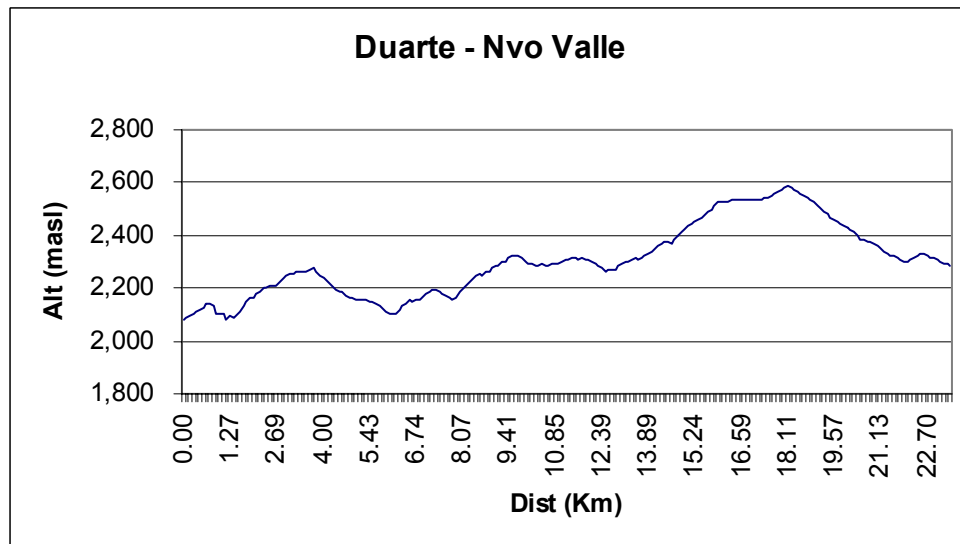


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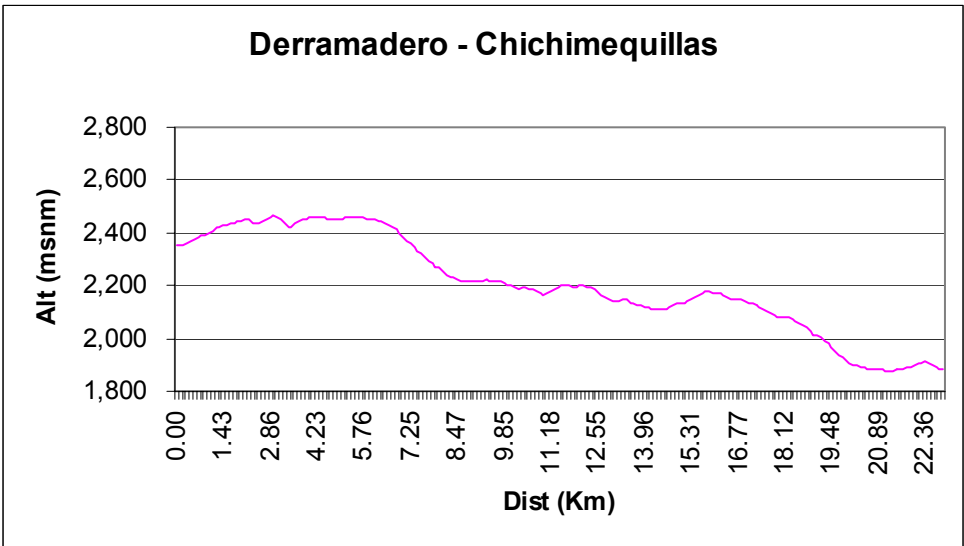
SPECIAL STAGE 5/8 : DUARTE – NUEVO VALLE	
LENGTH:	25.58 km
STAGE RECORD:	No record. Run as stages 13/17 in 2003 in the opposite direction and now with an extended finish.

Crews drive through a Maguey (tequila) plantation en route to the beginning of the stage. The stage starts at 2,080 meters on very open and dusty hard-packed clay roads but swiftly moves onto a much softer and sandier surface, which could well develop ruts with the passage of cars. A small river crossing at 2.10 km then leads the crews through the villages of Mangos de la Estancia at 4.90 km, Santa Rose de Lima at 9.80 km and San Jose de Otates Sur at 12.80 km. Generally, it is a very technical stage with a combination of tight and twisty sections, and fast and flowing roads that peak at 2,585 meters and pose a real challenge for the crews. A 10-12 kilometer stretch between Mangos de la Estancia and San Jose de Otates Sur was totally built by Corona Rally México in 2002, opening up a new route for the inhabitants. The mean altitude of the stage is 2,303 meters.



SPECIAL STAGE 6/9 : DERRAMADERO - CHICHIMEQUILLAS	
LENGTH:	23.56 km
STAGE RECORD:	No record. The first 10.30 km are the same as stages 20/22 in 2003; new from there.

The stage starts at 2,351 meters on flowing open roads, peaking at 2,465 meters after 2.99 kilometers. The stage then flattens out in a very fast section before descending through a series of hairpins to the village of La Estancia at 10.30 km. At 20.80 km a fast downhill approach into a compression will result in spectacular jumps, while just 100 meters later a concrete culvert on a fast right-hand corner could catch out the unwary. The stage passes the dam of Chichimequillas a few kilometers before the descent to the finish at 1,882 meters. The mean altitude of the stage is 2,205 meters.



SPECIAL STAGE 7/10 : EL GIGANTE – EL ZAUCO

LENGTH:

28.03 km

STAGE RECORD:

No record. The first 7.96 km is the same as SS10/14 in 2003.

The stage is run in a conservation area and starts at 2,191 meters with a slow ascent on narrow, twisty and technical roads up the highest point at 2,600 meters (6.92 km). From here, flowing roads, open and spectacular plains ensure visibility of the stage for miles. This very fast section is awash with cacti and finishes at a height of 2,312 meters with a series of hairpins and switchbacks. The last 20 kilometers were created by Corona Rally México for the 2003 event, which also provided a route to the main road to León for the inhabitants. The mean altitude of the stage is 2,333 meters.

