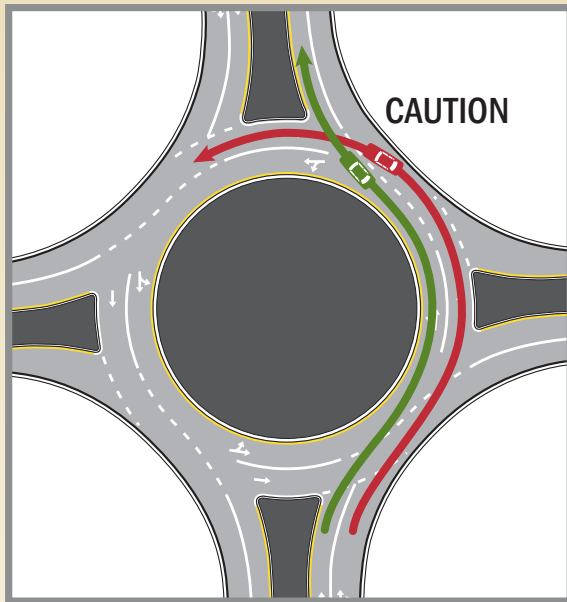


## Remember:

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



## Approaching Roundabouts

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

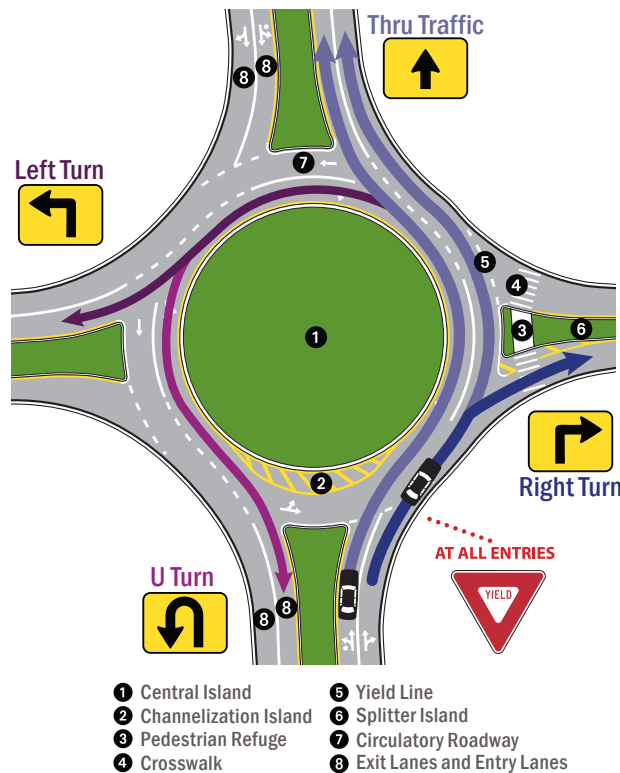
## Choose your lane:

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.



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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 and Entry Lanes |

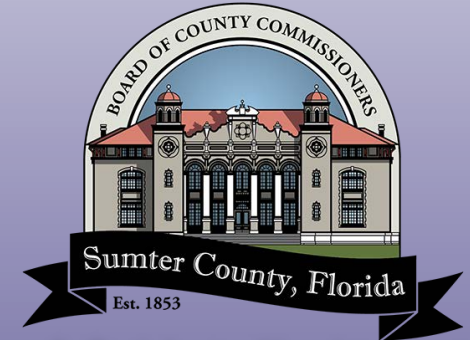
## Best Practices:

- 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 both lanes to maneuver
- Indicate your exit using your right-turn signal

For additional information, please refer to FHWA's *Roundabouts: An Informational Guide* at [www.tfhrc.gov/safety/00068.htm](http://www.tfhrc.gov/safety/00068.htm)

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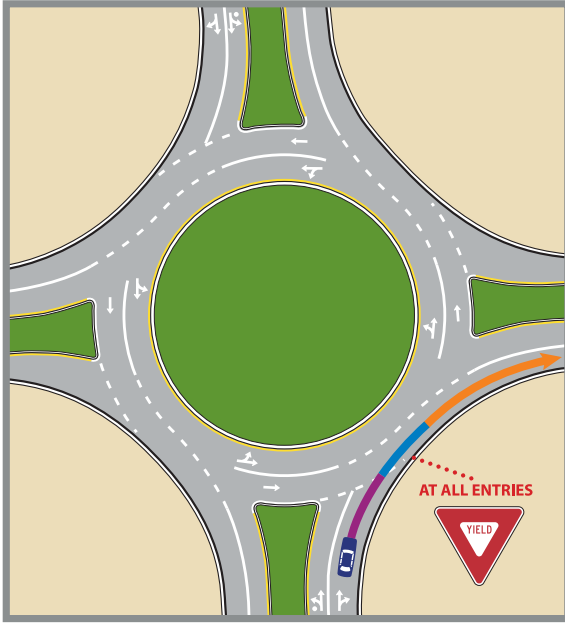


## What is a Roundabout?

A roundabout is a circular intersection where vehicles yield at entry to traffic already within the circulatory roadway and all vehicles flow in a counter-clockwise direction around a central island.

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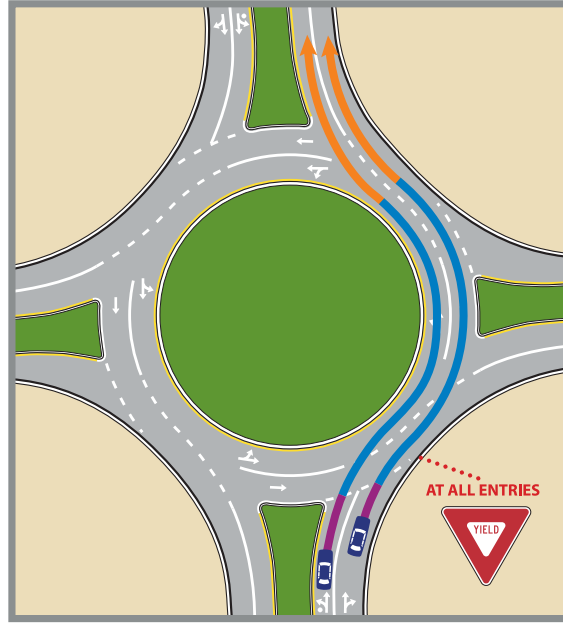
# Driving Roundabouts



## Turning Right



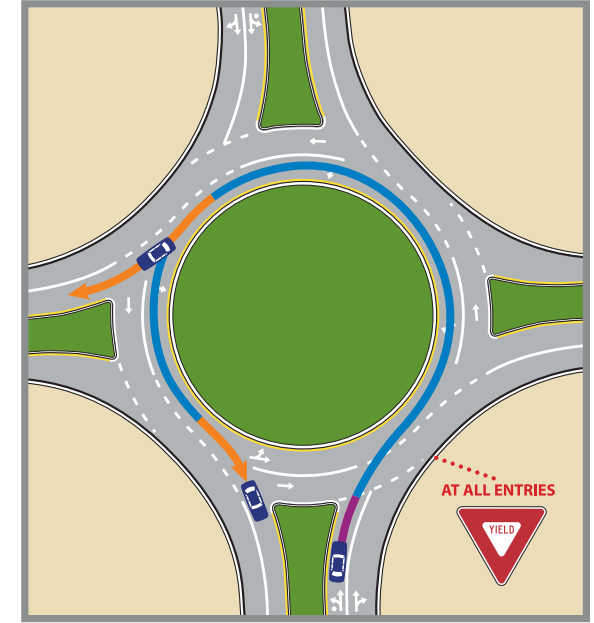
- 1. APPROACHING:** Be in the right-hand lane unless otherwise marked on the roadway, and use a right-turn signal.
- 2. CIRCULATING:** Keep to the right-hand (outside) lane of the roundabout and continue to use your right-turn signal through your exit. **Do not change lanes.**
- 3. EXITING:** Stay in the right-hand lane as you exit the roundabout.



## Going Straight Ahead



- 1. APPROACHING:** You can be in either lane, unless otherwise marked on roadway or posted.
- 2. 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.
- 4. 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



- 1. APPROACHING:** Be in the left-hand lane unless otherwise marked on the roadway, and use a left-turn signal.
- 2. 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.**
- 4. 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.

## Roundabout Signs:

**Sample Guide Sign:**

BUENA VISTA BLVD  
WINIFRED WAY EAST  
LEFT LANE  
RIGHT LANE  
BELVEDERE BLVD WEST

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

Slow down when approaching a roundabout

SPEED LIMIT 20

Watch for pedestrians and golf carts

XING AHEAD

YIELD to traffic already in the roundabout

Stay to the right of the splitter island

ONE WAY

Travel in a counterclockwise direction only.