

Roswell UFO crash 60 years on

Sixty years after the announcement of a UFO crash at Roswell, New Mexico, the mystery continues to fascinate, spawning a cult-like following and unearthing up to 600 witnesses, some of them more plausible than others, claiming to have seen the elusive craft – and even alien bodies

UFO SPOTTERS GUIDE

Saucer



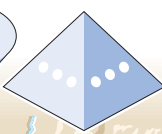
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Pyramid



Cigar



June 14, 1947: Farmer **William "Mac" Brazel** finds strange debris on ranch near Roswell, New Mexico

June 24: Private pilot **Kenneth Arnold** reports sightings of "flying discs" near Mt Rainier, Washington. Wave of media speculation and new sightings follow

July 8: Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) press release announces crashed disc recovered from nearby ranch – later retracted and object identified as weather balloon

PROJECT MOGUL

Nov 1946

–Jul 1947

High-altitude balloons launched for long-range, low-frequency acoustic detection of Soviet nuclear tests

ML-307B foil radar reflectors to track train

Decorated tape used to assemble array – mistaken for alien hieroglyphics

Train of neoprene or polyethylene balloons – up to 30 in 200m-long train

New Mexico

Albuquerque

Rio Grande

Corona

White Sands Missile Test Area

Alamagordo

Project Mogul launch site

1978: Tabloid interview with RAAF intelligence officer **Major Jesse Marcel**, revives case. Subsequent explosion of books, TV and movie coverage fuels Roswell mythology

1995: Release of "alien autopsy" film – later revealed as hoax

1995: Government investigation – The Roswell Report – reveals link to top secret Project Mogul

160km

100 miles

Debris field: Includes rubber-like material, metallic foil and tape

Vaughn

Alleged crash site
Possible recovery of parachute test dummies

Roswell

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