



Whale Garland for Valentine's Day

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Whales are among the largest and most captivating mammals on the planet. At the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park we get lots of different kinds of whales!

We've discovered all sorts of fun facts about whales:

- Humpbacked whales can sing and beluga whales can imitate sounds, like a parrot!
- Beluga whales are white as snow, but their babies are grey.
- A blue whale weighs more than 15 elephants together! Baby blue whales grows so fast that in one day, they can put on as much weight as a dad (80 kg/day)!
- The sperm whale can hold its breath underwater for the length of time it takes to watch a full movie!

As heritage presenters, we know kids are whales' biggest fans! That is why we designed a Valentine's Day whale craft to do with your kids.

This heart shaped whale garland is a perfect way to show your love for the whales.

YOU WILL NEED

- White, red or blue paper (8 1/2" x 11" minimum)
- Whale shaped template printable (see below)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons, markers or colouring pencils
- Transparent tape (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS

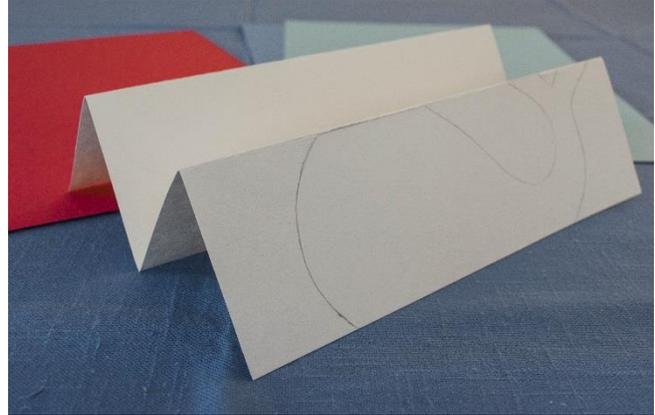
1. Print and cut out the whale shaped template.
2. Lay the whale template along the short edge of a piece of the paper, then trace it with a pencil.
3. Fold the paper like an accordion, making each fold the same width as the whale template.
4. Carefully cut out the whale, around the curve of its head and the curves of its tale. Be careful to leave the top of its head, its belly and the tips of its tail uncut.
5. Open out your folded whales to form a garland. Can you see the hearts that they form?
6. Decorate your whales! Draw their mouths, their eyes and their fins! Have fun!
7. Optional: If you would like your garland to be longer, repeat on more pieces of paper and use a piece of tape to join the garlands together.

If you have colouring experts at home, another fun thing to do is to download the two ID sheets of whales that can be seen in the Marine Park (see below).

Have your children choose their favorite, and then draw & colour it.

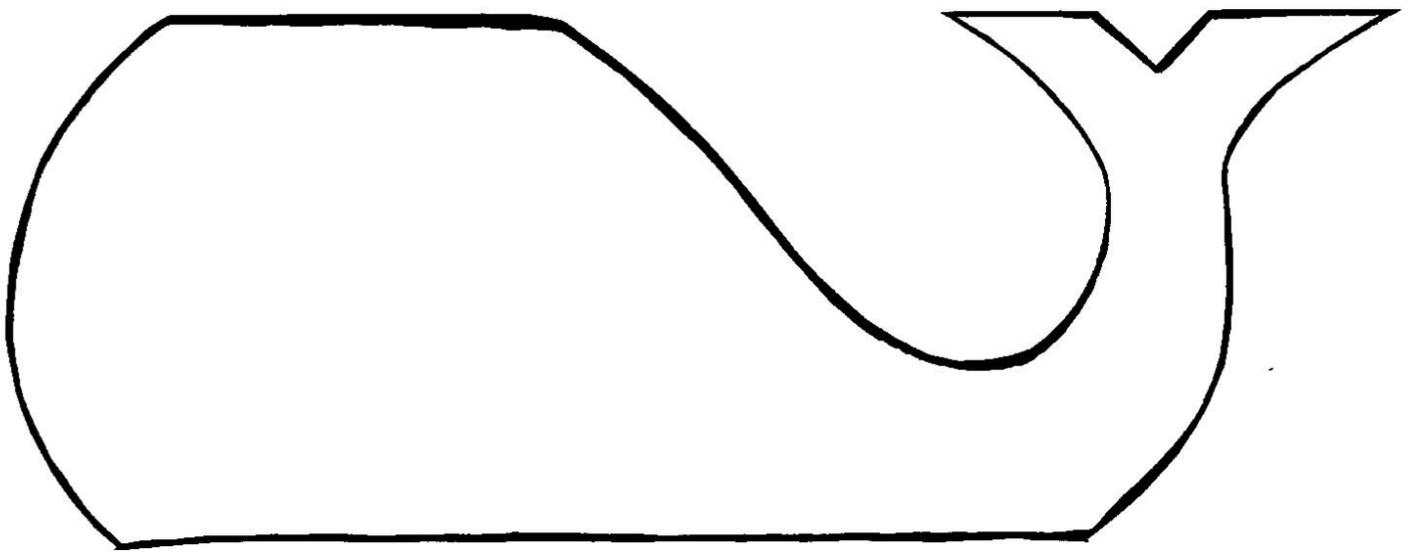
We hope you enjoy this Club Parka activity together and that it makes you want to discover more about the fascinating marine world!

Happy Valentine's Day!



This activity is part of Club Parka, a Parks Canada program for preschoolers offered at national parks and historic sites across the country. Kids can take part in the program online too. Visit parks.canada.gc.ca/Parka to get to know Parka, the busy little beaver who helps kids explore the world around them.

For more Parka fun, try her other activities, download her mobile app or sing along to her song! And don't forget to watch her videos!





Whales and Seals of the Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park

Experience the sea to discover them !

RESIDENTS AND REGULAR VISITORS



- Harbour Seal
- Grey Seal
- Harbour Porpoise
- Beluga Whale
- Minke Whale
- Humpback Whale
- Fin Whale
- Blue Whale (Occasional Visitor)



Harbour Seal
Resident



Harp Seal
Winter and Spring



Grey Seal



Harbour
Porpoise



Beluga Whale
Resident, Threatened Species





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