

Tips for cyclists

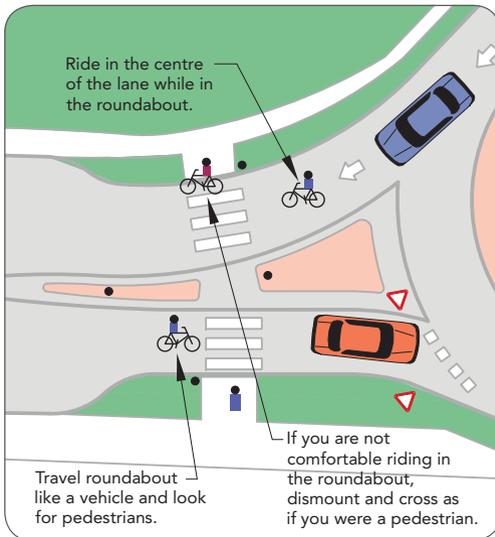
You have two choices for cycling through a roundabout, based on your level of comfort riding in traffic:

1) With vehicular traffic:

- In advance of the roundabout, merge with traffic when safe, occupy the lane and proceed as a vehicle.

2) Off-street separated cycling pathway:

- Prior to the roundabout, exit the bike lane and share the pedestrian pathway with pedestrians.
- Reduce your speed when entering onto and travelling along the pathway.
- Be aware of pedestrians you're sharing the pathway with.
- Dismount and use the marked crosswalks to cross the intersecting streets, as a pedestrian would.
- Exit the raised pathway at the ramp that leads down to the bike lane or shoulder of the road.



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roundabout information guide



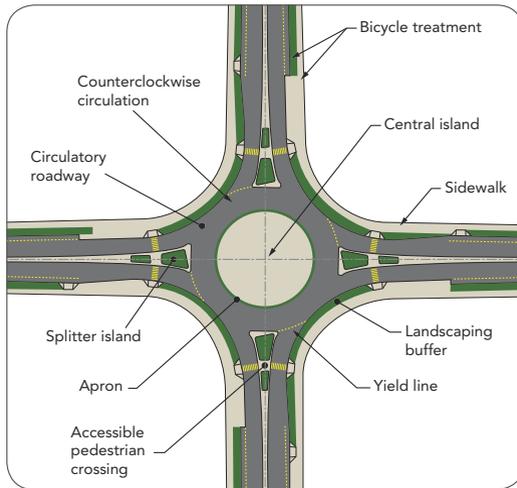
single-lane roundabouts

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What is a roundabout?

Roundabouts are becoming more and more common in countries around the world, from the U.S. and Canada to the Middle East. They're really just intersections in a circular shape—forcing drivers to go around a central island and making new vehicles that are entering to yield the right-of-way.

Roundabouts help improve traffic flow by allowing drivers to slow down and go around until making a turn instead of stopping and waiting. They can prevent serious crashes involving injuries at intersections because they reduce speeds and virtually eliminate T-bone (right-angle) collisions.



Benefits of roundabouts

On average, there's 76 per cent fewer injuries/fatalities and 35 per cent fewer collisions* in roundabouts.

Other benefits include:

- slower vehicle speeds
- improved safety for cyclists and pedestrians
- reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- improved aesthetics.

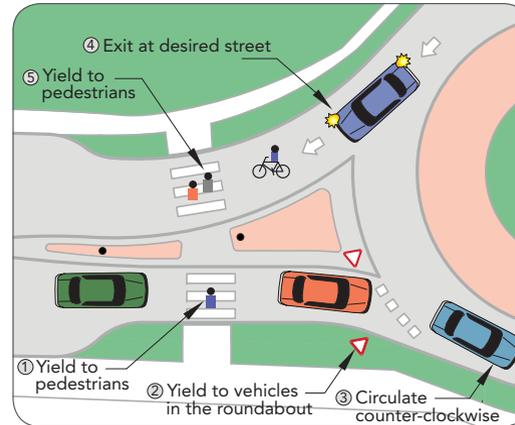
Don't confuse them with your local neighbourhood traffic circles. There are different rules for drivers entering and leaving a roundabout.

*From the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 672 Roundabouts: An Informational Guide. Note: These benefits apply to single-lane roundabouts only.

Tips for drivers

When you're approaching the roundabout

- Yield to all pedestrians at each approach of the roundabout—if there's a clearly marked pedestrian crosswalk, it will be located approximately one car length in advance of the yield line. Don't block the pedestrian crossing.



When you're entering the roundabout

- Yield to traffic that is already inside the roundabout, as it has the right-of-way.

When you're circulating in the roundabout

- Go counter-clockwise within the lane. The truck apron is typically raised and/or coloured, and can be used by large trucks or emergency vehicles to drive over to manoeuvre through the roundabout.
- If approached by an emergency vehicle, continue through the roundabout and then pull over once you exit to allow the emergency vehicle to pass.

When you're exiting the roundabout

- Signal a right turn just in advance of your exit location so that drivers waiting to enter the roundabout and pedestrians waiting to cross know your intentions.
- Exit at desired street.
- Yield to pedestrians that may be crossing the exit lane.

Tips for pedestrians

- Pedestrian crosswalks—designated by pavement markings—are located approximately one car length away from the roundabout. You should cross only at these marked locations. Don't cross to the centre island.
- Although vehicles are required to yield to pedestrians, you should not initiate a crossing unless there's an adequate gap in traffic or all approaching vehicles have stopped.
- It's important to note that a dedicated bicycle path may also connect to these crosswalks. In these situations, be aware that you're sharing the crosswalk and pathways with cyclists.

