



RACE WEEKEND PARTICIPANT GUIDE Big Sur VIP April 26-28, 2019

RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO/PACKET PICK-UP

- The Monterey Conference Center, 1 Portola Plaza, Monterey
- Friday, April 26 from 12 Noon to 6 PM
- Saturday, April 27, from 9:30 AM to 6 PM
- Bib, shirt and packet pick-up
- Expo is FREE and open to the public

BY-THE-BAY 3K

 Saturday, April 27, at 8 AM at Lovers Point Park in Pacific Grove

PASTA PARTY

- Saturday, April 27, 5 or 6 PM sittings
- Grand Ballroom, Monterey Marriott
- Tickets available for purchase at the Expo or at the door for \$25

RACE DAY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28

٠	21-Miler start	6:30 AM
٠	Marathon start	6:45 AM
٠	Relay start	6:45 AM
•	11-Miler start	7:00 AM
٠	12K start	7:35 AM
٠	5K start	7:35 AM
٠	Marathon, Boston 2 Big Sur and	
	Relay awards ceremony	11:30 AM
٠	Highway 1 re-opens	1:00 PM

Finish Village closes/event over
1:30 PM

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PRE-RACE PREP: EXPO



Big Sur Marathon VIP Participants Welcome to Race Weekend!

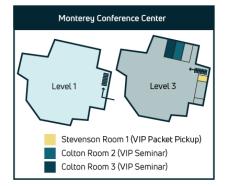
We're honored you have chosen our race and we have been preparing for months to make your weekend safe, enjoyable, and memorable. Thank you in advance for carefully reading through this information. It is much of the same information emailed to you in four separate emails. Have a great race!

Your Big Sur Marathon Team

VIP PACKET PICK-UP

Big Sur VIP entrants can pick up their entire pre-assembled race packet (bib, shirt, and bus ticket) at the VIP Hospitality Room on the third floor of the Conference Center. Bibs, shirts and race packets must be picked up in person unless a Packet Pick-Up Authorization form has been filled out. Please bring your photo ID along with your check-in QR code from Active. The QR code can be found in your confirmation email and will be emailed to all entrants along with your bib number several days prior to race weekend. You can also look up your bib number at MY EVENTS at Active or at SVE Timing.

If you purchased extra Pasta Party tickets or VIP Finish Tent guest wristbands, they will be available for pick-up in the VIP Hospitality Room. Please note that there is no race morning pick-up. If you downgraded to a different race distance, your race packet will still be in the VIP pick-up area.



Note: because we try to minimize our event's environmental impact as part of our "green" initiative, we do not hand out bags filled with paper promotional materials or product samples. You will be sent a link to a virtual goodie bag a week or so before the race which will includes valuable electronic coupons.

If you have any questions about your race entry or about bib pick-up before race weekend, email VIP@bsim.org.

Please note: all race distances are full and there are no downgrades, transfers, deferrals, or refunds for any reason. Thanks for your support.

OFFICIAL RACE MERCHANDISE

Be sure and visit the Marathon merchandise store on the main expo floor for a wide assortment of commemorative items including technical wear, leisure wear, souvenirs, and HOKA ONE ONE shoes for try on and purchase! Supplies are limited and many items sell out early. You can also shop our online store prior to race weekend.



PRE-RACE PREP: EXPO

FREE RACE CLINICS ON SATURDAY AT THE EXPO

10 AM & 4 PM: Marathon Relay Tips & Info: For relay team captains and members

11 AM: Gary Dudney: Leveraging Your Big Sur Fitness into Great Adventures

12 Noon: Fitz Koehler, Strength Training for Runners

1 PM: Olympian Memories and tips for your race with local Olympic runners Blake Russell, Steve Scott, Nelly Wright, and Maria Trujillo

2 PM: Tips for Race Day and Running the Big Sur Course with Grizzled Vets, past winners Michael Wardian and Adam Roach, "every day runner" Tom Foreman, and power walker Lee Scott

3 PM: Peter Sagal, author of *The Incomplete Runner* and host of National Public Radio's "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!" Moderated by CNN correspondent and author Tom Foreman

SPECIAL EVENTS

TECH HAPPY HOURS

Tech Happy Hours are Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, from 2 to 5 PM inside the Expo. Enjoy beer and wine tasting, free phone charging stations, and drawings for prizes. Tickets are \$5 at the entrance.

PASTA PARTY, Saturday, April 27 at 5 or 6 PM

Enjoy a tasty carbo-rich meal and meet fellow runners in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott, across the street from the Expo. Pre-purchased tickets are available for pick-up in the same room as bib pick-up or at the door. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the Expo or at the door.

SPECIAL VIP EVENTS

- Take part in the official GU and The Treadmill BSIM Pace Team Shakeout Run at 7:30 AM on Saturday, April 27. The run will begin at the Custom House Plaza-Monterey State Historic Park meet outside the Monterey Conference Center/Expo facility near the Big Sur banner!
- A special VIP-only pre-race briefing session will take place on Saturday, April 27, at 3:45 PM in Colton Rooms II and III on the third floor of the Conference Center near bib pick-up.
- For those that purchased a ticket to visit the nearby Refuge Spa on Monday, April 29, details will be available at VIP pick-up.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE START

All marathon runners must use our free transportation to the start at the Big Sur Station in Big Sur. Highway 1 is closed early race morning to private vehicles. **There is NO parking in the start area and there is no runner drop-off by private vehicle**.

Special Marathon buses for VIP runners will leave at 4:15 AM from in front of the Monterey Conference Center and Portola Hotel & Spa. If you plan to use the Big Sur VIP shuttles, please make sure to pick up your ticket at packet pickup.

Non-VIP buses to the Marathon start depart early race from one of six locations:

Monterey Marriott (for Marriott hotel guests) from 4:00 - 4:15 AM Downtown East & West Garages (340 Tyler Street, Monterey) from 3:30 - 4:15 AM



Peter Sagal





Monterey Peninsula College (980 Fremont Street, Monterey) from 4:00 - 4:15 AM (new location in 2019) Embassy Suites (for guests at Embassy Suites and nearby hotels) from 4:00 - 4:15 AM Carmel Plaza (for those staying in downtown Carmel hotels) from 3:45 - 4:15 AM Carmel Middle School (4380 Carmel Valley Road) from 3:30 - 4:00 AM

For participants staying in Big Sur, smaller shuttle buses will make a continuous loop on Highway 1 between 4:45 and 6 AM with stops at all facilities between Andrew Molera State Park to the north and Deetjen's to the south. To board these buses, stand near Highway 1 in order to be visible to bus drivers.

Free post-race buses depart the Marathon Finish Village between 9:30 AM and 2 PM to take runners back to their original pick-up location.

EVENT START, SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 28

The Marathon start is at the Big Sur Station on Highway 1 in Big Sur. VIP runners have exclusive access to a special heated tent in the start village with water, coffee, bagels and bananas. There are also restrooms only for VIP participants in this area.

Wear warm clothing as the average temperatures are in the 40's and you will be in the area for one to two hours before the start. **NOTE:** Do NOT enter the woods at the start village or alongside Highway 1. There is A LOT of poison oak in the area as well as sensitive vegetation.

To check your gear for delivery to the VIP tent in Finish Village, use the VIP back pack you will receive at bib pickup. No other bags, backpacks, suitcases, etc., should be used. Do not enclose valuables and do not check any fluids or other heavy or sharp items.

NEW START WAVES FOR 2019

The race will begin in three waves based on predicted finish times provided during registration and the honor system. Look for the wave assignment printed on your race bib. The waves are as follows:

Wave A - 6:45 AM: predicted finish times of 3:59 and faster Wave B - 6:50 AM: predicted finish times between 4:00 to 5:00 hours

Wave C - 6:55 AM: predicted finish times of 5:00 hours and higher

We will load the faster wave runners first. The event is chip-timed so there is no advantage to being near the front. Relax and enjoy the start-there is plenty of course ahead!

VIP program staff will escort each wave to their start.

THE COURSE

While every marathon is different, there are some things that are truly unique about the Big Sur Marathon.

Here's what you should know:

- After the first couple of miles, you are restricted to only the left lane of the two-lane highway. There is live traffic in the other lane so please do not cross the center yellow line after mile two.
- There are 11 aid stations spread out about every two-to-three miles. This is fewer than many other marathons. Plan accordingly and perhaps consider bringing your own water bottle/hydration system that you can refill at the end of any of the aid stations.
- We have more than 15 music stations on the course with local groups and entertainers including the popular Taiko drummers half way up the climb to Hurricane Point and Michael Martinez playing the Yamaha Baby Grand piano just after mile 13.1 on Bixby Bridge.
- Just about everyone wants to take pictures at some point during the race. Please look around and pull off to the side carefully before stopping to take a picture.
- Because Highway 1 is closed to vehicular traffic until 1:00 P.M., spectators, families, and friends of the runners/walkers can only view the end of the race from the finish area. There are no spectating points along the course.
- Cell coverage is poor to non-existent over most of the course so don't plan on posting on social media or making or receiving calls or texts during the race.
- If you are a faster runner, expect to pass hundreds of walkers and slower runners from the shorter races that also use the same single lane on Highway 1. Plan on doing some careful maneuvering around your fellow runners and walkers while staying only in the left lane.
- Enjoy the fun <u>HOKA ONE ONE</u> "Time to Fly" zone with music and cheerleaders at mile 25 (1.2-miles before the finish) and just before the final hill!
- We strongly discourage the use of earbuds/earphones. The course can be crowded in spots and it's safer if you can hear fellow runners and race officials. Also, you are often running alongside official vehicles, bicycles, and private vehicles in escorted caravans. The better you can hear, the safer you can run.
- Please help us keep this beautiful area clean. Please don't throw trash or clothing into the bushes: just drop items in your lane or in the dirt shoulder on your left where our clean-up crews can spot them. And please don't go into the bushes or behind trees to take care of business. There is A LOT of poison oak alongside some sections of the course!
- No bandits, unofficial pacers, or unregistered runners. Only official race entrants wearing an official bib assigned to them who start at the official start are allowed on the course.



When you see this arch, you have 1.2 miles and one final hill to the finish line!

COURSE PROFILE

The marathon course is point to point, moderately difficult, with rolling hills and frequent strong headwinds. The course is entirely on Highway 1, the nation's first nationally-designated Scenic Highway. The course is USATF and IAAF/AIMS certified and an official Boston qualifier.



ELEVATION MAP Start elevation: 356 feet Finish elevation: 10 feet Estimated total elevation gain: +2,182 feet Estimated total elevation loss: -2,528 feet

Look for large, colorful mile markers with fun caricatures on the left side of the highway. There are also signs at 10K and the 13.1-mile halfway mark.

AID STATIONS

There will be Gatorade Endurance and water at all 11 aid stations. You can fill up your own personal hydration system at the end of each fluid station in the "BYOB" area (strongly encouraged!). There will be fruit at later stations. GU energy gel will be available at mile 12.2 and mile 18.9. GU flavors include Strawberry Banana (caffeine free), Vanilla, Tri-Berry, and Salted Caramel (all caffeinated).

Aid station locations are as follows:

#1: Mile 2.6	#7: Mile 16.7
#2: Mile 4.8	#8: Mile 18.9
#3: Mile 7.8	#9: Mile 21.3
#4: Mile 10.4	#10: Mile 23
#5: Mile 12.2	#11: Mile 24.6
#6: Mile 14.7	

We are pleased to confirm we will be able to once again provide a strawberry station at mile 23.2.

There are porta-potties at each aid station, at relay exchange areas, and at most entertainment stations.

Our medical sponsor, <u>Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula</u>, provides race day medical assistance. Look for their staff volunteers at all first aid stations. They are stocked with supplies such as bandages & petroleum jelly to aid with blisters and chafing. They also have a team of cyclists with mobile defibrillator's out on our course with immediate assistance. We are grateful to our community hospital for protecting all of our participants!

There are mobile medical teams and course marshals on bicycles throughout the course for your safety. If you have any needs, feel free to flag one down. Bicycle marshals are also there to ensure all runners stay in the ocean-side lane for the last 24 miles of the race.

PACE GROUPS

Marathon pace groups are provided for the following finish times, many adjusted this year for the new Boston Marathon qualifying times:

3:10	4:00
3:20	4:05
3:25	4:20
3:30	4:30
3:35	4:45
3:40	5:00
3:50	5:50*
3:55	

*The 5:50 pace group is based on the 6:00 course time limit with a little cushion built in to help make sure those in this group stay safely under the time limit pace.

To sign up for one of these groups, visit the website of **<u>The Treadmill</u>**, a local specialty retailer and the pace team coordinator. Or, stop by their booth at our Expo to meet members of the team and for more details.



FINISH AREA

The finish line and Finish Village is located at Highway 1 and Rio Road. After crossing the finish line, you will receive your finisher medallion and a mylar blanket (if weather conditions warrant). <u>MarathonFoto</u> will be on hand to take your picture for purchase.

Look for the VIP exit out of the chute on your right. (This will be before the food tent for other runners.) Look for the volunteers and the VIP flags for the VIP hospitality tent entrance.

Join us for refreshments and a chance to meet up with other VIP runners in the tent. The VIP hospitality tent will open at 8 AM for finishers, friends, and family members who have pre-purchased wristbands as part of their VIP entry or at the Expo. Wristbands are not sold race day.

Note: as part of our goal to reduce our environmental impact, we do not hand out bottles of water or <u>Gato-rade Endurance</u>. Finishers are given a cup of water in a compostable cup that can refilled (along with your personal hydration system) in the VIP tent.

Medical

Medical professionals from <u>Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsulla</u> will be scanning finishers for any signs of distress. A large, fully-staffed medical tent is in the area. You may also visit the area on your own if you need any medical attention (blisters, cramps, etc.). There will be ice located in or near the medical tent.

Gear Check

Gear bags checked before your race will be available in the VIP hospitality tent at the finish.

Marathon Awards Ceremony

The Marathon awards ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the main stage. We will recognize top overall finishers followed by top finishers in the special divisions and age groups. Awards distribution is equal for men and women. "Double-dipping" is permitted; runners are eligible for both overall and division awards. Marathon awards presented are:

- Top five overall and top three masters (age 40+) based on GUN TIME.
- Top five finishers in five-year age divisions after 16 19 to 80+ based on CHIP TIME.
- Top three B2B overall and top three B2B masters (age 40+) based on combined Boston and Big Sur chip times.
- HOKA ONE ONE shoe certificates are presented to all division winners.
- To be eligible for awards, you must record a time at all course split mats.
- There is no prize money.

Post-Race Merchandise Store

Unique Big Sur Marathon commemorative merchandise will be available for sale in the Finish Village. Finisher shirts will be for sale but quantities of this and other items are limited and first-come, first-served.

Race Results

Look for the black SVE Race Results laptop inside the VIP hospitality tent for your event results (printed results are not posted.) Results also will be available online at <u>bigsurmarathon.org</u> on Sunday afternoon. Marathon, 21-Miler and Relay team results are also published in the Monday, April 29 <u>Monterey Herald</u>. A free copy of this special issue of the Herald will be mailed to all Marathon finishers who are U.S. residents and who live outside of Monterey County (expect 6-8 weeks for delivery).

We will also email an electronic results magazine to all finishers 2-to-3 months after the race.

Post-Race Shuttles

Post-race buses depart from near the Marathon Finish Village beginning at 9:30 AM to return you to your morning boarding locations. The last bus will depart at 2 PM. Buses back to the Big Sur area campgrounds and hotels are scheduled to depart at 11 AM, 1 PM and 2PM.

Taking Photos?

Be sure to post your race photos and videos on social media. Tag us as @bigsurinternationalmarathon on <u>Facebook</u>, and at @BSIMEvents on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. #BigSurMarathon

Information Booth and Lost and Found

If you have any questions after the race, please visit our information booth located near the Village exit.

SPECTATOR TIPS

- Due to the closure of Hwy 1 to private vehicles, bikes, runners and walkers, the only place to watch participants in any of our races is at the Finish Village.
- Find your friends and family at the Runner Reunion area near the exit of the runner food tent exit.
- Please, no dogs, drones, or bicycles in the Finish Village.
- The Finish Village is a relatively small area so anticipate heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic and lengthy delays accessing the area. We suggest you scope out the area in the days before the race and have a confirmed post-race meeting time and location. It usually takes at least 15 to 20 minutes from the time a runner crosses the finish line to be available to reunite with family and friends outside the runner food tent.

• Runner tracking is available through the Big Sur Marathon app. Search for "Big Sur Marathon" on iTunes or Google Play. Important note: due to limited cell coverage on the course and in the finish area, expect lengthy delays in runner tracking. Splits are recorded at

the start, miles 5, 9.8, 13.1, 15.6, 17, 22, 24, and the finish.

• There is little to no cell phone service along the course. Spectators should not anticipate receiving calls, texts, or social media updates Marathoners running the race. In addition, due to heavy demand, cell coverage in the Finish Village can be very challenging after the race.



- There are three coffee shops located within a few blocks of the finish line including a Starbucks adjacent to the Village. There is also a drug store, grocery store, and a half dozen or more restaurants in the Crossroads Shopping Center next to the Finish Village as well as more coffee shops and stores in The Barnyard and the Rancho Carmel Centers, both located about a half mile north of the Finish Village.
- If spectators are taking a ride share service or cab to the Finish Village, expect to find many area roads closed and to be dropped off at least a half mile away.

Any Questions?

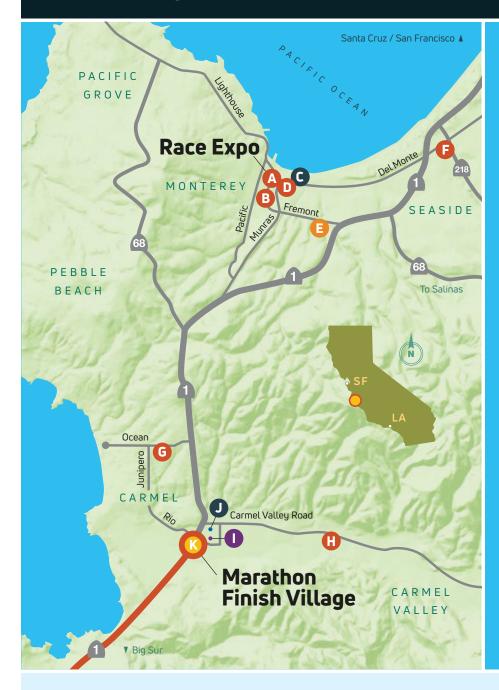
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Good luck and enjoy your race experience!

View race maps on the following pages



Bus Pick-up Locations



- All entrants in the Marathon, Marathon Relay, 21-Miler, and 11-Miler are required to take a bus to their start or relay exchange area. Highway 1 is closed to private vehicles and there is no parking at any start and no runner drop off. Free bus tickets must be picked up at the Expo. Bus assignments are made based on where you are staying before the race. Buses will return entrants from the Marathon Finish Village to their morning pick-up location after the race.
 - PICK-UP TIMES

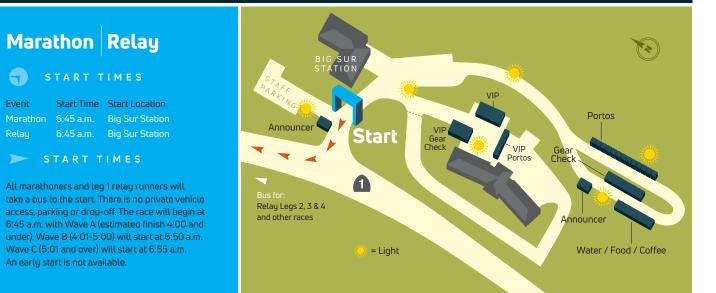


Participants staging in big sur may note a shottle to the Marathon start. These shuttles run a loop along Highway 1 in Big Sur between 4:45 and 6:00 a.m. Those running other events will take a second bus (running between 5:30 and 6:00 a.m.) from the Marathon drop-off area to the start of their event or Relay exchange area. Notice: Please do not leave valuables in plain view and be sure to lock your vehicle when parking.

- A Race Expo Monterey Conference Center 1 Portola Plaza, Monterey NO PICK-UP HERE
- B Monterey Marriott 350 Calle Principal Monterey MARATHON + 21-MILER
- C Wharf Marketplace Parking Lot New Location for 2019 290 Figueroa Street (at Del Monte Avenue) Monterey 11-MILER
- Downtown Garage East/West (formerly Custom House Plaza Garage)
 340 Tyler Street Monterey MARATHON
- E Monterey Peninsula College 980 Fremont Street Monterey MARATHON + RELAY
- F Embassy Suites 1441 Canyon del Rey Seaside MARATHON
- G Carmel Plaza Ocean Avenue & Junipero Carmel MARATHON
- H Carmel Middle School 4380 Carmel Valley Road Carmel MARATHON
- I Barnyard Shopping Center Clock Tower Lane & Via Nona Marie Carmel 21-MILER
- J Carmel Rancho Center Clock Tower Lane & Via Nona Marie Carmel 11-MILER
- K Marathon Finish Village Highway 1 & Rio Roads, Carmel No transportation provided from the Marathon finish to any start line.

Post-Race Shuttles Free shuttles are provided between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to take runners from the Marathon Finish Village to their original pick-up location.

Starting Area Maps





21-Miler

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Event	Start Time	Start Location	

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21-Miler	6:30 a.m.	Andrew Molera State Park

START INFO

All 21-Milers will take a bus to Andrew Molera State Park for their start. There is no private vehicle access, parking or drop-off. The group yoga and warm-up stretch will begin about 6 a.m. The 21-Miler starts in one wave at 6:30 a.m. Official timing will begin as runners cross marathon mile 5 on Highway 1, about 2/10ths of a mile away.

11-Miler



Start Time Start Location

START INFO

Runners will be dropped off on Highway 1 by bus for the start of the 11-Miler. There is no private vehicle access, parking or drop-off. The 11-Miler will start in waves at 7 a.m. at Grimes Ranch on Highway 1.



Marathon Course Map





•	START	TIMES
Event	Start Time	Start Location
Marathon	6:45 a.m.	Big Sur Station
Relay	6:45 a.m.	Big Sur Station
21-Miler	6:30 a.m.	Andrew Molera State Park
11-Miler	7:00 a.m.	Grimes Ranch
12K	7:35 a.m.	Rio Road + Highway 1
5K	7:35 a.m.	Rio Road + Highway 1
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AID STATIONS

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All events finish at Rio Rd. + Highway

There are 11 aid stations on the course. All stations feature **Gatorade Endurance** first, then water. Refill stations for those with their own bottles are located at the end of every other station. Look for the signs for refill stations. Fruit is located at all stations starting at mile 10.4. **GU** is located at the stations near mile 12.2 and near mile 18.9. Please be considerate of runners behind you and the environment and drop your energy gel packets and cups in the receptacles provided after each station. Please do not put your energy gel wrappers or other trash inside water cups! There are portable toilets located at each aid station. Each station also features medical personnel with minor first aid supplies.



This is a beautiful and challenging course. The total elevation gain is +2,182 feet and total loss is -2,528-feet. The longest hill is the 500-plus foot climb between miles 10 and 12. There are numerous rolling hills between miles 22 and 25. Good luck and enjoy the experience!

