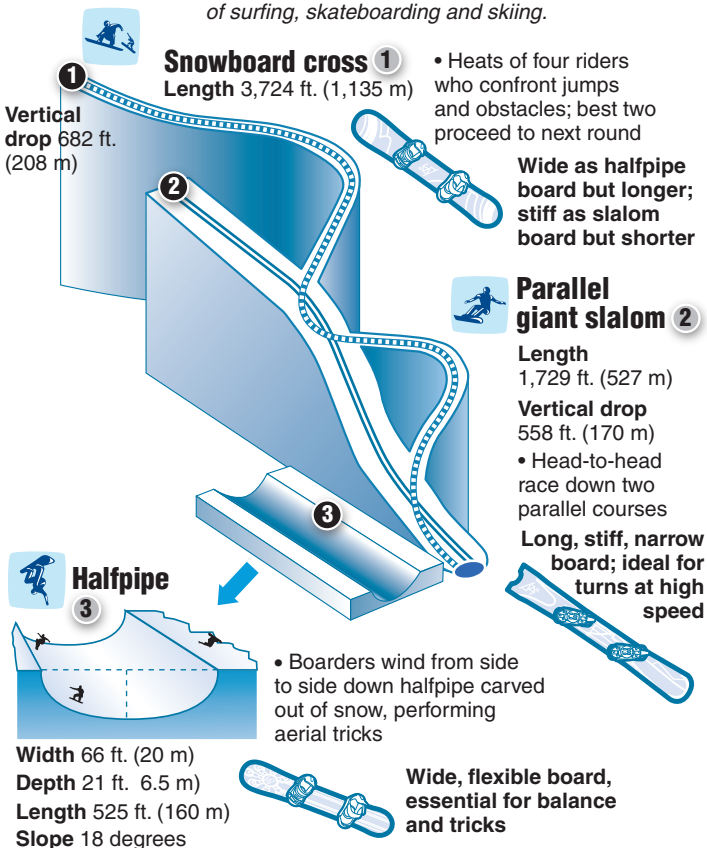


On boards

CYPRESS MOUNTAIN

With its steep vertical drop, Cypress Mountain will be an exciting venue for snowboarding – a dazzling mix of surfing, skateboarding and skiing.



The diagram illustrates three snowboarding courses and their corresponding equipment. Course 1 is a snowboard cross course with a steep drop and a slalom gate. Course 2 is a parallel giant slalom course with a more gradual drop and a slalom gate. Course 3 is a halfpipe course with a U-shaped snow structure. Each course is accompanied by a description of its features and a small illustration of a snowboarder or a snowboard.

1 Snowboard cross
Length 3,724 ft. (1,135 m)
Vertical drop 682 ft. (208 m)
• Heats of four riders who confront jumps and obstacles; best two proceed to next round
Wide as halfpipe board but longer; stiff as slalom board but shorter

2 Parallel giant slalom
Length 1,729 ft. (527 m)
Vertical drop 558 ft. (170 m)
• Head-to-head race down two parallel courses
Long, stiff, narrow board; ideal for turns at high speed

3 Halfpipe
Width 66 ft. (20 m)
Depth 21 ft. 6.5 m
Length 525 ft. (160 m)
Slope 18 degrees
• Boarders wind from side to side down halfpipe carved out of snow, performing aerial tricks
Wide, flexible board, essential for balance and tricks