

# Activity Sheet 4: Geography – Map Activity



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NORTHERN IRELAND

Enter the following information on the blank map on the next page:

Counties	Places	Loughs
Armagh	Belfast	Lower Lough Erne
Down	Enniskillen	Lough Neagh
Antrim	Newry	
Fermanagh	Omagh	
Tyrone	Antrim	
Londonderry/Derry	Coleraine	
	Downpatrick	

Below are some places associated with Saint Patrick. Find the **THREE** counties that these places relate to. Then draw a different **SYMBOL** on the map to represent each place.

**REMEMBER!** To add your symbols into the map's **KEY** so you can refer back to it later.

Some places associated with Saint Patrick:

- Slemish Mountain
- Saul Church
- Saint Patrick's Grave in Downpatrick
- Two Cathedrals:
  - St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral
  - St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral

## TIP!

If you need help to locate the counties visit Patrick's Journey ([bbc.co.uk/northernireland/saintpatrick/en/flash/irishmission/](http://bbc.co.uk/northernireland/saintpatrick/en/flash/irishmission/))



**KEY**

- Slieve Donard
- Saul Church
- Saint Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral
- Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral
- Saint Patrick's Grave - Downpatrick
- Motorway
- 'A' Road
- Loughs

Find out more about Saint Patrick at [bbc.co.uk/saintpatrick](http://bbc.co.uk/saintpatrick)

Now answer the following questions:

## Slemish Mountain

**TIP!**

View these links to help with your research:

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slemish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slemish)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Souterrain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Souterrain)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ringfort](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ringfort)

1. What connects Saint Patrick with Slemish Mountain?

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2. What interesting physical feature is known about Slemish mountain?

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3. What major town is near Slemish? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Plot your answer on the map.

5. This town area dates back to the Early Christian period. What type of settlements could be found back in Early Christian Ireland?

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# Downpatrick

## TIP!

View these links to help you with your research:

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Downpatrick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Downpatrick)

[maps.google.co.uk](https://maps.google.co.uk)

[bbc.co.uk/northernireland/saintpatrick/en/flash/irishmission/](https://bbc.co.uk/northernireland/saintpatrick/en/flash/irishmission/)

1. How is Saint Patrick associated with Downpatrick?

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2. Where does the name Downpatrick come from?

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3. This area of County Down is sometimes referred to as having rolling drumlins. What are these and how were they caused?

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4. Approximately how many kilometres south of Belfast is Downpatrick? \_\_\_\_\_

5. According to the 2001 Census what size of a population does Downpatrick have? \_\_\_\_\_ . The town is referred to as being a \_\_\_\_\_ (choose one of these: large, small, or medium) sized town. Plot Downpatrick on the map.

# Saul Church

## TIP!

View these links to help with your research:

[discovernorthernireland.com/Saul-Church-Downpatrick-P3387](http://discovernorthernireland.com/Saul-Church-Downpatrick-P3387)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Village](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Village)

[maps.google.co.uk](http://maps.google.co.uk)

1. What associates Saul with Saint Patrick?

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2. If you are travelling towards Saul from Downpatrick and you're heading in the direction of Strangford what 'A' road will you have to travel along? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Plot the road on the map. Remember to enter the details into the map's key.

4. How many miles/kilometres is Saul from Downpatrick? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What type of settlement is Saul? \_\_\_\_\_

Listed below are three different settlements. Write a brief description of each and describe the differences between them.

Hamlet \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Village \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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# Saint Patrick's Church Of Ireland Cathedral

## Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral

### TIP!

View these links below to help with your research:

[www.stpatricks-cathedral.org/history.asp](http://www.stpatricks-cathedral.org/history.asp)

[armagharchdiocese.org/stpatrickscathedral/409](http://armagharchdiocese.org/stpatrickscathedral/409)

[visitarmagh.com/topicdetails.php?menuid=4&submenuid=30&topic\\_id=20](http://visitarmagh.com/topicdetails.php?menuid=4&submenuid=30&topic_id=20)

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County\\_Armagh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County_Armagh)

[bbc.co.uk/northernireland/saintpatrick/en/flash/irishmission/](http://bbc.co.uk/northernireland/saintpatrick/en/flash/irishmission/)

1. Legend says an animal leapt from the bushes in this place. What was the animal? How is it connected to Saint Patrick?

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2. If you were travelling from Belfast to Armagh what motorway would you take?

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Plot this on the map. Remember to enter details into the map's key.

3. In what direction is Armagh situated to Lough Neagh? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why is County Armagh known as the Orchard County?

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5. What type of climate does Armagh enjoy and why?

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# Notes For Teachers/Parents – Activity Sheet 4 – Map Activity



## Map locations according to county

- Slemish Mountain (County Antrim)
- Saul Church in County Down (County Down)
- Two Cathedrals:
  - St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral (County Armagh)
  - St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral (County Armagh)
- Saint Patrick's Grave (County Down)

## Answers to Slemish Mountain Questions

1. Tradition tells us Patrick tended herds on Slemish as a slave.
2. Extinct Volcano
3. Ballymena
4. See map
5. Ringforts

## Answers to Downpatrick questions

1. According to legend after Patrick died, his body was placed on a cart, that was drawn by two young oxen. They were set free to drag the cart wherever they wanted. It eventually came to stop at the place in Downpatrick, where Saint Patrick's body is said to be buried.
2. Downpatrick comes from the Irish Dún Pádraig meaning "Patrick's stronghold or fort of Patrick"

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3. A drumlin is an oval hill shaped by glacial action i.e. ice that moves over land.
4. Downpatrick is approximately 33km South of Belfast
5. According to the 2001 census Downpatrick has a population of 10,316. Northern Ireland Statistics Research Agency would class a population between 10,000 and 18,000 people as being a medium sized town.

## Answers relating to Saul Church

1. It was the site of the very first church he ever founded in Ireland.
2. A25
3. N/A (see map)
4. 2 miles or 3.21km
5. Saul is a village.
  - a) hamlet is a small cluster of houses (smaller than a village) and usually in a rural setting without a church.
  - b) village – is larger than a hamlet but smaller than a town with some amenities ie. church, village shop.
  - c) town - is a settlement ranging from a few hundred to several thousands inhabitants with a wide range of amenities: churches, schools, libraries, shops etc.

## Answers for Armagh

1. A Fawn. Legend says Saint Patrick carried a fawn to this hill in search of its mother and this is the place where he founded his main Church. Today the Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral is said to be located on this spot.
2. M1
3. South
4. Armagh is known as the 'Orchard' county because the land is so fertile and is famous for its apple orchards.
5. Oceanic climate, strongly influenced by the Gulf Stream.