

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.

How do pedestrians cross?

Pedestrians should follow a few rules when crossing any roundabout:

- Cross the roadway to the median, using it 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 driver can see you or intends to stop for you.
- Stay on the sidewalk. Never walk in the roundabout or cross to the circular island.

What about 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 all of the same rules as motorists.

Washington
County



Roundabout U



A Step-by-Step Guide to Driving the Forest Lake Roundabout

Washington
County



Washington County Public Works Department

11660 Myeron Road North
Stillwater, MN 55082

Phone: 651-430-4300

Fax: 651-430-4350

www.co.washington.mn.us

Roundabout U

A Step by Step Guide to Driving Multi-lane Roundabouts

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

STEP 1

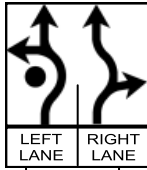
As you approach a multi-lane roundabout, slow down to the advisory speed and prepare to stop if necessary.

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 through 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 from the left. **Do not** attempt to enter alongside circulating vehicles. Exiting vehicles, including vehicles exiting from the inside lane, always have priority over any entering traffic.



YIELD to ALL traffic

STEP 5

Do not enter until all traffic is clear. When there is a safe gap in both lanes of crossing traffic, proceed into the roundabout, keeping to the right of the center island. Do not 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 safely entered, you have the right of way. When you reach your desired exit point, simply proceed straight out of the roundabout.

EXIT THE ROUNDABOUT



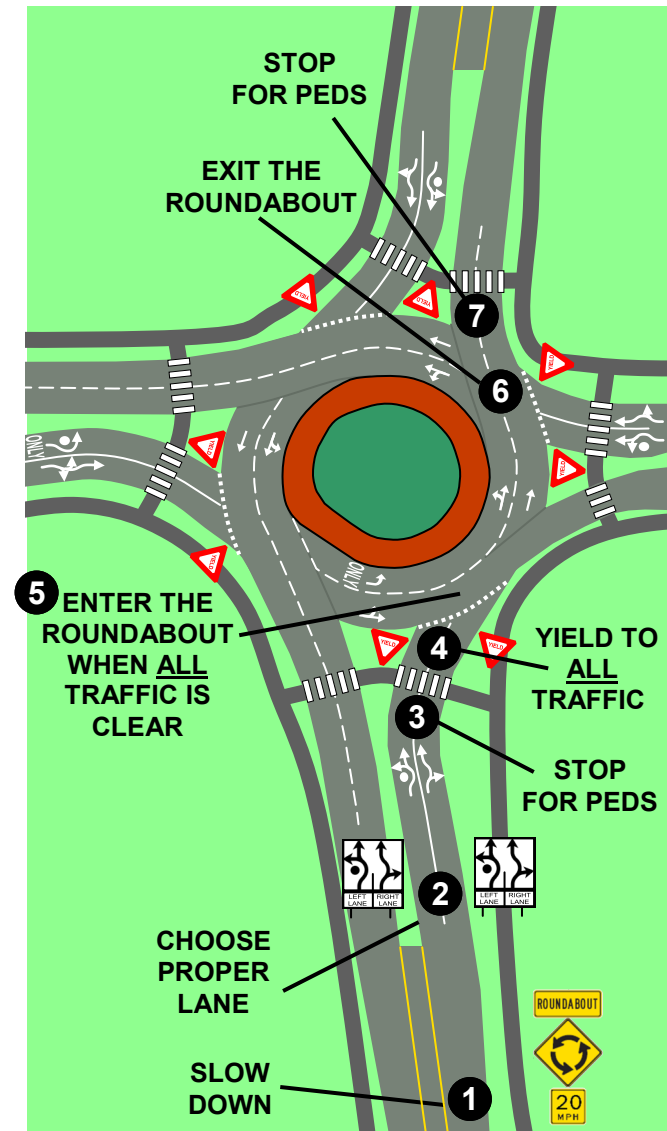
STEP 7

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



The Forest Lake Roundabout



The Forest Lake roundabout is uniquely designed for efficient traffic flow. As with all intersections, left turns must always keep to the left as they enter.

- However, if you are approaching the Forest Lake roundabout from the west, you may also use the right-hand lane to turn north on Highway 61. If you wish to continue east on Broadway Avenue towards Lakeside Park, you **MUST** use right-hand lane.

As with any intersection, obey the lane use signs and pavement markings to choose the proper lane before entering the roundabout.