

Viking graves discovered

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TRONDHEIM, Norway -- An estimated 120 graves and a large hall are among the new evidence archaeologists recently discovered of Norway's Viking past. The finds near Trondheim, Norway, also include traces of houses and what could be part of the Viking chief's hall, Aftenposten reported Monday. "These are some of the most exciting antiquities ever found in this part of Norway," said county archaeologist Lars Forseth. The hall may be part of a farm mentioned in sagas by Snorri Sturluson, known as Heimskingla, or History of the Norse Kings, Forseth said. Local authorities are mapping the area, where a severe drought aided archeologists in uncovering the items. "Without the drought these antiquities would never have been found," Forseth told Aftenposten.

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