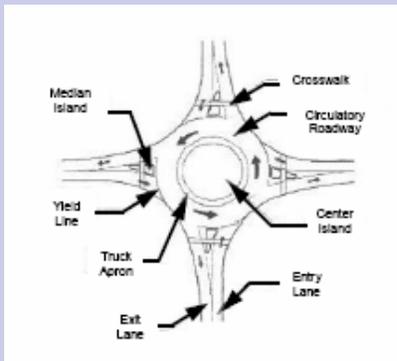


What is a Roundabout?

A roundabout is a circular intersection designed to slow traffic while lowering delays. Operations are improved by smooth flowing traffic, with less stop and go than would be experienced at a signalized intersection. A roundabout can improve safety for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. Their advantage also lies in providing a more aesthetically pleasing intersection design, since there is less pavement and the center island offers an opportunity for landscaping features that create a distinctive entry point to a community.



The general principle behind using a roundabout is **Yield at Entry**. A motorist approaching a roundabout must slow down, yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, and yield to traffic already in the roundabout. Then, when a gap in traffic is present, it's a simple maneuver similar to a right turn onto a one way street. Once in the roundabout, proceed around the center island and take the desired right hand turn.



Roundabouts are designed to accommodate large vehicles including fire trucks. The paved "truck apron" around the center island is intended to provide extra space for the trailing wheels of large trucks while driving around the roundabout.



Do not enter the roundabout when emergency vehicles are approaching on another leg; allow vehicles in the roundabout to clear in front of the emergency vehicles.

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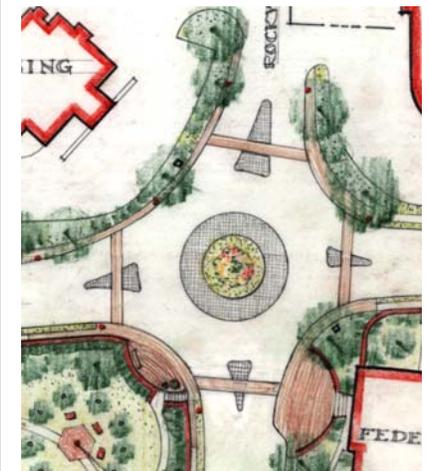
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Motorists:

Education is vital to the acceptance and success of a roundabout. Navigating a roundabout is easy. But because people can be apprehensive about new things, it is important to educate Norfolk motorists about roundabout use. There are just a few simple guidelines to remember:



Upon approaching the roundabout, **SLOW DOWN to 10-15 MPH**. Be sure to look for pedestrians in the crosswalk.



Before entering the roundabout, **YIELD** to traffic already in the circle.



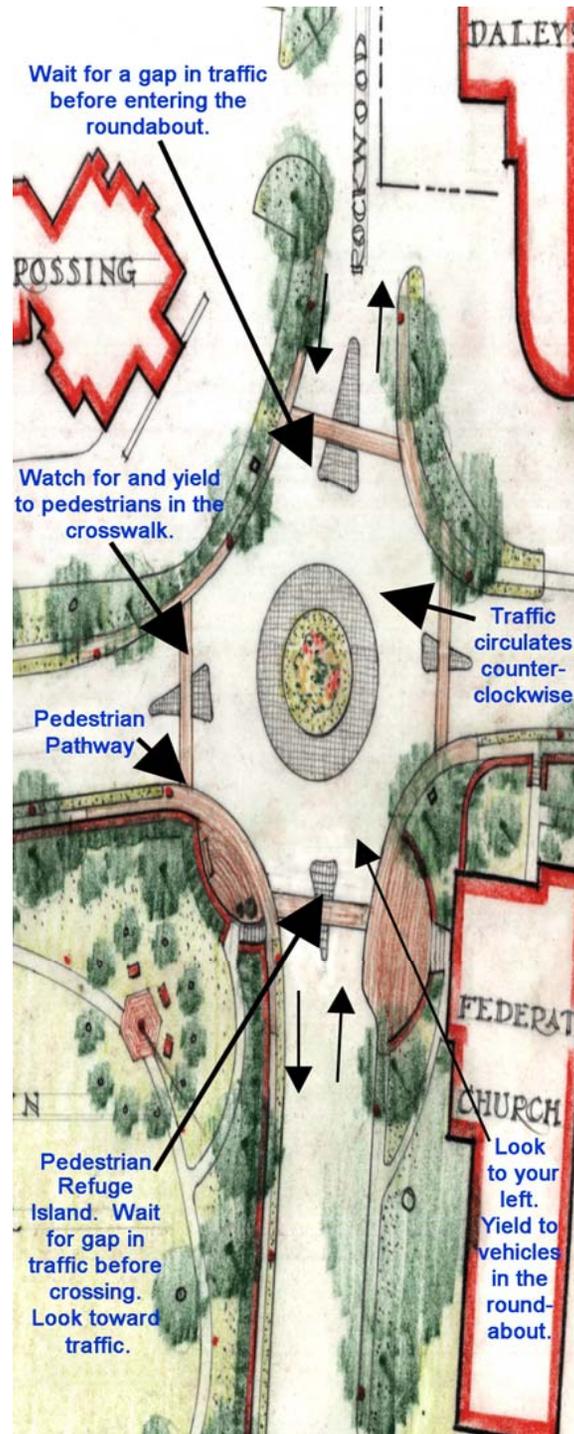
When there is a *gap* in circulating traffic, enter the roundabout. **OBEY ONE-WAY SIGNS** at all times. Continue safely around the roundabout until your exit.



WATCH for and YIELD to PEDESTRIANS and BICYCLISTS when entering and exiting the roundabout.



Use your right turn signal and **EXIT THE ROUNDABOUT CAREFULLY**. Left turns are completed by circling the center island and making a right turn to exit from the roundabout.



Pedestrians:

- Always use the sidewalk and crosswalk. **Never walk in the roundabout or to the center island.**
- Cross the street to the pedestrian refuge island; it's there to provide you with a refuge between lanes.
- When you are on the sidewalk and walk toward the refuge island look to your left for approaching vehicles. You have the right of way when you're in the crosswalk, but be careful. Make sure that drivers can see you and stop for you.
- When you are on the refuge island and walk toward the sidewalk, look to your right for approaching vehicles.

Bicycles:

Bicyclists can choose to use the pedestrian sidewalk and walk through the crosswalks, or ride through the roundabout, depending on their level of comfort in traffic. Bicyclists using the street shall follow the same rules as motorists. Watch for cars waiting to enter the roundabout as they may not see you.