

### THE ALMONTE RIVERWALK

starts at the Almonte Old Town Hall and showcases the areas' rich history as it follows the Mississippi River, weaving beneath the train bridge, past Kirkland Park, and to a lookout by the Victoria Woolen Mill. It then crosses the street to a lookout overlooking Metcalfe Park and the lower falls

### THE WORKERS' WALK

is a scenic path that starts at Union Street, follows along the Bank Street/Workers' Sidewalk, and crosses the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail to the top of the newly recreated Millworkers' Staircase. Take the stairs down to the Mississippi River Power Corporation earthen dam and cross over the Black Bridge. After the bridge, follow Carleton Street to Rosamond Street, ending at the entrance to the Rosamond Woolen Company counting house, now the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum.

### THE COLEMAN ISLAND TRAIL

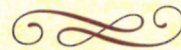
is a scenic path that follows the Mississippi River from Wellington Street. Take the **Esplanade** gravel path, cross the bridge at the end of Carleton Street and the Mississippi River Power Corporation earthen dam to the recreated workers' stairs. At the top of the stairs, cross the OVRT and take the Bank Street sidewalk (Workers' Walk) to Union Street.

### THE TEXTILE TRAIL

follows the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail from the Almonte Public Library to Brookdale Street. Enjoy amazing water and town views from the old railway bridge, now part of the OVRT, while interpretative signage tells the story of Almonte's textile history.

### THE TOWN OF ALMONTE

Almonte was incorporated as a village in 1871, and was known for a time as "Little Manchester," owing to the number of textile mills located in the area, similar to its larger English namesake. When Almonte was first incorporated, the population was 2,060, with 20% of residents working in the woolen mills. Ten years later, Almonte was incorporated as a town. At that time, owing to the rapid growth of the textile industry, the population was 2,674, with 25% working in the mills. Since the working classes are often the forgotten heroes of society, this walk recognizes Almonte's mill workers. It is time to celebrate them.



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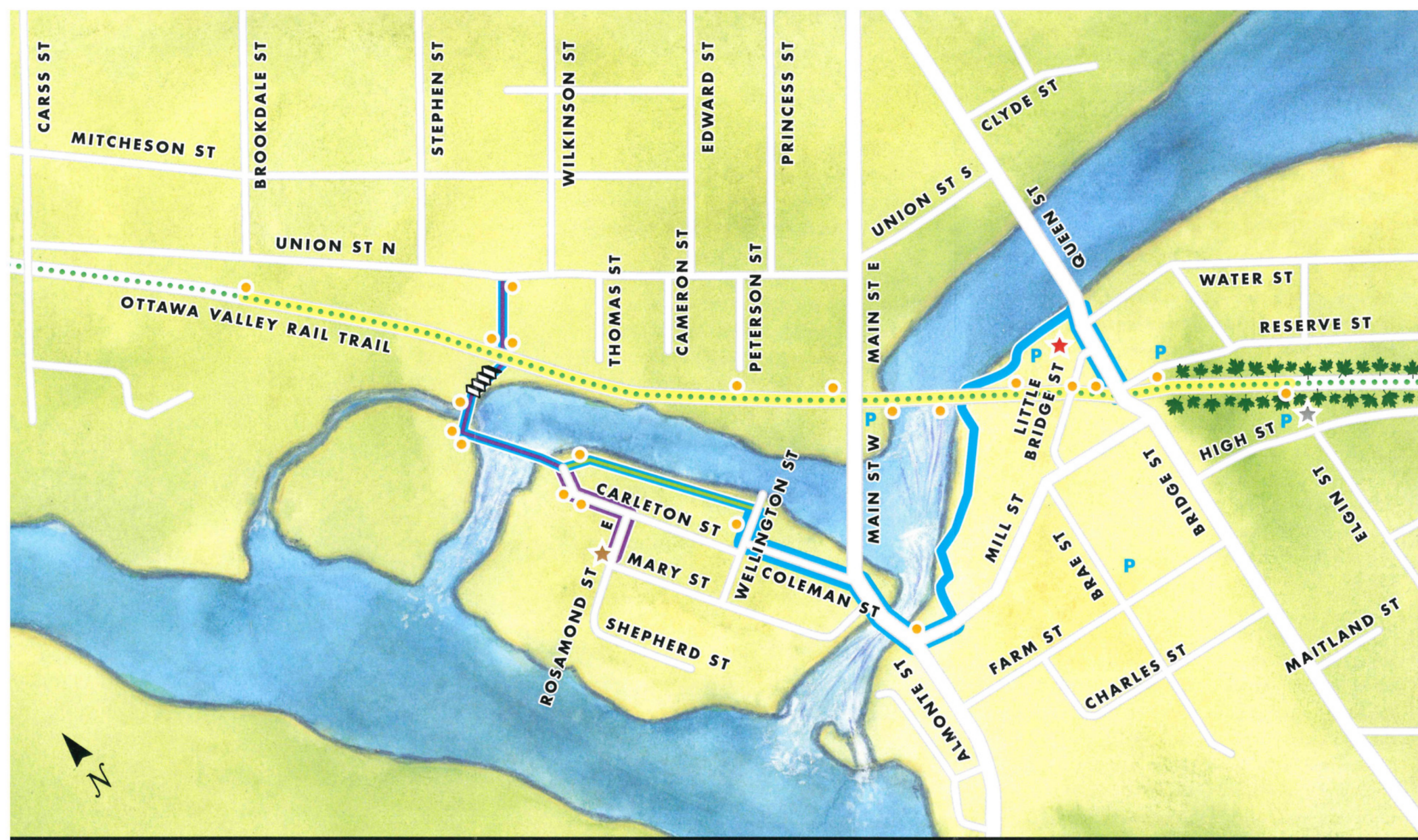
# Walking Tour

MISSISSIPPI MILLS

RIVERWALK  
WORKERS' WALK  
COLEMAN ISLAND TRAIL  
TEXTILE TRAIL

THIS WALK combines Almonte's Riverwalk with a portion of the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail (OVRT) to make a loose circuit. Discover Almonte's history in the many interpretive panels that line the way—including its roots in the textile industry—and follow in the footsteps of the textile workers themselves along the Workers' Walk.





**LEGEND**

 RIVERWALK

 WORKERS' WALK

 COLEMAN ISLAND TRAIL

 TEXTILE TRAIL

 INTERPRETIVE PANEL

 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TEXTILE MUSEUM

 ALMONTE OLD TOWN HALL

 ALMONTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

 OTTAWA VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

 WORKERS' STAIRS

 ALAMEDA

 PARKING