

Other Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do if an emergency vehicle is approaching?

If you are inside the roundabout, proceed to your desired exit, exit the roundabout, and pull to the side of the road. Just remember to not stop inside the roundabout, as this could prevent the emergency vehicles from passing and prevent other vehicles from exiting the roundabout.

Pedestrians

Pedestrians should follow a few rules when crossing any roundabout:

- Cross the roadway to the median island. This island is intended to be used as a refuge area to wait for a safe gap. Or, use pedestrian tunnels if available.
- Always look for vehicles and make sure that all motorists can see you. Never assume that a motorist will stop for you.
- Stay on the sidewalk. Never walk in the roundabout or cross to the center island.

Bicycles

Depending on their comfort level, bicyclists have two options when navigating a roundabout:

- Use the shared pedestrian/bicycle paths and crosswalks, following the same rules as pedestrians as listed above.
- Ride through the roundabout with vehicular traffic, following the same rules as motorists.

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A Step-by-Step Guide to Driving a Multi-Lane Roundabout

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Driving through a multi-lane roundabout shouldn't be complicated or stressful. By following these easy steps, you'll be driving roundabouts like a pro in no time.

STEP 1

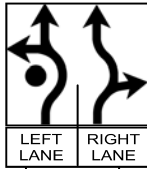
As you approach a multi-lane roundabout, slow down to the advisory speed and prepare to stop if necessary.

SLOW DOWN



STEP 2

Get in the appropriate lane well in advance of the intersection. Lane use signs will always show which lanes can be used for different turns. In this example:



- To turn right, get into the right lane ONLY.
- To go left, get into the left lane ONLY.
- The sign shows that you can go straight from either lane in this example.

CHOOSE THE PROPER LANE

STEP 3

Just before you get to the roundabout, be sure to watch for any pedestrians in the crosswalk.

STOP FOR PEDS



STEP 4

When you reach the roundabout, yield to **all** traffic already in the roundabout. Because the inside lane of the roundabout is usually allowed to exit, never attempt to enter alongside circulating vehicles, as they may intend to exit.



YIELD ON ENTRY

STEP 5

When there is a safe gap in **both** lanes of crossing traffic, proceed into the roundabout, keeping to the right of the center island. Stay in your lane. Never change lanes within the roundabout. As with any other type of intersection, you must be in the proper lane before entering.



ENTER THE ROUNDABOUT

STEP 6

Once you've entered, you have the right of way. When you reach your desired exit point, simply proceed straight out of the roundabout.



EXIT THE ROUNDABOUT

STEP 7

Be sure to watch for any pedestrians as you exit the roundabout, and be sure to stop for any pedestrians within any crosswalk.

STOP FOR PEDS



Multi-Lane Roundabout Example

