

# Getting There

## If your flight arrives at Chicago O'Hare...

### Car Rental

Several car rental agencies operate at O'Hare Airport. The trip to Holland Michigan takes approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes, and you will encounter tolls along the way.

### Train

All Amtrak trains serving Chicago depart from **Union Station** in downtown Chicago. The best way to travel between O'Hare Airport and **Union Station** is by the CTA rail. Trains are fast and run frequently, and the entire journey (including all waiting and walking) takes approximately 1 hour 15 minutes. Beware that private shuttles run much less frequently than CTA trains do (about once an hour compared to every 10 minutes), and so on average you are not going to save much time by taking a shuttle despite paying at least 5 times as much as the train fare. Moreover, trains run at all times, and trains do not risk getting stuck in Chicago traffic. Unless you have a lot of heavy luggage, a train ride is a more sensible option in most cases. You can follow the Blue Line route from O'Hare to the **Clinton Station** on the map found here: [http://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/~yopopov/directions/map\\_cta.html](http://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/~yopopov/directions/map_cta.html) . Exit the train at Clinton Station and walk two blocks to **Union Station**.

It should be noted that you can take a taxi from O'Hare to Union Station, but the fare is likely to run in excess of \$50.

Trains between Chicago Union Station and Holland, Michigan generally run only once per day. Schedules and tickets are can be accessed here: <https://tickets.amtrak.com/itd/amtrak>

The Holland, Michigan Amtrak station is about three blocks from the Hope College campus.

### Bus

Like train travel, you must first travel from O'Hare airport to downtown Chicago (Union Station). Buses leave O'Hare for downtown about every 10 minutes at a cost of about \$2.00. Bus service between Chicago Union Station and Holland, MI operates twice/day most days at a cost of approximately \$30/each way. The trip takes 3 – 4 hours depending on the time of departure selected.

Schedules, fares and other information on Indian Trails Bus Lines are available here:

<http://www.indiantrails.com/maps-and-schedules>  
800-292-3831

The Holland, Michigan bus station is about three blocks from the Hope College campus.

# If your flight arrives at Grand Rapids, Michigan...

## Shuttle Transportation to Hope College

Shuttle transportation is being arranged. Register for it through the online registration process for the Institute: <http://eventreg.hope.edu/EmsRegics/SITD2016>

## Car Rental

This is probably the most costly but is, by far, the most convenient option. Several car rental agencies operate at the Grand Rapids airport. The trip to Holland, Michigan takes approximately 45 minutes.

## Train

Train service between Grand Rapids and Holland, MI operates early mornings most days at a cost of approximately \$10. Check schedules and prices here:

<https://tickets.amtrak.com/itd/amtrak>

**\*\*Trains do not leave directly from the airport.** It will be necessary for you to take either local train service (information at [www.RideTheRapid.com](http://www.RideTheRapid.com)), or a taxi to the Amtrak station. The Grand Rapids visitor information source recommends the taxi option for people unfamiliar with the city and local transit services.

## Bus

Bus service between Grand Rapids and Holland, MI operates twice/day most days at a cost of approximately \$10/each way.

**\*\*Busses do not leave directly from the airport.** It will be necessary for you to take either local train service (information at [www.RideTheRapid.com](http://www.RideTheRapid.com)), or a taxi to the bus station at **250 Grandville SW** in Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids visitor information source recommends the taxi option for people unfamiliar with the city and local transit services.

The trip from Grand Rapids to Holland takes about 45 minutes. The Holland bus station is about 3 blocks from the Hope College campus.