



Our World

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This Week in Our World...

This week the focus of **'Our World'** is the recent discovery of Mammoth bones in Mexico.

The bones were discovered on a construction site for a new airport north of Mexico City.

Where is Mexico in the world?

WORLD MAP



0 1,000 2,000 Miles
0 1,000 2,000 3,000 Kilometers



Where is Mexico in the world?

WORLD MAP



1. Netherlands
2. Belgium
3. Luxembourg
4. Switzerland
5. Slovenia
6. Croatia
7. Bosnia and Herzegovina
8. Czechia
9. Slovakia
10. Austria
11. Hungary
12. Serbia
13. Moldova
14. North Macedonia
15. Albania
16. Cyprus
17. Lebanon
18. Guinea-Bissau
19. Guinea
20. Ghana
21. Togo
22. Benin
23. Cameroon
24. Equatorial Guinea
25. Rwanda
26. Cambodia
27. Panama
28. Malawi
29. Liechtenstein
30. Montenegro
31. Kosovo
32. Palestinian Territories
33. St. Vincent & the Grenadines

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Bone Discovery



The story so far...

Two hundred ancient mammoth skeletons have been discovered beneath an airport construction site north of Mexico City — the largest collection of mammoth bones ever found.

The previous largest mammoth site discovered, in Hot Springs, South Dakota, USA, held the remains of about 60 mammoths.



Extinct Mammoths

Columbian mammoths arrived in North America about 1 million years ago. They stood up to 14 feet tall and lived about as long as humans: 70 to 80 years.

Unlike their woolly counterparts in Europe, these mammoths likely didn't have much hair - an adaptation to North America's warmer climate.



Extinct Mammoths

Some palaeontologists think prehistoric human hunters played a role in the death of the mammoths, although, researchers think the mammoths might have become stuck in mud along a lake's shore, where they were found.

Palaeontologists think that studying these mammoths could offer new insight into why the species went extinct 10,000 to 13,000 years ago.

palaeontologist

Palaeontologist (noun)

A person who studies fossils and the evolution of life on Earth.





Watch...



Clip 1 (SKY News)

<https://news.sky.com/video/more-than-200-mammoth-skeletons-found-at-airport-building-site-in-mexico-12063204>