Getting to the airport is the first part of any trip, and choosing the wrong way to get there can make the whole day feel rushed. Start with how long you will be away. For older travelers, shorter walks, fewer stairs and a seat while waiting can matter more than saving a few minutes.

Taking transit

Milwaukee County Transit System buses serve the airport, including the GreenLine and Route 80 from downtown. Transit can be a good fit for light travelers who live near those routes and are not on the earliest flights.

Check the current route map and timetable before you travel, and https://chicago.ghost.io/american-family-field-parking-and-rides-to-a-brewers-game/ allow a comfortable margin, because a missed bus costs more time on an airport day than on a normal day.

Getting dropped off

A drop-off is often the simplest choice for a short trip or a very early flight, as long as someone can drive you. The ticketing and baggage claim roadways are for active loading and unloading only, so plan a quick goodbye at the curb.

For pickups, agree on a waiting spot before the flight lands so the driver is not circling the terminal roads while you collect your bags.

Driving and parking

Parking makes sense when you want full control of your timing, travel at odd hours or are coming home late at night. It also helps when your return plans might change.

The cost grows with every day you are away, so compare the parking options against the alternatives for longer trips. Leave extra time to park and get to the terminal, especially during holiday travel.

Choosing for this trip

Weigh the length of the trip, the number of bags, the time of day and the weather. A week-long family trip and a one-night work trip rarely need the same answer.

Once you have chosen, set your departure time from home with a buffer for traffic and security lines, and you will arrive at the terminal calm.