

UFO SIGHTINGS

Close encounters of the alien kind

The majority of sightings of UFOs coincided with the onset of the Cold War, with many involving 'retrievals', where wreckage or the bodies of unearthly beings were supposedly spirited away by the authorities. The most famous episodes – like the 1947 Roswell Incident, in which an autopsy of an alien was allegedly filmed – tended to occur close to military bases. Here is a catalogue of the more curious events...



1953: UFO crashes near Klingman, Arizona

1948: UFO crash at Aztec, Colorado

1977: UFO seen hovering above high-security hanger at Aviano air base, Italy

1961: Silvery object crashes into Lake Onega, Siberia

1963: 'Objects' seen landing at RAF Cosford, Staffs

1957: Small saucer found near Silpho Moor, Yorkshire

1980: USAF personnel see strange lights in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk

1963: Giant crater found near Charlton, Wiltshire. No evidence of cause

1991: Mandelbrot crop circle, near Ickleton, Cambridge

1947: Mysterious crash in New Mexico Desert at Roswell. Film evidence of secret autopsy carried out on alien

1957: Disc-shaped craft crashes in Ubatuba, Brazil

1989: Ships detect UFO by radar. 'Object' then tracked by South African Air Force Mirage jets north of Johannesburg

1965: First UFO ever photographed from the air near Mendoza, in the Andes