

《沼泽地挖出2000年前奶油，专家:还能吃》

导读:一名工人在北爱尔兰一处沼泽地下面，挖出了一块重十公斤的奶油，据说还能吃。



(CNN)Turf cutter Jack Conaway was cutting peat for fuel in the Emlagh bog when he made a surprising and smelly discovery.

?CNN?????????Jack Conaway?Emlagh?????????????????

Buried 12 feet under, Conaway found a massive 22 pound (10 kilogram) chunk of butter estimated to be 2,000 years old.

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Oddly enough, such encounters are not unusual.

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Hundreds of lumps of bog butter have been found in Ireland and Scotland, dating back over thousands of years, according to a study published in The Journal of Irish Archaeology.

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In 2013, a fellow turf cutter in County Offaly found a massive container holding 100 pounds (45 kilograms) of bog butter believed to be 5,000 years old.

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The Cavan County Museum says in medieval times, butter was a luxury product that was used to pay taxes and rents.

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"It was sometimes used as an offering to the spirits and gods to keep people and their property safe -- when used as offerings it would have been buried and never dug up again," the museum said on its website.

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Conditions in bogs -- low temperatures, high levels of acidity and minimal oxygen -- make them effective refrigerators, the museum said.

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Archaeologists say that bog butter is crumbly, with a waxy texture and overwhelming cheese smell.

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However, despite bog butter being technically edible, researchers advise against eating it.

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