



Area 51

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Hundreds of thousands of people have signed up to a **Facebook event**, promising to storm the **alleged secret US military base, Area 51**, located in the Nevada desert.

- On a Facebook event titled **“Storm Area 51, They Can’t Stop All of us”**, two million people on September 20, plan to storm a US Air Force facility called Area 51.
- Officially known as the **Nevada Test and Training Range**, Area 51 is part of the **Nellis Air Force Base** and is used as a training centre for the US Air Force. The name originates from its location of the Nevada map.
- With the facility **shrouded in secrecy**, several conspiracy theories have emerged over the years.
- Several Americans believed it was where the government **hid the bodies of aliens** and **Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)**, some believed it was where the government held **“meetings” with extraterrestrials**, and others speculated it was where the government developed **“time travel” technology**.
- The **Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)**, according to official documents, has been using the facility since 1955 to **develop and test supersonic aircraft and stealth fighter jets**.
- It was only in 2013 that the CIA published declassified documents admitting that the Area 51 is a secret military site.

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