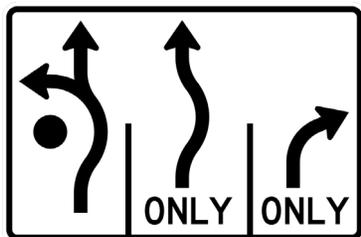




About Modern Roundabouts

Studies show that roundabouts are one of the safest intersection options available. While roundabouts may seem complicated and confusing at first, if you remember these three simple rules you will be able to navigate roundabouts with ease:

- 1. Yield, Don't Merge:** Vehicles in the roundabout have the right-of-way. You do not merge into a roundabout like you merge onto a highway. You must slow down and yield, or sometimes stop, to traffic that is circulating the roundabout. Enter the roundabout when a safe gap is present.
- 2. Slow Down:** Roundabouts are designed to reduce your speed upon entry. While it may seem counter-intuitive, slowing down in a roundabout actually alleviates congestion. Slower speeds also make roundabouts safer than traditional intersections.
- 3. Do Not Switch Lanes in Roundabouts:** It is important to choose your lane prior to entering the roundabout. Avoid changing lanes while circulating in the roundabout. Look for signage as you approach a roundabout. All multi-lane roundabouts have signs that indicate which lane you should be in to reach your destination.



Advance Destination Guide Sign

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Driving Roundabouts

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Driving Tips

Step 1: Approaching a Multi-lane Roundabout

Look at signage as you enter. Multi-lane roundabouts will always have signs indicating which lane you should be in to turn on to an intersecting road or to continue forward. Crash incidents are greatly reduced when drivers choose the correct lane and yield to all lanes before they enter a roundabout.

Choosing a lane is no different than approaching a signalized intersection. Depending on where you want to go, multi-lane roundabouts typically follow this pattern:

- **For right-hand turns:** Maneuver to the right-hand lane and use your turn signal.
- **For left-hand turns:** Maneuver to the left hand lane and use your turn signal.
- **For continuing straight:** Look for signage to determine which lane(s) you should maneuver into.
- **If you miss your exit:** Circle around the roundabout again.

Step 2: Entering a Roundabout

Always yield and look left before entering the roundabout. Wait for a safe gap in traffic to enter the roundabout.



You should never merge into a roundabout like you merge onto a highway. Vehicles already inside the roundabout always have the right-of-way. The same principle applies to pedestrians crossing the roadway.

Step 3: Circulating in a Roundabout

Avoid changing lanes while circulating. **You should enter the roundabout in the correct lane prior to entering the roundabout.**

Only stop while inside a roundabout to avoid a collision. If you are already inside the roundabout, you have the right-of-way.

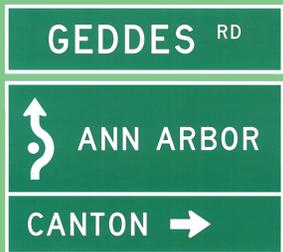
Step 4: Exiting a Roundabout

Use your turn signal when exiting the roundabout. As you exit, be aware of pedestrians that may be crossing the roadway.



Fig. 1 How to Drive Through a Roundabout GHD.

Guide Signs at Roundabouts



Advanced Destination Guide Signs: These signs are placed in advance of the intersection and indicate which lane you should select.

Exit Guide Signs: These signs are placed in the splitter island and used to designate the destination of each exit from a roundabout.



Frequently Asked Questions

What if an emergency vehicle approaches the roundabout?

If an emergency vehicle approaches while you are entering or circulating inside a roundabout, do not stop inside the roundabout. Exit the roundabout immediately and move your vehicle to the right side of the road to allow the emergency vehicle to pass. If an emergency vehicle approaches prior to you entering the roundabout, wait for them to enter and exit before entering the roundabout.

How do bicycles maneuver through a roundabout?

Bicyclists follow the same rules as vehicles and must yield when entering the roundabout. Bicyclists should make sure they are in the correct lane prior to entering a multi-lane roundabout. Once inside the roundabout, bicyclists should ride in the center of the lane, not on the right-hand curb lane. When exiting, bicyclists should use proper hand signals.

Are large vehicles able to travel through compact urban roundabouts?

In “compact urban roundabouts” with smaller central islands, trucks, tractors trailers and farm equipment are allowed to travel over the central island to maneuver through the roundabout. Larger vehicles may take up more than one lane to drive through a roundabout.

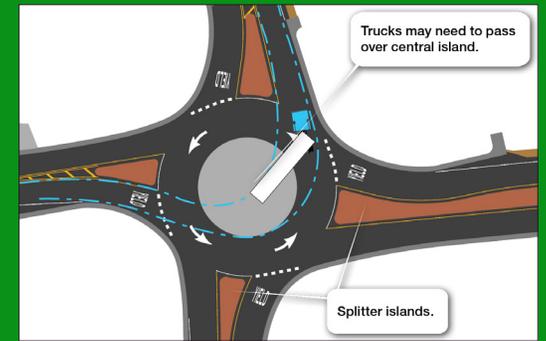


Fig. 2 Information about the new Textile Rd Compact Urban Roundabouts. GHD.

How should pedestrians cross a roundabout?

Pedestrians should only cross at marked crosswalks, always staying on the designated walkway. Pedestrians should never cross to the central island. When crossing a roundabout as a pedestrian, wait for a safe gap in on-coming traffic and cross the roundabout one approach at a time. Use the splitter island to wait before crossing the remaining lanes.