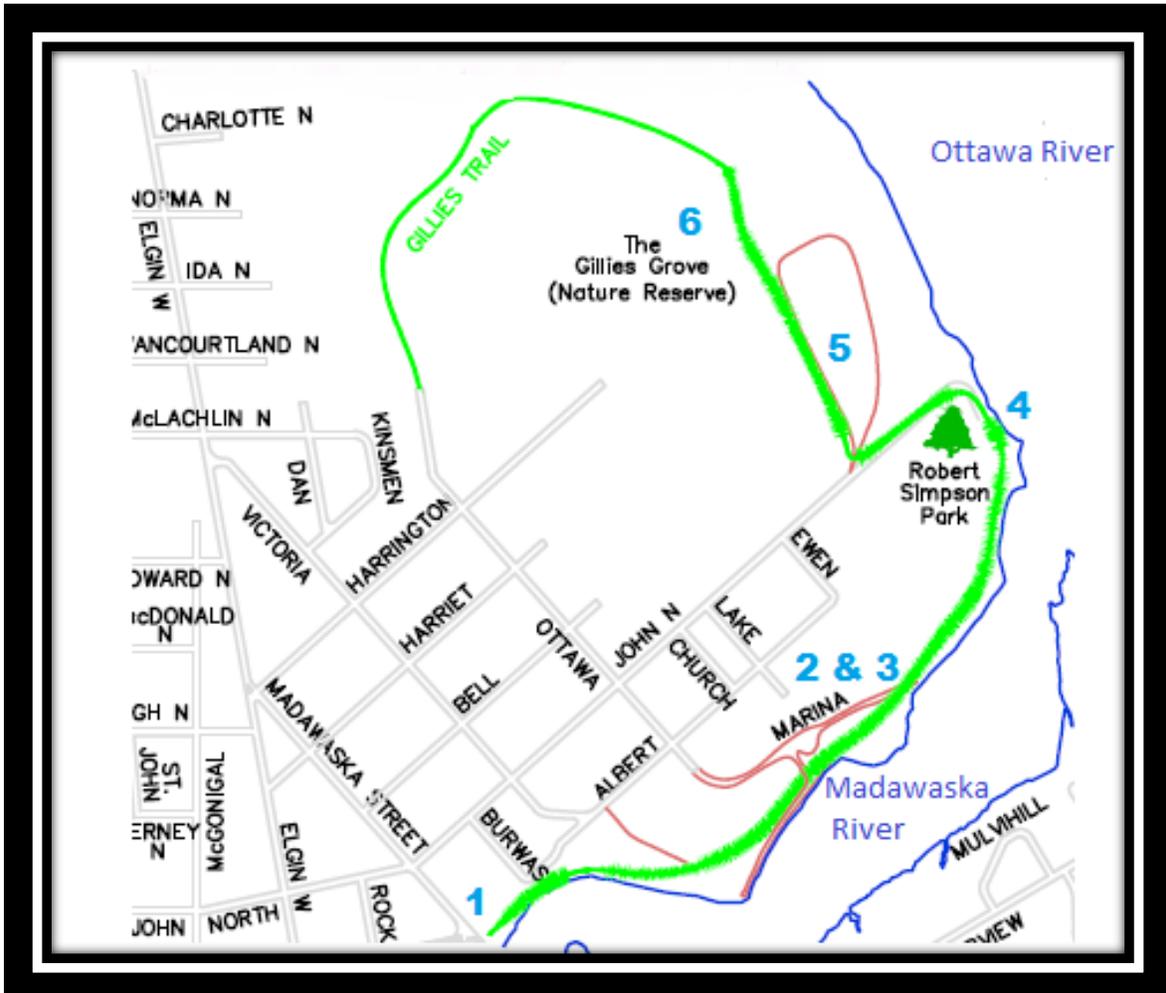


# Gillies Trail

The total distance for the main route of this trail is 2.7 km.



1. Daniel McLachlin Park and Bell Tower
- 2&3. Town of Arnprior Public Marina & Boat Launch
4. Robert Simpson Park
5. Galilee/The Hill
6. Gillies Grove

## **1. Daniel McLachlin Park and Bell Tower**

The park was established in 1987 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Arnprior as a village in 1863. The bell in the monument came from the original town hall, constructed in 1888. The stone came from the grist mill (Baird's Mill) which stood on this site. Constructed by Daniel McLachlin in the 1850's, the mill was lost to fire in the early 1970's.



## 2./3. Town of Arnprior Public Marina and Boat Launch



## 4. Robert Simpson Park

Robert Simpson Park is on the site of Edgewood, the residence of Jack Usborne a member of a Ottawa Valley Lumber family, who married Jessie McLachlin, daughter of Daniel McLachlin. The land was given to the town and named after a former mayor of Arnprior who served from 1949–1962 and 1964–1965.



## 5. Galilee/The Hill



After following up the road from Robert Simpson Park, turn onto 398 John Street North. Please note that this is private property, so treat with respect and peace. The stone mansion called “The Hill” was built by Daniel McLachlin (1809-1872) in 1853, and was occupied by the McLachlin families until 1933. It served as the venue at which Edward Albert, Prince of Wales, eldest son of Queen Victoria was entertained in 1860. It is now owned by the Galilee Mission Center of

Arnprior. The mansion along with other surrounding buildings – known as the “Galilee Community” – is used as a catholic renewal and retreat center.

The original gate and coachman’s house separates the two roads around the Galilee buildings. The right road can be followed past the Galilee building to meet the left fork , or one can take the lower, more energetic route down the stairs, along the embankment.