



BIG SUR
INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

PRESENTED BY **HOKA**

Sunday, April 26, 2026

39th Presentation

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Hello Neighbor:

The 39th Presentation of the Big Sur International Marathon is almost here! The world-renowned event draws visitors from throughout the country and around the globe; this year nearly 10,000 athletes, along with thousands more spectators and hundreds of volunteers, will be taking part in Sunday's race along scenic Highway 1.

This event presents some logistical challenges on race day. Our goal is smooth and safe operations for runners and residents alike. Due to construction north of Point Sur, we strongly discourage residents south of Bixby Bridge from northbound travel until after 10:00am on Sunday, April 26th. To help you plan, we've included travel tips and schedules on the reverse side. We deeply appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Throughout our 39 years, the non-profit Big Sur Marathon has been committed to raising funds for local community groups and improving the fitness of countless individuals. We thank you for your support and encourage you to come and be part of the excitement!

DRIVING TIPS AND CARAVAN SCHEDULE

1. IF YOU CAN, MAKE ALTERNATE PLANS:

We suggest you avoid driving on Highway 1 on **SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026** until after 1 pm.

2. PERMITTED TRAVEL:

Only emergency vehicles and scheduled, CHP-led caravans are allowed during the race. If travel is necessary between 4 am and 1 pm, you may join a caravan which will travel in the inland lane at 25 mph. See caravan schedule below for departure times and locations.

3. IF YOU MUST DRIVE:

• **Southbound** — Only vehicles WITH PASSES are allowed south of Otter Cove after 4am · Travelers to the Highlands may cross Rio Road until 7am · Travelers heading south after 7 am will be held near The Crossroads Carmel until released to join a Southbound caravan.

• **Northbound** — Travelers must be north of the Big Sur Post Office by 5:45am · All northbound travelers must pass Carmel River Bridge by 7am · The first public caravan from Big Sur to Carmel will depart Point Sur at 10:00am · Residents entering Highway 1 from a driveway or access road (east side only) will be allowed to join in at the back of a caravan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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4. RACE DAY CARAVAN SCHEDULES: (times are approximate)

NORTHBOUND	1st	2nd	3rd	SOUTHBOUND	1st	2nd	3rd
Start Line	7:20*			Race Finish / Rio Road		9:00	11:15
Andrew Molera - Old Coast Road	7:30*			Point Lobos		9:05	11:20
Point Sur	7:40*	10:00		Highlands Drive		9:15	11:22
Old Coast Road (Bixby Creek)	7:55*	10:12		Yankee Point - Mal Paso Road		9:20	11:26
Palo Colorado	8:00	10:16	12:15	Otter Cove	8:50	9:22	11:28
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Yankee Point - Mal Paso Road	8:20	10:22	12:30	Old Coast Road (Bixby Creek)	9:00	9:40	
Highlands Drive	8:30	10:38	12:35	Point Sur	9:15	9:50	
Point Lobos	8:40	10:40	12:37				
Race Finish / Rio Road	8:45	10:55	12:47				

*First northbound caravan (red times) is reserved for official race vehicles only and is not open to the public.

The Big Sur International Marathon receives permits to conduct the event annually from Caltrans and Monterey County. Residents have five working days from the date of mailed notification distribution to appeal the grant of the special permit.