

HOW TO DRIVE A ROUNDABOUT

Modern roundabouts are different than traditional intersections, and they require some different driving techniques. Listed below are the steps to follow as you navigate a modern roundabout.

1. SLOW DOWN

15 miles per hour is usually about right as you approach the roundabout. Watch for pedestrians.

2. YIELD AT THE ENTRY

Yield to cars already in the roundabout. The yield sign and pavement markings will show you where to stop if you need to.

3. LOOK TO THE LEFT

If there is no traffic in the circle, you don't have to stop – simply enter the circle. If traffic is present, wait for an opening on the left and then enter the circle by turning right into it.

4. KEEP RIGHT

Once you're in the circle, keep right. A roundabout is a one-way street, and the circulating car has the right of way.

5. PROCEED

Proceed with care to your exit. If you miss your exit, simply go around again.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Crossing at a roundabout is generally easier for a pedestrian than at a traditional signalized intersection. This is because in a roundabout, the pedestrian is only crossing one direction of traffic at a time.

Pedestrians should use the appropriate pedestrian crosswalk and stay out of the center island. Simply look for exiting or entering traffic and cross the exit or entrance lane to the “splitter” island in the center of the entrance/exit lanes and continue on. These splitter islands were provided as “safe havens” where pedestrians can wait for traffic to clear.

