

# Rachel, Nevada

## The Closest Town to Area 51

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  - [An independent film on Rachel, Nevada](#),\* was shown at the [Denver International Film Festival](#)\* on Oct. 18, 1996. (Produced by Jessica Landaw & David Dawes of Random Productions.)

Rachel, Nevada takes us to a small town 110 miles from Las Vegas, site of a formerly secret US Air Force installation known as Area 51. The base develops new planes such as the stealth bomber. The secrecy shrouding Area 51 has given rise to suspicions over the years, earning the town of Rachel (primarily a collection of trailer homes) the title "UFO Capital of the World," and Nevada State Highway 375 "Alien Highway". The film focuses on the everyday people of Rachel, once left alone to service the military, now the center of tourism and a publicity boom. There are enough stories and photos to persuade even the most die-hard skeptics that something extraterrestrial may be going on.

- [E.T. Highway Unveiling](#), April 18, 1996
- **Maps**
  - [Map of Rachel vicinity](#) (60k), circa 1908, from an early [Lincoln County map](#) (44k)
- **Articles**, partial list starting 1996. See also [Area 51 Articles](#) and [E.T. Highway](#)
  - **11/14/96:** [Reuters Article on Rachel](#) in CNN Travel News. **Drivel.**
  - **10/28/96:** "What's New" article, *Ufomind*, [British Tourist Injured near Rachel](#). *Visitors injured in rollover vehicle accident.*
  - **8/26/96:** [Rachel, Nevada, Capital of the Intergalactic Federation](#), an article in the Times of London reports on the recent "Abduction" party.
  - **5/9/96:** Newspaper article, *Lincoln County Record*, "[Rompin' With Rachel](#)", page 6. *Report on aftermath of*

*Highway Dedication.*

- **4/28/96:** Newspaper article, *Orange County Register*, "[Tourism ploy breeds alienation in windswept town](#)," by Gordon Dillow. *The newly christened Extraterrestrial Highway is drawing otherworldly types, unsettling Rachel, Nev.*
- **4/19/96:** Newspaper article, *Las Vegas Review Journal*, "[Hollywood invades the E.T. Highway](#): State officials, movie stars and directors help dedicate a stretch of road with an alien-themed title", by Shaun McKinnon. *Report on E.T. Highway Unveiling.*
- **4/19/96:** Newspaper article, *Las Vegas Sun*, "[Rural highway out of this world](#): Town of Rachel worries about latest attraction", by Mary Manning. *Report on reservations over E.T. Highway.*
- **3/20/96:** AP Wire, "[Nevada's New "Extraterrestrial Highway" Gets Hollywood-Style Launch With 20th Century Fox's "Independence Day](#)"; Gov. Miller, Film's Stars To Attend Unveiling And Dedication Ceremony".
- **3/09/96:** *New York Times*, "[Quiet Nevada Town On E.T. Road Banking On Ufo Lore](#)".
- **3/06/96:** [Campbell's Report on Alien Highway](#), describing dangers to tourists. (66k)
- **2/20/96:** *Las Vegas Review Journal*, "[Aliens given own road](#): State Route 375 renamed the Extraterrestrial Highway".
- **Photos**
  - [Inside the Quik Pick convenience store](#), Upper Rachel. (30k)
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My friend and I drove out to Rachel March 22/97. I highly recommend this to anyone who is in Vegas for a few days. The complete isolation is a welcome change from the energy and drama which prevails on the Strip. You probably

won't see any funny things in the sky (I didn't), but there is a real dusty cat at the Research Centre in need of petting.

Richard ([Rescue5191@aol.com](mailto:Rescue5191@aol.com)) 4/1/97 (#6)

Hi, i'm Owen Calvert, and I'm 12½, I'm thinking of moving to Rachel, Nevada when I'm older, and it's not just a phase, if it is, it's been going for 7 years. My question is, is it easy, to move from the UK, to the US, especially to Rac- -hel? Thanx alot for your time! Owen 'Ufologist of Wingham' Calvert

Owen 'Ufologist of Wingham' Calvert ([callwing@msn.com](mailto:callwing@msn.com)) 1/12/97 (#5)

Just wanted to tell you that you have a great, informative page. I love the history of Rachel. Your writing really enticed me to visit this desert town. I would even consider packing up and moving there. How much does property goe for in Rachel? How about a Mobile home? If you can't answer, I'll check out another Rachel source. Thanks & keep up the good work! Jim

Jim in Florida ([74137.412@compuserve.com](mailto:74137.412@compuserve.com)) 1/9/97 (#4)

*You can get 5 acres in Rachel for about \$5000-\$6000, but that's just the start. You need to spend \$3000-\$5000 more on a well then about \$1000 for power. Then the question is: What are you going to do once you're here?*

I just want to compliment you and all that contributed to the making of the Web page describing the history and presence of Rachel, Nevada. It is excellent! I am an avid motorcycle rider, and love touring the Southwest on it! I have never really been into Nevada however, and had been casually planning a trip across it on the 50. After reading your web page I feel compelled to include the 375 and Rachel on my ride. Having been raised in the Mojave Desert East of Barstow here in California, I have a keen appreciation for what some call the "stark beauty" for the desert. There is just something about it that draws me back time and again. Anyway, I am wondering if you would be able to supply any tips about the time of year that would be most appropriate for such a motorcycle trip.

Ray in San Diego 1/6/97 (#3)

*The high elevation makes summer the best time to come. Winters are brutal and summer temps never break 100 (cool by Mojave standards). --GC*

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[The Strange Disappearance of Uncle Dudley : A Child's Story of Los Alamos](#) is an odd children's book that jumped out at us from the atomic history section of the Otowi Bookstore in Los Alamos. We said, "Really wierd. We have to carry it." We can't think of any child who would want to read this book, which to us is part of its charm. In a few dozen manipulated photographs and a handful of words (36 pages in very large print - seriously overpriced), it is supposed to explain to young children of our post-Disney generation what it was like to



live in a "secret city" during WWII. Like today's Area 51, Los Alamos did not officially exist during the war, but wives and children also lived there. Imagine the problems of housing children at Groom Lake: You could keep the workers quiet, but what about a 14-year-old? How does a family explain its "disappearance" to friends and relatives? This book tells the story of "Uncle Dudley", an atomic worker. During the war, he disappeared and went to live in "PO Box 1553, Santa Fe, NM" - the same address where his son was born a little later. That some adult is now trying to explain this oddity to disinterested children suggests that the "secret city" still haunts the author. [gc 12/96] - **#dudley {1book} \$6.98**

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