

Area 51

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.

Source: IE

PDF Refernece URL: https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/area-51