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Area 51

Area 51 Logo



Military Facility, Social Phenomenon and State of Mind

Area 51, also known as Groom Lake, is a secret military facility about 90 miles north of Las Vegas. The number refers to a 6-by-10-mile block of land, at the center of which is a large air base the government will not discuss. The site was selected in the mid-1950s for testing of the U-2 spyplane, due to its remoteness, proximity to existing facilities and presence of a dry lake bed for landings. Groom Lake is America's traditional testing ground for "black budget" aircraft before they are publicly acknowledged. The facility and surrounding areas are also associated -- with varying levels of credibility -- with UFO and conspiracy stories. In 1989, Bob Lazar claimed on a Las Vegas television station that he had worked with alien spacecraft at Papoose Lake, south of Area 51. Since then, "Area 51" has become a popular symbol for the alleged U.S. Government UFO cover-up. [GC 8/96]

The page below is an entry point into the largest public database of information on the base and surrounding areas, assembled by the [old] [Area 51 Research Center](#). Much about Area 51 remains a mystery, but here's what we do know.

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(10), [Groom Lake Interceptors](#) (Research interest), [Bill Hamilton](#) (Author), [Bob Lazar](#) (11), [Richard Boylan](#) (*)

Footnotes for Above: (1) Active supporter of Lazar's S-4 claims.[gc] (2) Hilder claims there are genetic engineering programs at Area 51 involving missing children.[gc]-Sp116 (3) ?#1-While at NTS, claims to have seen unusual craft operating from Area 51. (4) Photographer of mystery objects at the "Black Mailbox" (5) Prominent investigator of Area 51 & claims of Bob Lazar. (6) Operates base through AFFTC. (7) Vaguely implicated as base tenant. (8) Goodman led early viewing expeditions to Black Mailbox. (9) Organized early skywatches and conferences at the Little A'Le'Inn --GC. (10) Bigelow funded Lazar research following Lazar's "S-4" UFO claims. --gc. (11) Lazar's claims made Area 51 a public phenomenon.

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