Places to Snowboard
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When deciding which resort you want to snowboard it is best to look at the types of terrain offered, the quality of terrain parks and freeride terrain, and the general reputation among the snowboarding community. Three of the top best snowboarding resorts in California lie in the Sierra Nevada's in the Lake Tahoe Area. They are Palisades Tahoe, Heavenly, and Northstar California.

Palisades Tahoe sits in the Olympic Valley and is the largest resort in California with approximately 6,000 acres split across two mountains, Alpine and Palisades, that are connected by the Gondola. This resort hosted the 1960 Winter Olympics and is known for its steep, technical terrain alongside its cliffs and chutes, a popular attraction for freeride snowboarders.

Heavenly Mountain Resort sits on the California-Nevada border above South Lake Tahoe and is known for its stunning views of Lake Tahoe as you ride down the mountain. This resort is home to the highest summit in the Tahoe area sitting just over 10,000 feet and three different terrain parks. Heavenly is a great spot for intermediate and advanced riders, and has Gondola access directly from Heavenly Village.

Northstar is the go-to Tahoe resort for park riders and beginning snowboarders, offering 100 runs accessible by 20 lifts. It is also a great spot for intermediate riders, but overall known for its well-groomed runs, making it a great starting point to build confidence on the slopes. The backside of Northstar offers steeper tree runs and natural features for those looking for a bit of a challenge.

The one true "best" resort all depends on what the rider is looking for in their boarding experience. With Palisades better suited for more advanced freeriders, Northstar ideal for park riders and beginner snowboarders, and Heavenly offering the best scenery and variety, all offer options tailored to each individual rider.