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## **BIG SUR MARATHON ANNOUNCES TRAFFIC PLAN FOR RACE WEEKEND**

The Big Sur Marathon's weekend of various pedestrian road races will result in local street closures and traffic detours in downtown Monterey early Saturday morning, April 26, and on Highway One from Big Sur to Carmel on Sunday, April 27.

New to the marathon line-up of activities this year is the JUST RUN!® Just Kids 3K event presented by Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and the City of Monterey. Held on Saturday, April 26 beginning at 8 a.m., approximately 2,000 school aged children and their families will run a 3K (or 1.8 mile) loop course eastbound on Del Monte Avenue and returning on the "Window on the Bay" recreation trail to Custom House Plaza. Del Monte Avenue between Figueroa and Casa Verde will be closed to through traffic between 7 and 9 a.m., and the southbound Highway 1 offramps at Del Monte and Casa Verde will also be closed. The recreation trail will be closed to cyclists and other wheeled vehicles. Automobile traffic will be re-routed through Monterey during this time.

On Sunday, April 27, the marathon will necessitate the closure of Highway 1 between Big Sur and Rio Road in Carmel. Southbound traffic will be restricted beginning at 4 a.m. and northbound traffic will be closed from Big Sur at 6:15 a.m. Highway 1 southbound to Rio Road will be closed at Carmel Valley Road at 6:15 a.m. and all roads will reopen at 1 p.m. A series of CHP escorted car caravans will travel along the highway at published times during the morning. For Monterey Peninsula residents needing to head south, caravans will leave from the Crossroads Shopping Village at 8:45 a.m. and at 11 a.m. For Big Sur residents and travelers from the south, caravans will leave from Big Sur at 7:20 a.m., from Pt. Sur at 9:50 a.m. and from Palo Colorado at 11:55 a.m.

Monterey Peninsula spectators wishing to enjoy the excitement of Sunday's Big Sur Marathon can travel from Highway 1 onto Carmel Valley Road and south on Carmel Rancho Blvd. to nearby public parking areas. The finish line can be best viewed from the west (ocean)side of Highway 1 just south of Rio Road. Runners and spectators can also gather in the "Marathon Village" finishers' area where a variety of participant service tents offering food, massage, medical treatment, awards and more will be located.

For more information on traffic and caravan schedules, visit [bsim.org](http://bsim.org) or call 625-6226.