

What do the signs at a roundabout mean?



Roundabout ahead.



Choose your destination. Start planning your route.



There are two entry lanes to the roundabout. Choose the correct lane for your destination.



Yield to all traffic in the roundabout including pedestrians at crosswalks. Remember you may have to stop!



Flag exit signs identify street names for each leg of the roundabout.



Yield here to pedestrians.



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REMEMBER

- ✓ Look and plan ahead. Slow down!
- ✓ Pedestrians go first. When entering or exiting a roundabout, yield to pedestrians at the crosswalk.
- ✓ Look to the left, find a safe gap, then go.
- ✓ Don't pass vehicles in a roundabout.
- ✓ Remember to signal.



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How to DRIVE, WALK and BIKE in a ROUNDABOUT



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WHAT IS A ROUNDABOUT?

A roundabout is an intersection at which all traffic circulates counterclockwise around a centre island.

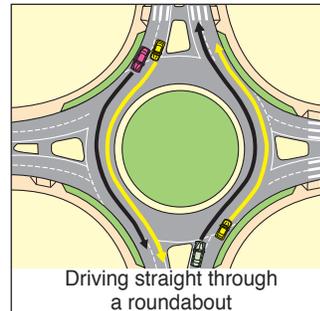
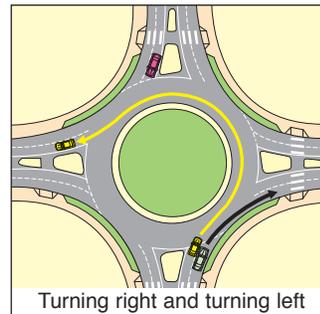


ROUNDABOUTS:

- Reduce motorist and pedestrian injury collisions
- Keep traffic moving
- Reduce unnecessary stops
- Reduce unnecessary idling and air pollution

HOW TO DRIVE IN A ROUNDABOUT

- ▶ Slow down when approaching a roundabout.
- ▶ Observe lane signs. Choose the correct entry lane.
- ▶ Expect pedestrians and yield to them at all crosswalks.
- ▶ Wait for a gap in traffic before entering the roundabout. Yield to traffic in the roundabout.
- ▶ Drivers in the roundabout always have the right-of-way.
- ▶ Do not pass other vehicles in the roundabout.
- ▶ Give large vehicles extra space because they might use both lanes.



TIPS FOR DRIVERS OF LARGE VEHICLES

When approaching a roundabout, straddle the entry lanes. Use both lanes in the roundabout. Don't try to leave space for another vehicle to pass you.

TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS

- ▶ Step up to the curb and point your finger across the crosswalk.
- ▶ Do not start to cross if a driver cannot safely stop.
- ▶ Look and listen for a safe gap in the traffic flow.
- ▶ As you cross, keep pointing until you reach the far side of the road.
- ▶ Watch for drivers in the next lane. Make sure that the driver sees you.



TIPS FOR CYCLISTS

A cyclist has two choices at a roundabout. Your choice will depend on your degree of comfort riding in traffic.

For experienced cyclists:

- Ride as if you were driving a car.
- Merge into the travel lane before the bike lane or shoulder ends.
- Ride in the middle of your lane; don't hug the curb.
- Use hand signals and signal as if you were a motorist.
- Watch out for drivers' blind spots.



For less confident cyclists

- Dismount and walk your bicycle.
- Follow tips for pedestrians.

What if an emergency vehicle comes through the roundabout?

- If you have not yet entered the roundabout, pull to the right and let the emergency vehicle pass you.
- If you are in the roundabout, exit as normal, then pull to the right and let the emergency vehicle pass you.
- Do not stop inside the roundabout.



How do I signal at a roundabout?

Turning right

- Signal right as you approach the roundabout.
- Maintain your signal through the roundabout.
- Maintain your signal as you exit.

Going straight

- Do not signal as you approach the roundabout.
- Signal right prior to your exit only.

Turning left

- Signal left as you approach the roundabout.
- Maintain your signal through the roundabout.
- Signal right prior to your exit.

Going full circle (U-turn)

- Signal left as you approach the roundabout.
- Maintain your signal through the roundabout.
- Signal right prior to your exit.