

Chignecto Isthmus

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How Do We Know What We Know?

As the only land link between mainland Canada and Nova Scotia, the Chignecto Isthmus has been a key corridor for people and wildlife for millennia. Because of its wider strategic importance, the area has also seen intense, destructive conflict. Parks Canada hired APA to develop a traveling exhibit to tell this complex, tangled history.

As the APA team facilitated stakeholder consultations something became clear — official histories had been incomplete, told from a largely Eurocentric perspective. Working with Mi'kmaw advisors, APA developed a concept plan to bring diverse threads of the Isthmus story together — and highlight those still missing. Interactive exhibits invite visitors to become historians. As they investigate archival documents, maps and Mi'kmaw oral histories, visitors understand how different worldviews shape diverse understandings of the Isthmus. A story sharing station reveals the history as a “work in progress” in which all are active



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