in the 1960s NASA built a pair of launch complexes suitable for the needs of the world's first moon rocket the Saturn five and its Apollo spacecraft built up more than 40 feet above the surrounding lands the pyramid base of launch complex required months to sculpt by massive earth moving machines before concrete was poured to hold it in place Engineers next cut a 571 foot long fifty eight foot wide flame trench through the middle of the mound to deflect the exhaust of the seven and a half million pounds of thrust from Saturn five rocket
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mission to land astronauts on the moon

lifted off from pate in July 1969 Apollo

kept the promise made by President

John F Kennedy that we would go to the

moon by the end of the decade when Neil

Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin first set foot

on the lunar surface those heroes were

followed by five more missions that

would land astronauts on the moon