

KLUSKAP AND THE THREE SISTERS



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According to Mi'kmaw legend, at one time Kluskap became angry with three sisters who were playing a prank on him while he was out hunting Moose. The sisters, who were Puowini'skw—female sorceresses or witch spirits—have the power to turn into different animal spirits. They are also called Shape Shifters. The sisters turned themselves into wolves and chased off Moose who Kluskap was hunting.

When Kluskap caught up to the sisters and figured out what they were doing, he turned the three sisters into the three large stone statues that we see today at Cape Chignecto. This rock formation stands on the northwest shore off Cape Chignecto Provincial Park in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. Another version of this story goes on to say that Kluskap turned Moose into stone as well; this is Isle Haute.