

Signs at a Roundabout



Reduce speed—
there is a
roundabout
ahead.



Keep to the right.



Yield to all traffic in
the roundabout
including pedestrians
at the crosswalk.



One-way traffic
(counter-clockwise)
traffic in the
roundabout.



Important Rules at a Roundabout

- ✓ **REDUCE SPEED**
- ✓ **ENTER THE CORRECT ENTRY LANE**
- ✓ **YIELD FOR PEDESTRIANS AT THE CROSSWALK**
- ✓ **YIELD TO ALL TRAFFIC IN THE ROUNDABOUT, INCLUDING CYCLISTS**
- ✓ **BE AWARE OF LARGE VEHICLES AND PROVIDE THEM WITH EXTRA SPACE.**
- ✓ **PASSING OF ANOTHER VEHICLE IS PROHIBITED IN A ROUNDABOUT.**



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All You Need to Know On... Roundabouts



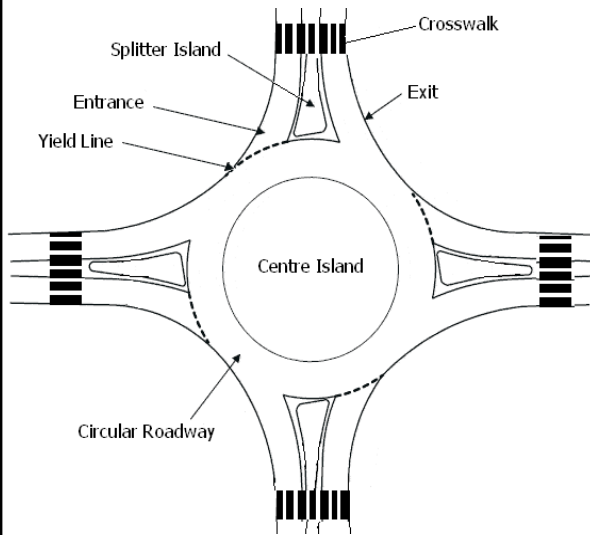
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Roundabouts

What is a Roundabout?

A roundabout is an intersection, where all traffic circulates in a counter clockwise, moving to the right of the centre island. All vehicles already in the roundabout have the right-of-way; therefore all entering vehicles must yield to any traffic within the roundabout.



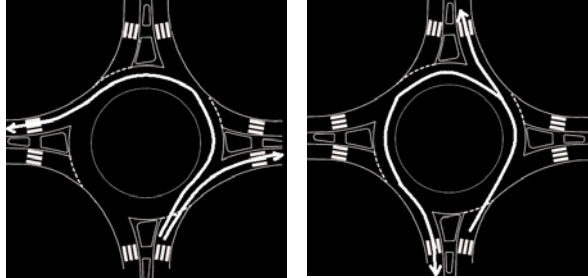
Benefits of a Roundabout

- * Lower vehicle speeds
- * Lowers the chance of severe accidents
- * Pedestrian safety is increased
- * Fewer stops; keeps traffic moving



How to Drive In a Roundabout

1. Reduce speed when approaching a roundabout and keep to the right of the "splitter island."
2. Choose correct entry lane:
 - To turn right – get in the right lane
 - To turn left – get in the left lane
 - To go straight – choose either the right or the left lane



Turning left and right Straight through or U-turn

3. Yield for any pedestrians at the crosswalk.
4. Move to the yield line and wait for a break in traffic prior to entering the roundabout. Yield to all traffic to your left (including cyclists).
5. Do not enter next to a vehicle already in the roundabout as they may wish to exit. **Drivers within the roundabout always have the right-of-way.**
6. While in the roundabout, move in a counter clockwise direction and never stop – you have the right-of-way over traffic wishing to enter the roundabout.
7. Never pass another vehicle while in the roundabout. Also, be aware of large vehicles and provide them with extra space.
8. When approaching your desired exit, use your right turn signal and maintain your speed while exiting. Never change lanes while exiting.



Frequently Asked Questions

How does a pedestrian use a roundabout?

Never cross into the middle of the roundabout. Use the crosswalks and sidewalks provided around the outside of the roundabout. Watch for breaks in traffic and choose the appropriate time to cross.



How does a cyclist use a roundabout?

If you are an experienced cyclist, use the roundabout as if you were driving a car; as vehicles within the roundabout will drive slowly, relatively close to the speed you will be riding at. While in the roundabout, ride in the middle of the lane and watch out for any driver blind spots.



If you are a cyclist of lower confidence, please walk your bicycle and use the pedestrian directions.

What do I do if an emergency vehicle approaches a roundabout?

If you have not entered the roundabout, pull to the side and allow the emergency vehicle to pass. If you are already in the roundabout, continue on as normal and after you exit, pull to the right allowing the emergency vehicle to pass. Never stop within the roundabout.

