Placenames of our landscape

The name of Strangford Lough, from the Irish "Oileán na Strang" or "island of the Strang", is an apt description of our lough, a large, shallow body of water, surrounded by many islands, each with its own beauty. The name Strangford is also found in other places in Ireland and the UK, and is a common name for places with similar characteristics.

The Irish Sea god, Manannan Mac Lir, is said to have formed Strangford Lough.

The rock, mudflats and seals and their interaction with tide, waves and weather have been integral to the landscape. The fauna and flora found in the area are a result of the interplay of these factors. The rock, mudflats and seals are a valuable resource for the local community.

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Spirituality and religious sites

Meet every Saturday at the cemetery and church. Turn by the old mill, continue for 1 mile, then turn left at the junction. The church is on the right.

Mythology of our landscape

Geology and Landscape of Strangford Lough and Strangford Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Reed beds are home to the Great Reed Warbler; the Black Headed Gull; and a wide variety of other wading birds. Reed beds are an important habitat for many species of birds.

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Wildlife

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