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Will you be at the Roswell UFO Festival?

Aliens beware!

If you don't want to be spotted this weekend, don't go near Roswell in New Mexico. As this year's UFO Festival begins the skies will be watched closely.



Thousands of visitors - of the human kind - will be descending on the area from 1-4 July, to take part in lectures, workshops, parades and much more.

Roswell has particular significance to UFO believers after a mysterious craft landed in the area in 1947, rumoured to be an alien ship which conspiracy theorists still believe the US government is hiding.

Will you be attending the Roswell 2005 Festival? Send us your pictures of this year's event.

Have you witnessed any UFO activity? Are you a believer?

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**Your comments:**

As a former resident of Roswell, I think it is just all hype. A way to make some extra cash to help a small town out financially. Also to bring some life to the boring summers we had there. I love Roswell but no I don't believe in aliens!  
**“ As a former resident of Roswell, I think it is just all hype ”**  
*Nicole, Kansas City, US*

I have a feeling that if extra terrestrials did exist, they would be smart enough to visit us without our knowing, just as our better scientists observe wildlife without interfering in their environment.  
*James, New York, US*

I find it 'odd' that 'UFO pictures' have dried up despite everyone now carrying digital cameras, mobile phone cameras, camcorders, whereas in the 60s blurred and grainy shots cropped up on a regular basis despite cameras being comparatively few and far between.  
*Angstrom Thule, UK*

It would be foolish of us to think that we are the only living creatures in the universe. However, I find it a little odd that "alien abductions and aircrafts" only occur or land in the west.  
*Maya, Edinburgh, UK*

There is and always will be life on other planets in the universe but in my opinion, the Roswell incident was nothing more than a balloon crash. It amazes me that a small accident like this can cause such a global phenomena.  
*Brock Reumkens, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada*

I haven't witnessed any UFOs myself, but I remember the huge waves of sightings in the 1970s in the American mid-west and elsewhere, and knew people who have seen UFOs

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disturbingly close-up. I believe that is irrefutable evidence of their existence, or at least the existence of some very advanced technology. Assuming they do exist, I can see why our government would want to keep the technology a secret to prevent it from getting into the hands of enemy countries. But I also wonder about any social messages these aliens might be wanting to tell us.

*Jeremy, Atlanta, USA*

“ I remember the huge waves of sightings in the 1970s in the American mid-west ”  
Jeremy, Atlanta, USA

I am not sure if an UFO crashed in Roswell, but, the way US government handled the situation raises serious doubts. The supposedly "spy balloon" cover-up was ridiculous. If the spy balloon was that important, they would have put a tracking device. The government would have been actively searching for it and wouldn't let someone call 911 to tell them to come and grab it. Well, being a believer in alien life, I'd say there is fair chance of assuming that something really happened there.

*Praveen, India*

Given the poor track record of most governments, including those of the USA, in keeping anything secret they seem to have been so successful in hiding this secret that one is tempted to believe that it does not exist.

*Dave, Evesham, UK*

It seems the height of hubris to think that we alone are the only intelligent species in the universe. However, if aliens had visited us, don't you think there would be more evidence? Not anecdotal evidence but hard, scientifically verifiable evidence. I have no doubt that we share the stars with others, but the vast interstellar distances mean that only a civilization that has mastered near (or faster than) light speed travel could make the journey. So, for all the intelligent civilizations that might be out there, they would have to avoid nuclear, or other, self-annihilation on their learning curve to achieve the technological know-how to conquer space and time. That's a tall order. We all have to believe in something, though.

*Chris, US*

I wonder if the USAF can be persuaded to do a flypast in one of their captured UFO's that they keep at Area 51?

*Simon Mallett, Maidstone, UK*

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