**Trail One**

**Skeltrick to Killyleagh**

This route has been compiled using a maximum paddling speed of 6 knots. It is essential to note that this route is a guide and is suitable for moderately fit paddlers. It is not advisable for the less fit paddler due to the distance and the amount of time spent on the water. It is important to check the weather forecast before setting off. No freshwater sources exist along this route. Paddlers should ensure that they have the necessary equipment for the trip.

**Access Point:** Skeltrick Harbour

**Distance:** 18km (9NM)

**Day One:**

**Skeltrick to Sketrick Island**

The trip starts at Sketrick where there is limited access. The island is located at Balloo village (GR J497607), these include the Drumlin Park Visitor Centre and the Drumlin Park Cafe. It is advisable to contact the Visitor Centre to ensure that there is a suitable landing point on the shore.

**Day Two:**

**Sketrick Island to Killyleagh**

The trip ends at Killyleagh. Prior planning is essential when paddling this stretch of coastline as there is an unconventional clubhouse for a local yacht club, the vessel operated as a lightship from 1911 until its decommissioning in 1946. Just north of Sketrick Island and adjacent to the mainland sits Ballydorn Lightship (GR J528628). Now serving as a rather unconventional clubhouse for a local yacht club, the vessel operated as a lightship from 1911 until its decommissioning in 1946. The return trip to Killyleagh is a 4km open crossing, or can be found amongst the islands, however it is worth noting that some areas dry out and are not suitable for paddling. The pub-restaurant opens from 12 noon everyday.

**Facilities available:**

- **Islandmore National Trust**
- **Salt Island / Killyleagh**
- **Taggart, Killyleagh, Delamont, Strangford**

**Trails**

**Trail Two**

**Killyleagh to Island Reagh**

This route has been compiled using a maximum paddling speed of 6 knots. It is essential to note that this route is a guide and is suitable for moderately fit paddlers. It is important to check the weather forecast before setting off. No freshwater sources exist along this route.

**Access Point:** Killyleagh

**Distance:** 18km (9NM)

**Day One:**

**Killyleagh to Island Reagh**

The trip starts at Killyleagh (GR J530525), not far from the town centre, where there is a grocery store, all within easy walking distance from the castle. Leaving Killyleagh, it is a short paddling to the entrance to Dundrum Bay. Canoeists should contact Belfast Harbour Authority for the latest tidal information and chartlet references.

**Day Two:**

**Island Reagh to Killyleagh**

The trip ends at Killyleagh. Prior planning is essential when paddling this stretch of coastline as there is an unconventional clubhouse for a local yacht club, the vessel operated as a lightship from 1911 until its decommissioning in 1946. Just north of Sketrick Island and adjacent to the mainland sits Ballydorn Lightship (GR J528628). Now serving as a rather unconventional clubhouse for a local yacht club, the vessel operated as a lightship from 1911 until its decommissioning in 1946. The return trip to Killyleagh is a 4km open crossing, or can be found amongst the islands, however it is worth noting that some areas dry out and are not suitable for paddling. The pub-restaurant opens from 12 noon everyday.

**Facilities available:**

- **Islandmore National Trust**
- **Salt Island / Killyleagh**
- **Taggart, Killyleagh, Delamont, Strangford**

**Trails**

**Trail Three**

**Killough to Newcastle**

From Killough, the tour takes you past Audley’s Castle and strike off for Killyleagh after passing through the Ballykinler shore. Overlooking Dundrum village is the medieval Dundrum Castle, while to the south, the Mourne Mountains come into view. Built in the 15th Century, this castle was used as a stronghold by the O’Neills and the O’Connors. It is now a museum and a favourite spot for birdwatchers.

**Access Point:** Killough

**Distance:** 18km (9NM)

**Day One:**

**Killough to Newcastle**

The trip starts at Killough (GR J535545) and ends in the harbour at the foot of Slieve Donard - the highest mountain in the range. This is a drying harbour, built during or after the paddle. The pub-restaurant opens from 12 noon everyday.

**Day Two:**

**Newcastle to Killough**

The trip ends at Killough. Prior planning is essential when paddling this stretch of coastline as there is an unconventional clubhouse for a local yacht club, the vessel operated as a lightship from 1911 until its decommissioning in 1946. Just north of Sketrick Island and adjacent to the mainland sits Ballydorn Lightship (GR J528628). Now serving as a rather unconventional clubhouse for a local yacht club, the vessel operated as a lightship from 1911 until its decommissioning in 1946. The return trip to Killyleagh is a 4km open crossing, or can be found amongst the islands, however it is worth noting that some areas dry out and are not suitable for paddling. The pub-restaurant opens from 12 noon everyday.

**Facilities available:**

- **Islandmore National Trust**
- **Salt Island / Killyleagh**
- **Taggart, Killyleagh, Delamont, Strangford**

**Trails**

**S.E. County Down Canal Trail**

**Access Point:** Islandmore

**Distance:** 18km (9NM)

**Day One:**

**Islandmore to Strangford**

The trip starts at Islandmore and the mainland, a small dwelling on the shores of Strangford Lough. The Bothy is located on Salt Island on Strangford Lough near the entrance to Dundrum Bay. The Bothy at Salt Island / Killyleagh is the tallest of its kind in the British Isles. For a closer look at the islands with exact route a matter of personal choice.

**Day Two:**

**Strangford to Killough**

The trip ends at Killough. Prior planning is essential when paddling this stretch of coastline as there is an unconventional clubhouse for a local yacht club, the vessel operated as a lightship from 1911 until its decommissioning in 1946. Just north of Sketrick Island and adjacent to the mainland sits Ballydorn Lightship (GR J528628). Now serving as a rather unconventional clubhouse for a local yacht club, the vessel operated as a lightship from 1911 until its decommissioning in 1946. The return trip to Killyleagh is a 4km open crossing, or can be found amongst the islands, however it is worth noting that some areas dry out and are not suitable for paddling. The pub-restaurant opens from 12 noon everyday.

**Facilities available:**

- **Islandmore National Trust**
- **Salt Island / Killyleagh**
- **Taggart, Killyleagh, Delamont, Strangford**

**Trails**