

Bahamas Outdoor Base Station





Overview

Where were the Bahama 'down range' stations built?

The “down range” stations began with the Grand Bahama base, built in 1951 on a 3,500-acre site, which provided launch support from 1954 to 1987. Other Bahamian base stations were on Eleuthera, San Salvador and Mayaguana.

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Where was Grand Bahama station located?

The Grand Bahama station was supplied by air and by sea, from Patrick Air Force Base and Port Canaveral in Florida, respectively. Aircraft landed at Gold Rock Creek on a small dirt landing strip, while a small cargo ship called the “Lucy Boat” (and later a larger converted LST cargo ship) would tie up to a pier at High Rock.



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