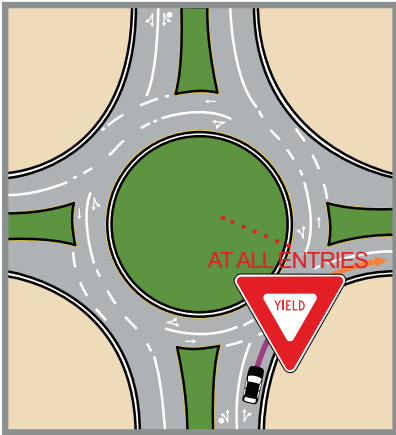


A Vehicular Guide to Navigating Roundabouts in The Villages

When used properly, roundabouts are intended to be a calming device that allows traffic to flow freely, eliminating the need for the ever popular traffic light. Once unique to The Villages, now growing in popularity around the country, roundabouts are an important part of our community – helping residents reach all the lifestyle they love, safely and efficiently.

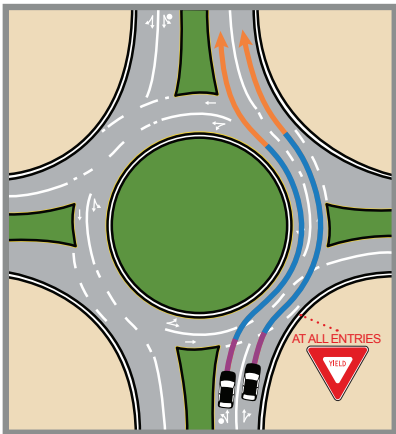


Turning Right

APPROACHING: Be in the right-hand lane unless otherwise marked on the roadway, and use a right-turn signal.

CIRCULATING: Keep to the right-hand (outside) lane of the roundabout and continue to use your right-turn signal through your exit. Do not change lanes.

EXITING: Stay in the right-hand lane as you exit the roundabout.



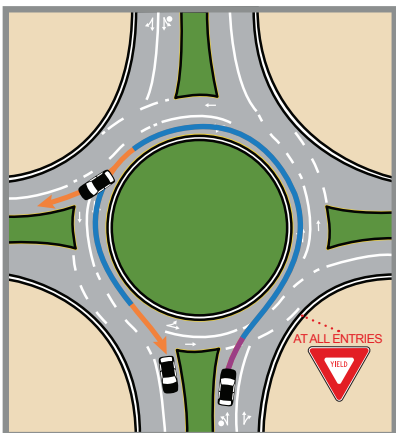
Going Straight Ahead

APPROACHING: You can be in either lane, unless posted or marked otherwise.

CIRCULATING: Stay to the inside of the circulatory roadway if you entered from the left-hand approach lane, or stay to the outside if you entered from the right-hand approach lane. Do not change lanes.

When you have passed the last exit before the one you want, use your right-turn signal and continue to use it through your exit.

EXITING: As you exit the roundabout, be aware of vehicles traveling on the outside of the circulatory roadway that may continue to circulate around the roundabout.



Turning Left or Making a U-Turn

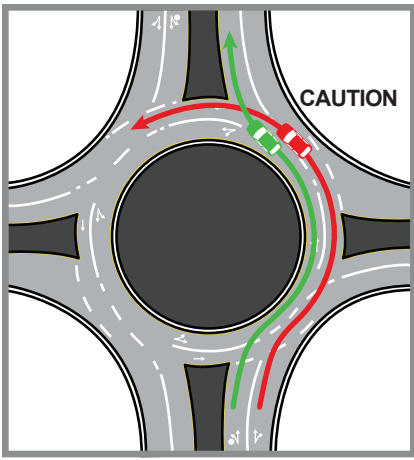
APPROACHING: Be in the left-hand lane unless otherwise marked on the roadway, and use left turn signal.

CIRCULATING: Stay in the left-hand lane of the circulatory roadway until you are ready to exit.

When you have passed the last exit before the one you want, use your right-turn signal and continue to use it through your exit.

Do not change lanes.

EXITING: As you exit the round about, be aware of vehicles traveling on the outside of the circulatory roadway that may continue to circulate around the roundabout.



APPROACHING ROUNDABOUTS

- Reduce your speed and prepare to YIELD to all traffic in the roundabout.
- Guide signs provide guidance for approaching street locations, not lane use orientation.

CHOOSE YOUR LANE

When approaching a two lane roundabout, make a lane choice according to the following rules:

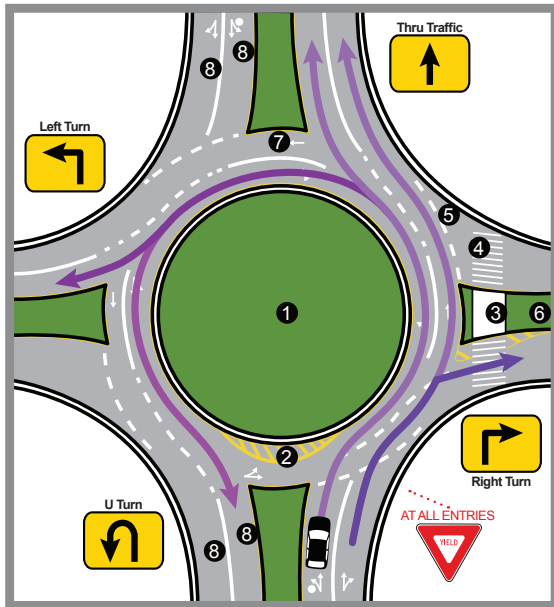
- If you intend to exit the roundabout more than halfway around, use the LEFT-HAND lane.
- If you intend to exit the roundabout less than halfway around, use the RIGHT-HAND lane.
- If you intend to continue straight through, use either lane unless signs or markings indicate otherwise.

NAVIGATING ROUNDABOUTS

- Move up to the entrance line and wait for a gap in traffic.
- DO NOT ENTER next to a vehicle in the roundabout, as that vehicle may be exiting at the next exit.
- Within the roundabout, do not stop except to avoid a collision; you have the right-of-way over entering traffic.
- Keep moving in a counterclockwise direction.
- **Do not change lanes in a roundabout.**
- A striped channelization island is present in several roundabouts, which reduces the circulatory roadway to one lane approaching a single-lane exit.

REMEMBER:

To avoid conflict, do not use the right-hand lane to make a left turn through the roundabout.



- Do not change lanes within the roundabout or as you exit.
- Do not overtake other vehicles or bicyclists within the roundabout.
- Be aware of other vehicles in the roundabout.
- Follow pavement striping and arrows for guidance – exit roundabouts with caution.
- **YIELD** to emergency vehicles before or after the roundabout – **DO NOT STOP** in the roundabout.
- Give oversized vehicles extra room because they may need lanes to maneuver.
- Indicate your exit using your right-turn signal.

KEY

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| 1 Central Island | 5 Yield Line |
| 2 Channelization Island | 6 Splitter Island |
| 3 Pedestrian Refuge | 7 Circulatory Roadway |
| 4 Crosswalk | 8 Exit Lanes & Entry Lane |

Sample Roundabout Signs



YIELD to traffic already in the roundabout



Travel in a counterclockwise direction only



Watch for pedestrians and golf carts



Stay to the right of the splitter island



Provides orientation of approaching streets and direction on which lane to use

