

RIDER GUIDE

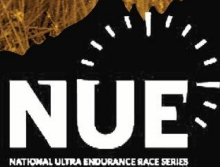
GIGANTE DE PIEDRA SMALL



4 MAYO '24

XCM | 115 KM | 3500+

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PRESENTATION

Welcome to the **VIII Gigante de Piedra SMALL 2024**. At this point, there's little to say about what SMALL is; you should know what you've gotten into if you're registered. The numbers don't lie: 120 km and 3600 m+ of elevation gain, in the challenging terrain of Castellón.

Our recommendation is that you take the **Small** as a personal challenge, forget about the position you end up in, and enjoy attempting a great challenge that will push you to your limits and bring out the best in you. We hope you can overcome it, and we'll help you in any way we can. This year, we're entering as a **UCI XCM race, category S2**. If you're licensed to compete, we recommend you register for this category; if not, you can participate in the non-competitive cycling event.

Friday, May 3rd.

16:30 to 21:30 Dorsal collection at the start/finish area. Essential to present ID and Cycling Federation card if you haven't paid for insurance. Bike storage area with surveillance.

Saturday, May 4th.

6:00 Bike park closed. Essential to have an identification bracelet to retrieve your bike.

6:00 to 6:30 Dorsal collection at the start/finish area. Essential to present ID and Cycling Federation card if you haven't paid for insurance. It's recommended to do this on Friday with more calm.

7:00 Neutralized start to the town of Alcora, approximately 7 km. Overtaking motorized vehicles is prohibited until they pull aside at the town exit.

12:00 Estimated time of the first rider at the finish line. Post-race refreshments, massage area, bike cleaning, showers, trophy and podium awards as they're completed.

17:00 Finish line closes.

[How to arrive](#)





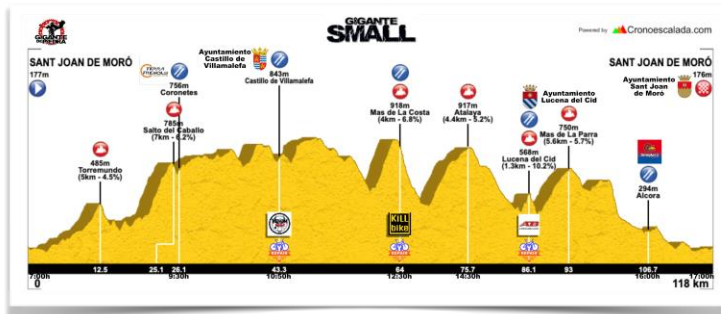
START SANT JOAN DE MORÓ -

GIGANTE DE PIEDRA POLIFUNCIONAL SMALL

There will be three checkpoints established: Mas de La Costa, Lucena del Cid, and another surprise one. The route will be signposted and marked by the organization; however, the [track](#) can be downloaded. The entire route must be followed, and all three checkpoints must be completed to become a **finisher**. Medical service will be available at various points along the route and at the finish line from the arrival of the first rider.

The **UCI commissioners** will set up the starting grids; participants in the non-competitive cycling event will start behind the **UCI category**. Riders will be penalized for littering on the route; it's only permitted at designated areas in the refreshment zones. The rules of the event are available to anyone on the official website.

<http://www.gigantedepiedra.com/small/>





PART 1 SANT JOAN DE MORÓ - CORONETES

RACE KM 25,7

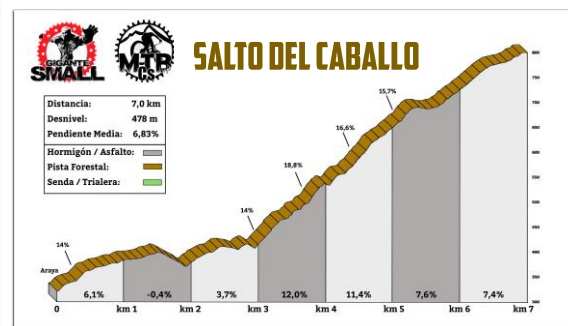
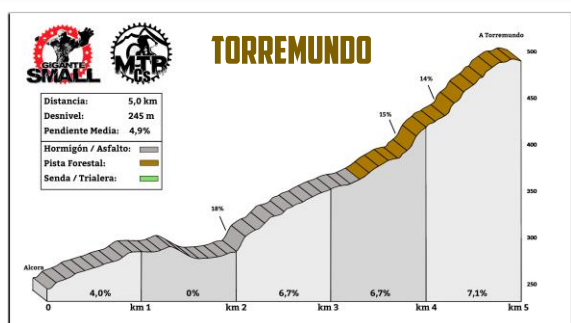
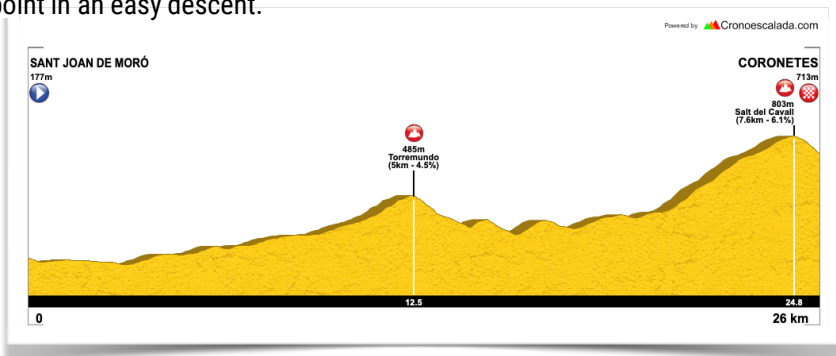
1022 m +. 488 m -

Estimated passage time for the 1st RIDER: 8:15 a.m. - checkpoint closure: 9:30 a.m. Minimum speed: 10 km/h..

Feed: Water

How to arrive

We start rolling in a neutralized start until the town of **L'Alcora** where the rolling start will be given, about 7 km that will be done at a good pace to stretch the peloton. We begin the first ramps of the climb to **Torremundo**, a short but steep climb with gradients of 9% that will put everyone in their place. Shortly after, we arrive at Araya, a hamlet of **L'Alcora**, where a lot of spectators usually gather; the peloton is already stretched out and the climb begins on a wide track to **Salt del Cavall**, the second climb of about 7 km with very tough gradients, which will take us, after cresting it, to the first refreshment point in an easy descent.





PART 2 CORONETES –

CASTILLO DE VILLAMALEFA

RACE KM 43

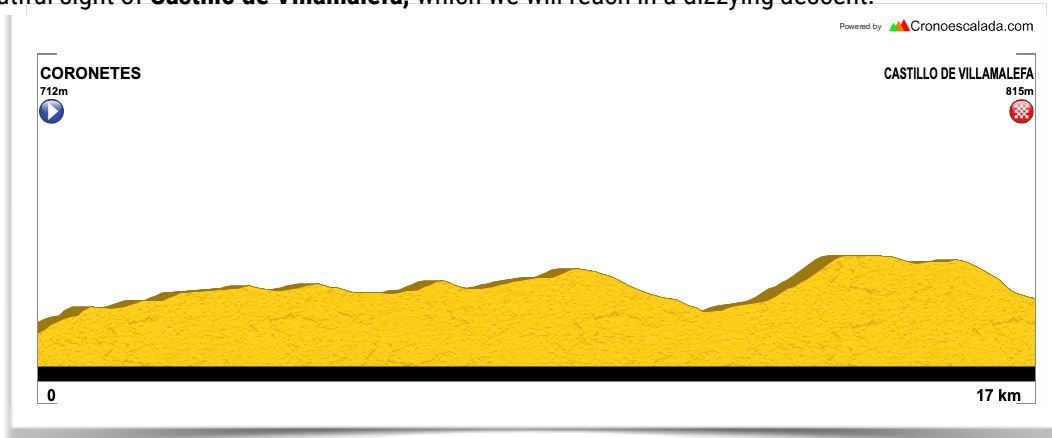
487 m +. 385 m -

Estimated passage time for the 1st RIDER: 9:05 a.m. - checkpoint closure: 10:50 a.m. Minimum speed: 12 km/h.

Feed: Water, Soft drinks, Nutella sandwich, fruit, nuts

[How to arrive](#)

We leave behind the first checkpoint and cross the road that would take us several kilometers to **Lucena del Cid**. In that area, spectators usually gather to cheer on the riders as they climb the small ramp. A short section of trail will lead us to a wide track. There are no notable climbs, but we won't escape extremely steep ramps, which will take us to a summit. At our feet, we will be greeted by the beautiful sight of **Castillo de Villamalefa**, which we will reach in a dizzying descent.





PART 3 CASTILLO DE VILLAMALEFA

MAS DE LA COSTA

SMALL

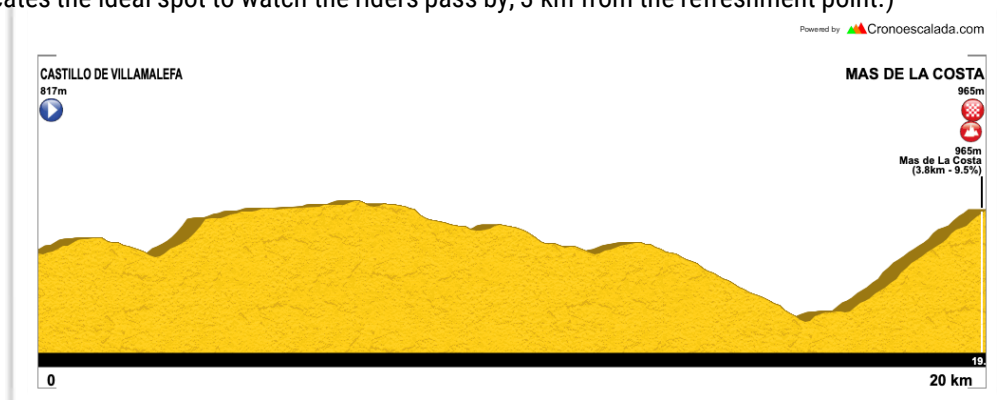
RACE KM 63,6

736 m + 573 m -

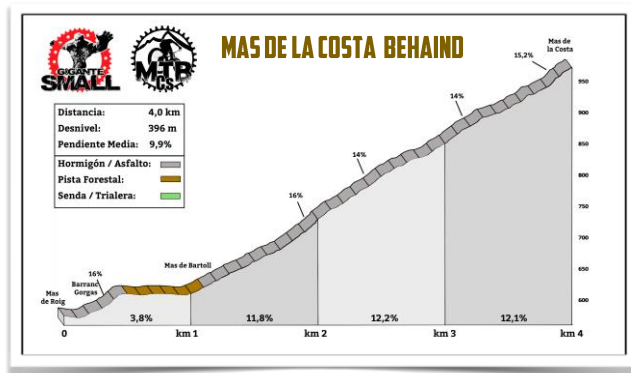
Estimated passage time for the 1st RIDER: 10:10 a.m. - checkpoint closure: 12:30 p.m. Minimum speed: 12 km/h.

Feed: Water, spanish sándwich, fruit.

[How to arrive](#). (It is not recommended for spectators to climb up to the refreshment point. The link indicates the ideal spot to watch the riders pass by, 3 km from the refreshment point.)



We leave the town on an easy trail, shortly after we will cross a road and climb a somewhat challenging path. We will pass by **Mas del Quemao** and admire the beautiful view of **Penyagolosa** in the background until we turn right to start a descent through wild terrain. We will pass by **Venta Marieta** near the road and through **Vale Canyon**. Shortly after, we will begin the dreaded ascent to **Mas de La Costa** from the back, until we connect with the normal climb that has been the finish of the **Vuelta a España** on several occasions.





PART 4 MAS DE LA COSTA –

LUCENA DEL CID

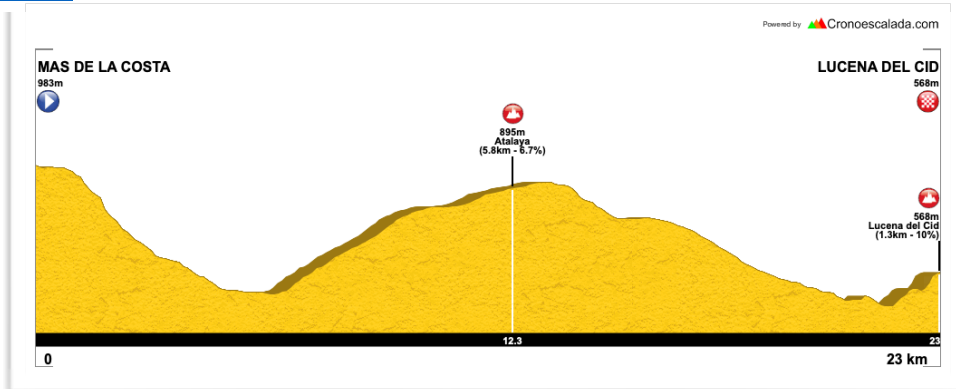
RACE KM 86,5

688 m + 1097 m

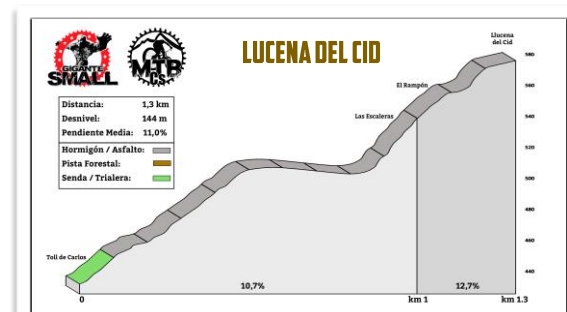
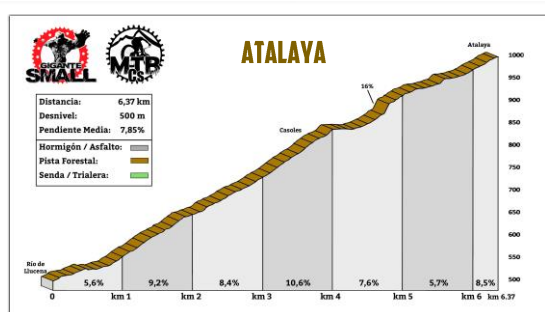
Estimated passage time for the 1st RIDER: 11:00 a.m. - checkpoint closure: 2:30 p.m. Minimum speed: 13 km/h.

FEED: Water, soft drinks, pasta and fruit.

[How to arrive](#)



We will start this section by descending the dizzying path of **Mas de La Costa**, crossing the river where the climb up the road to **Mas de La Costa** begins, but in the opposite direction, to start the ascent to **Casoles** and continue without much rest the climb to **Atalaya**. A quick descent will bring us back to the river at the foot of **Lucena del Cid**. The ascent won't be easy, with sections of over 20%. On the last ramp entering the town, a lot of spectators usually gather.





PART 5 LUCENA DEL CID

ALCORA

SMALL

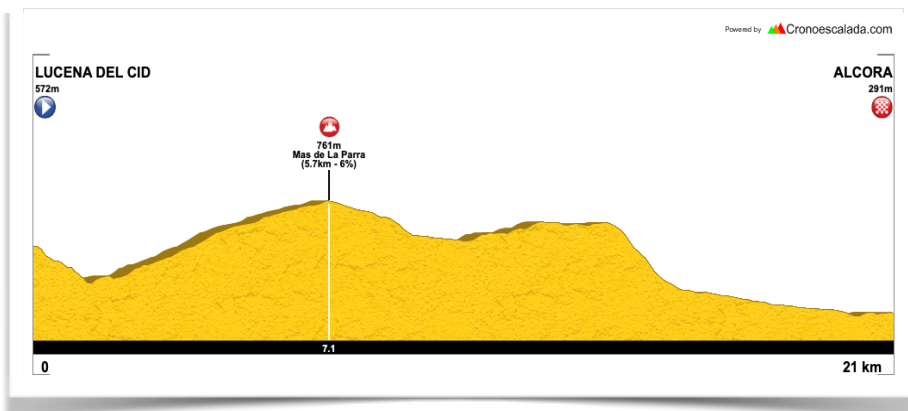
RACE KM 106,8.

510 m + 790 m -

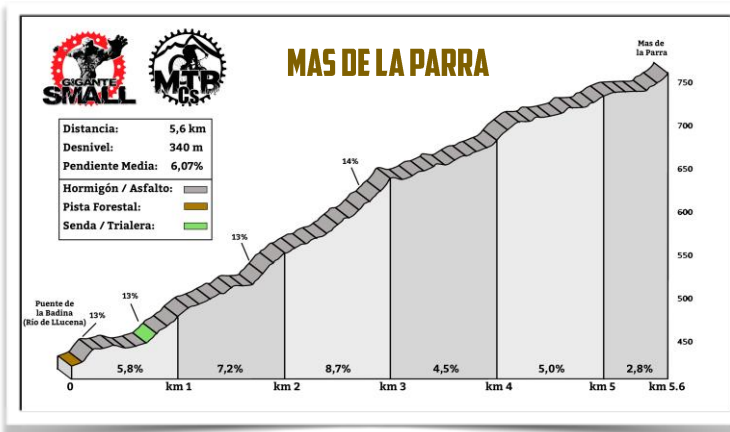
Estimated passage time for the 1st rider: 12:10 p.m. - checkpoint closure: 4:00 p.m. Minimum speed: 13 km/h.

Feed: Water, valencian horchata and pastry

[How to arrive](#)



We will descend from the town to the river to cross the hanging bridge of **La Badina** and begin the ascent to **Mas de La Parra**, a climb with good terrain and very steady incline. Then, we will take the downhill trail of **La Paridera**. We will ride on flat terrain through the **Figueroles** area towards **L'Alcora**, where after passing through a small tunnel under the road, we will find the last checkpoint at the foot of **L'Alcalaten Castle**.





PART 6 ALCORA –

SANT JOAN DE MORÓ

RACE KM 115

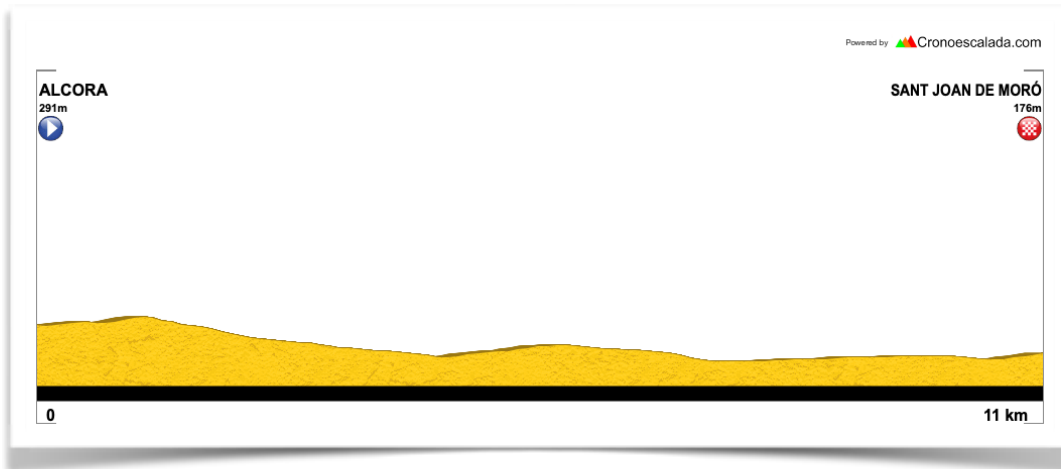
143 m + 258 m -

Estimated arrival time for the 1st: 12:40 p.m. Meta closing: 5:00 p.m. Minimum speed: 11 km/h.

Feed: Water, soft drinks, beer and post race rider plated

Shower, massage, bike wash.

[How to arrive](#)



We leave the checkpoint with our minds set on the finish line, almost savoring the victory, a small climb on a track to connect to some trails that will bring us closer to the town of **Sant Joan de Moró**. **Enjoy the finish straight, because you're already a GIANT.**





SUMMARY

KM	CHECHPOINT	TIMMING	FEED	FOOD	MECHANICAL
0	Exit	7:00			
25,7	Coronetes	8:15 – 9:45			
43	Castillo Villamalefa	9:05 – 10:50			
63,6	Mas de la Costa	10:10 – 12:30			
86,5	Lucena del Cid	11:00 – 14:30			
106,8	L'Alcora	12:10 – 16:00			
115	Arrive	12:40 – 17:00			

- Mechanical assitance at:
- Castillo de Villamalefa
 - Mas de la Costa
 - Lucena del Cid
 - L'Alcora





MAP



LEVENDA



MEDICAL AID



LIQUID FEED



FANZONE



MECANICAL ASSISTANCE



FOOD FEED

