by scheduled bus service.



Paratransit in Lake County



• LCCTSC

2005

• Formation of Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee to guide paratransit coordination efforts in the county

Service Expansion

2010-2016

- •2010: Ride Lake County West began operating
- •2012: Transportation Market Analysis evaluates existing demand response services and provided service improvement recommendations
- •2016: Ride Lake County Central began operating

Market Study

2019

- Paratransit Market Study evaluated transportation options for seniors and people with disabilities
- #1 priority to identify a lead agency to advance paratransit coordination and service improvements

Lead Agency Working Group

2019-2020

• Lake County Board forms working group to identify the most appropriate lead agency for the Lake County region

Ride Lake County

2022

• Lake County Board approved an IGA with Pace for a countywide borderless service to be funded by Pace, Lake County and Federal Funding

County Board Approval



February 10, 2022



County Board approves funding, framework for 'Ride Lake County' paratransit service; 'This is really wonderful'

By JAMES T. NORMAN LAKE COUNTY NEWS-SUN | FEB 10, 2022 AT 9:06 AM

Registration begins March 14, 2022

New service begins May 1, 2022

What is Ride Lake County?



- A curb to curb shared-ride service, the bus will pick up and drop off other passengers.
- A service that is available for seniors (60+) and individuals with a disability.
- A service that provides transportation to anywhere within the County no matter the trip purpose.



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Service Parameters



Eligibility: Seniors (60+) and Individuals with a Disability

Service: Riders can book a trip anywhere within the service

area if either the pick-up or drop-off location is

within Lake County.

Hours: 6:00AM - 6:00PM; 7 days per week except holidays

<u>Fare Structure:</u> Flat Rate with Distance Tiers (Each Way)

<u>0-5.0 miles</u> <u>5.01-10.0 miles</u> <u>10.01+ miles</u>

\$2.00 \$4.00 \$6.00

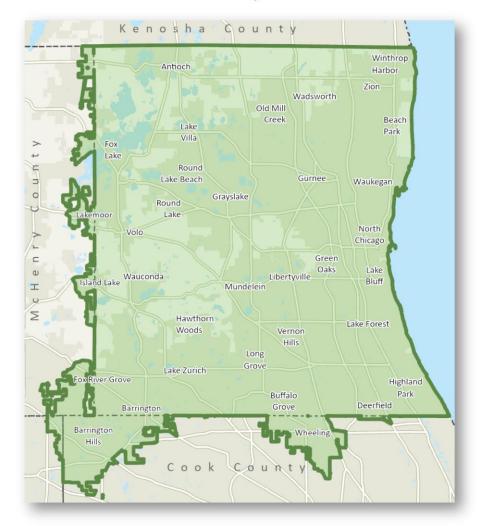
Payment: Cash Only

Registration: Pace Call Center 1-800-201-6446

Trip Booking: Pace Call Center 1-800-201-6446

Reservations: From 7 days in advance to 2 hours in advance

Ride Lake County Service Area



Service Registration



Everyone wishing to use Ride Lake County will need to register before booking a trip. (Including riders of existing services)

To register:

Call Pace Call Center at 1.800.201.6446
Provide Contact Info

If a Senior (60+), provide birthdate info If an Individual with a Disability, provide RTA Reduced Fare Permit Number Schedule a Ride! Registration
opens
March 14, 2022

RTA Reduced Fare Permit



- Reduced Fare Permit is used to verify disability for Ride Lake County eligibility; but the fares are the same for all riders of Ride Lake County
 - Riders with a disability need to provide proof of disability benefits or a doctor must fill out a proof of disability form to get the RTA Reduced Fare Permit
 - Additionally, persons with qualifying disabilities can also ride at a reduced rate on fixed route transit (CTA, Metra and Pace).
- Individuals can apply for a permit through the following ways:
 - Online: https://fares.rtachicago.org/
 - In Person: Call 312.913.3110 to find an office nearby to visit to fill out an application or to ask for an application to be mailed to you.
 - **By Mail:** Download an application from the RTA website and mail to the address listed on application.

Booking a Trip



- Call Pace Call Center at 1.800.201.6446
 - Open 5:30AM 6:00PM Daily
- Provide the following information:
 - Date of Trip (Book up to 7 days ahead)
 - Name of rider(s) including any Personal Care Attendants or companions
 - Whether rider is traveling with children
 - Requested drop-off or pick-up time
 - Exact street address for pick-up and drop-off
 - Whether any mobility aids will be used
- Trips are considered on time if pick up happens within 30 minutes of scheduled time

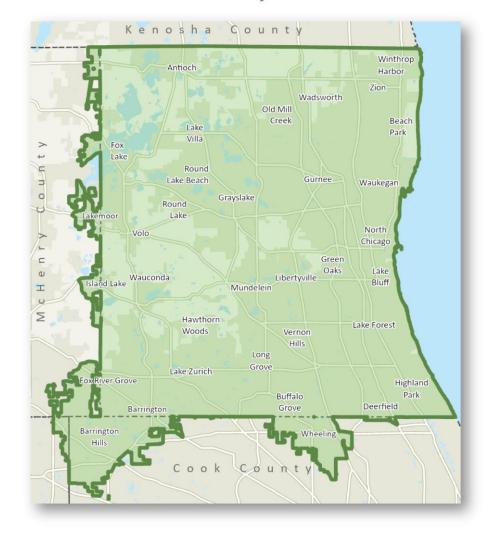
Trips
begin
May 1, 2022

Using the Service



- Registration and Trip Booking will be handled by a single phone number. (Pace Call Center)
- Riders can book a trip anywhere within the service area if either the pick-up or drop-off location is within Lake County.
- Riders may make reservation as much as 7 days in advance or as little as 2 hours in advance; it is recommended to call at least 24 hours in advance.
- There are no limitations on trip purposes or the number of trips a rider can book.

Ride Lake County Service Area



Title VI Program Notice



Ride Lake County operates without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practices under Title VI may file a complaint by contacting Pace's Quality Assurance representatives or LCDOT staff.







Other Resources





lakecountyil.gov/RLC

Pace Call Center at 1.800.201.6446

Contact Information



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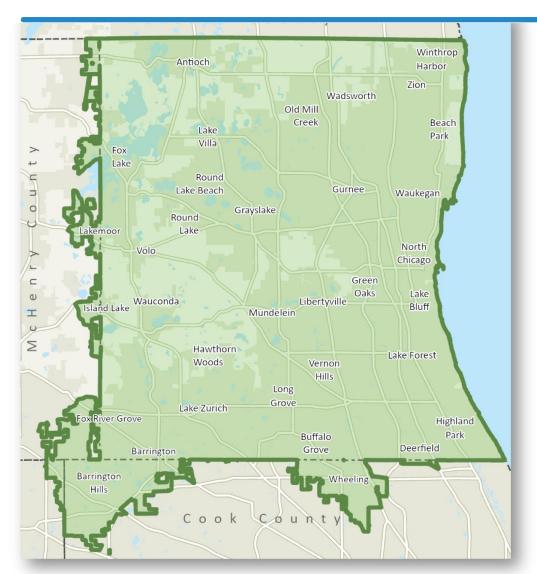
Phone: 847-377-7538

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For more information on Ride Lake County visit: lakecountyil.gov/RLC

Questions?





Please enter your questions in the chat box or use the raise hand feature

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Thank You!