

Travis Walton UFO incident

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The **Travis Walton UFO incident** was an alleged abduction of an [American](#) forestry worker by a [UFO](#) on November 5, 1975, while working in the [Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests](#) near [Snowflake, Arizona](#). Walton reappeared after a five-day search. The Walton case received mainstream publicity and remains one of the best-known [alien abduction](#) stories. [Skeptics](#) consider it a [hoax](#). Walton wrote a book about his purported abduction in 1978 called *The Walton Experience*, which was adapted into the 1993 film *Fire in the Sky*.

Abduction claims

According to Walton, on November 5, 1975 he was working with a timber stand improvement crew in the [Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest](#) near [Snowflake, Arizona](#). While riding in a truck with six of his coworkers, they encountered a saucer-shaped object hovering over the ground approximately 110 feet away, making a high-pitched buzz. Walton claims that after he left the truck and approached the object, a beam of light suddenly appeared from the craft and knocked him unconscious. The other six men were frightened and supposedly drove away. Walton claimed that he awoke in a hospital-like room, being observed by three [short, bald creatures](#). He claimed that he fought with them until a human wearing a helmet led Walton to another room, where he blacked out as three other humans put a clear plastic mask over his face. Walton has claimed he remembers nothing else until he found himself walking along a highway, with the [flying saucer](#) departing above him.^[2]

Ufologists

In the days following Walton's [UFO](#) claim, *The National Enquirer* awarded Walton and his co-workers a \$5,000 prize for "best UFO case of the year" after they allegedly passed [polygraph tests](#) administered by the *Enquirer* and the [Aerial Phenomena Research Organization](#) (APRO). Walton, his older brother, and his mother were described by the [Navajo County, Arizona](#) sheriff as "longtime students of UFOs".^[1] Some [UFOlogists](#) believe Walton was abducted by aliens. UFOlogist Jim Ledwith said; "for five days, the authorities thought he'd been murdered by his co-workers, and then he was returned. All of the co-workers who were there, who saw the spacecraft, they all took polygraph tests, and they all passed, except for one, and that one was inconclusive."

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