



# NEWS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **BIG SUR MARATHON TO BE RUN ON HIGHWAY 1 THIS SUNDAY**

MONTEREY COUNTY (CARMEL/BIG SUR) – The Big Sur International Marathon will be run along Highway 1 beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 26. The race will start in Big Sur and will end at Rio Road in Carmel.

Traffic on Highway 1 will be restricted from 4:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Hwy. 1 will be closed from Sycamore Canyon Road to Carmel Valley Road. While the southbound lane is closed for the race, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) will use the northbound lane to lead caravans of traffic in alternating directions at three different intervals during this time. Therefore, motorists traveling in both directions should expect delays of up to two hours.

As a result, motorists should avoid the area or take alternate routes. Caltrans reminds motorists that 'we're here to get you there.'

To find out further information about the marathon, please call (831) 625-6226 or visit the official race website (<http://bsim.org>)

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