

Driving Roundabouts



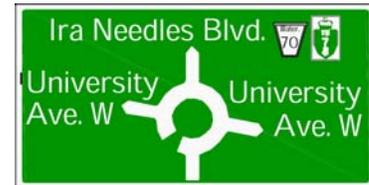
There are Two Simple Rules for Roundabouts:

- 1 Circulate Counter-Clockwise Around the Circle
- 2 Traffic on your LEFT has the Right of Way.



Approaching the Roundabout: Use all available information: including signs, signals, and lane markings to choose the correct path or designated lane before entering the roundabout and:

- Decide before you enter what exit you need to take.
- Check mirrors, signal, and maneuver carefully at every stage.
- Use turn signals correctly so you don't confuse other road users.
- Adjust your speed and position for traffic conditions.
- Stay aware of the speed and position of road users around you.



Entering the Roundabout: When you enter the roundabout:

- Yield to traffic approaching from your left, unless directed by signs, road markings or traffic signals.
- Watch out for traffic already in the roundabout; drivers may not signal correctly, or at all.
- Look ahead before accelerating to assure traffic in front of you has moved.

Correct Vehicle Position and Turn Signals in a Roundabout:

Right Turn (When taking the first exit):

- Keep right, use right lane and right turn signal on approach and through the roundabout.

Straight Ahead:

Select the appropriate path or designated through lane before entering the roundabout.

- You do not normally need to signal on approach.
- Use right turn signal when passing the exit before the one to be taken

Left or U-Turn:

- Enter the roundabout from the left side of the entry or the designated left turn lane and use your left turn signal on approach.
- Keep to the left in the roundabout until you need to exit.
- Use right turn signal when passing the exit before the one to be taken

If You Don't Know Your Exit:

- Don't panic; this happens occasionally.
- Enter the roundabout from the left side of the entry or the left entry lane and use your left turn signal.
- Circulate beside the central island and identify your exit.
- Use the left turn signal on approach and maintain this signal until passing the exit before the one to be taken.
- On your next orbit, use your right turn signal when passing the exit before the one to be taken



Use the Correct Lane and Turn Signal

Caution - watch for these situations:

- Pedestrians may be crossing the approaches and exits. Yield to pedestrians.
 - Blind and visually impaired pedestrians may not see you.
 - Disabled pedestrians and those in wheelchairs may be moving slowly
- Watch traffic crossing in front of you on the roundabout, especially exiting vehicles.
- Traffic may be straddling lanes or positioned incorrectly to exit
- Motorcycles are small and fast – watch for them.
- Bicyclists and horse riders might stay in the right lane and signal left if they intend to continue round the roundabout. Let them do so.
- Trucks and large vehicles may need to straddle lane lines or use a truck apron next to the central island. Do not pass trucks in the roundabout.
- If emergency vehicles approach, take your desired exit and then pull over as far to the right as possible.

Mini-Roundabouts:

A mini-roundabout has the same rules as larger roundabouts - yield to traffic on the left and circulate counterclockwise. All vehicles **must** go around the central island marking, except trucks, buses, or large vehicles. Remember: there's less space to maneuver and less time to use your turn signal. Avoid making U-turns at mini-roundabouts, and watch out for others doing so. Space is limited so exercise the same caution with regard for vulnerable road users and emergency traffic.

Remember the Roundabout Rules of the Road:

- Traffic on the LEFT has the Right of Way.
- Circulate Counter-Clockwise Around the Circle.

