

Blomidon Provincial Park

The area around Blomidon Provincial Park is one of many locations in the Atlantic Provinces said to have been a campsite of the Mi'kmaq legendary character Glooscap. Its rugged coastline and steep slopes were said to be a desirable site for Glooscap's camp because of its great view and its unattainable walls, he could survey the area for miles.

Many legends tell of Glooscap's adventures in Mi'kma'ki, land of the Mi'kmaq. One of these stories talks about the day Glooscap left the Mi'kmaq people. Glooscap gathered all the peoples of the land on the high cliffs of Blomidon, and told them he must go on to new areas and teach new people. As a gift from the Mi'kmaq people, they presented Glooscap with a stone pipe. Glooscap thanked the people of Blomidon and accepted the pipe gift. Glooscap then called on the whale for transportation. The first whale to answer his call was a Finback whale, he was far too small to carry Glooscap on his back so Glooscap asked for this whale's bigger brother. The Finback whale swam off and got his biggest brother, the Blue Whale. The Blue Whale came into the cliffs of Blomidon and asked Glooscap if he needed a ride. Glooscap travelled off on the back of the Blue Whale and headed West down the Bay of Fundy and then off into the sea. The Whale swam for days and was very tired so Glooscap told the Whale that his part of this trip was done. Glooscap thanked the Whale and wanted to present him with a gift in thanks for all of the help that the whale had given. Glooscap looked in his travel wrap and took out the pipe that he had been given; Glooscap said that he wanted the whale to have it. Glooscap said to the whale, when you get back to Mi'kma'ki tell the people that even though I have gone on a journey that I will return to Mi'kma'ki in their greatest time of need. ... The Whale swam off, back home, smoking his new pipe.

That is why today we are reminded of Glooscap's promise of returning, every time we see the blow of a whale's spout. That's just the smoke of the pipe that the Mi'kmaq gave Glooscap.

