



February 2016

Borderland State Park

Park Phone Number: (508) 238-6566

Park Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/borderland-state-park.html>

All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. \$5 per car parking fee. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. In case of inclement weather, please call Borderland at (508) 238-6566.

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7 Mansion Tour: Building a Home 1:00-1:30pm	8	9	10	11	12 Off the Beaten Path 1:00-2:30pm	13 Sledding at Borderland 1:00-3:00pm
14 Kids Mansion Tour 11:00-11:30am Share your LOVE with Nature Hike 1:00pm Friends of Borderland Gift Shop at visitor center 11:00-2:00pm	15 A Presidential Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 11:00-11:45 12:00-12:45 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00-1:30pm	16 Kids Craft: Make your own bird feeder 10:00am	17 Kids Craft: Make your own bird feeder 10:00am	18 Kids Craft: Make your own bird feeder 10:00am	19 Birds of Prey (live bird demonstration) 10:00-11:00am Friends of Borderland Gift Shop at visitor center 11:00-2:00pm Off the Beaten Path 1:00-2:30pm	20 Coloring, Coffee & Conversation 9:00-11:00am Kids Mansion Tour 11:00-11:30am 12:00-12:30pm Sledding at Borderland 1:00-3:00pm
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28 Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 1:00-1:30pm	29	<p align="center">February is Black History Month Join us for "Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals", and understand how Oakes and Blanche Ames' ancestors tie in with the African American story.</p> <p align="center">Presidents Day: February 15, 2016 Do any U.S. Presidents have ties to Oakes and Blanche or even Borderland? Join us for "A Presidential Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals" where we will be adapting the tour to celebrate Presidents Day.</p> <p align="center">February School Vacation Week! February 14 – February 20</p>				

Program Descriptions

Mansion Tour: Building a Home	Here at Borderland State Park, the Ames family's home, a three-story stone mansion built in 1910, still stands. Its twenty rooms are furnished much as they were when the Ameses lived here and many of Blanche Ames' paintings grace the walls. Come get a look at the fully furnished interior of the Ames Mansion, including the ornate two-story library. On this 30 minute tour, explore the history of the family and the house itself. First floor only. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain, snow or shine.
Off the Beaten Path Hike	Borderland encompasses 1773 acres of woodlands, fields, ponds and unique geological formations. The park is truly a "borderland" in that it lies between gradually rising hills to the north and much flatter land to the south. The result is a mix of habitats, supporting a rich variety of wildlife. Explore the less traveled trails on this 3- to 4-mile informative and recreational hike. Route and theme varies weekly. Dress for the weather, bring water, and wear bug repellent. Hike is easy to moderate in difficulty. For adults and older children. Meet at the Visitor Center. Downpour, snow, or icy trails cancel.
Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals	Celebrate Black History Month at Borderland and learn how Oakes and Blanche Ames' ancestors stories tie into the African American story. Did you know that Blanche and Oakes Ames are related to many politicians and military war heroes? To understand a family, one must look back at previous generations. The Ames Family and their relatives played an intrinsic role in shaping the state of Massachusetts and the Nation. Join the Park Interpreter for a 30-minute guided tour learning about the Ames family involvement in war and in politics. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain, snow or shine.
A Presidential Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals	Celebrate Presidents Day at Borderland on this adapted tour. Learn about all the Presidents whose stories intertwined with the Ames Family. Did you know that Blanche and Oakes Ames are related to many politicians and military war heroes? Having a family with a lot of political connection, naturally they crossed paths with Presidents. To understand a family, one must look back at previous generations. The Ames Family and their relatives played an intrinsic role in shaping the state of Massachusetts and the Nation. Join the Park Interpreter for a 45-minute guided tour learning about the Ames family involvement in war and in politics. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain, snow or shine.
Kids Mansion Tour	What would it be like to be a kid living in this mansion? Learn about the Ames family and the four children who grew up in this beautiful mansion. Great for families with younger kids to explore the first floor of the mansion. Join the Park interpreter for this 15-minute tour, which will conclude with an old fashion activity behind the mansion (weather permitting). Meet in front of the mansion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine.
Coloring, Coffee & Conversation	Join the park staff in the visitor center for some coffee and conversation while we use adult age coloring books to make our own masterpieces, as Blanche Ames once did at Borderland. Coloring utensils, coloring books, coffee and great conversation will be provided. Feel free to bring your own coloring book or your own art supplies. For older children and adults. Rain, snow or shine.

Share Your Love with Nature Hike	On Valentine's day, share your love with the natural world by joining us at Borderland for a 3 mile hike around Lower Leech Pond. Meet at the visitor center. What would Valentine's Day be without chocolate? After the easy to moderate hike, join us back inside the visitor center for some hot chocolate in front of the fire. Icy trails, heavy snow or heavy rain will cancel. For more information, please call Borderland at (508) 238-6566.
Kids Craft: Make your own Bird Feeder	The Birds are going to be hungry this winter. Join the park staff and make your own bird suet feeder. This easy kids craft is good for all ages. All Children must be accompanied by an adult. Take your finished craft home and hang it outside your window to see the birds feed on the suet you made! Rain, Snow or Shine. For more information, please call Borderland at (508) 238-6566.
Birds of Prey: Live Bird Demonstration	Join Marla Isaac and the Friends of Borderland inside the visitor center to see live hawks, owls and even a vulture on Friday February 19 at 10:00am. Marla explains the adaptations that make raptors special, how they hunt and their places in the ecosystem. Take photos up close of these dramatic and awe-inspiring birds! This event is sponsored by the Friends of Borderland. Heavy blizzard like snow will cancel. In case of a Blizzard, we will hold this event on Saturday February 20 at 10:00am in the visitor center.
Friends of Borderland Gift Shop	The Friends of Borderlands gift shop will be open at the visitor center. The limited edition Ames Mansion ornament will be on sale, along with books, sweaters, hats, shirts, notecards and much more. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of Borderland and their mission to preserve Borderland. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. For more information, please visit www.friendsofborderland.org . Rain, snow or shine.
Sledding at Borderland	If there is snow on the ground, grab your sled and head on over to Borderland. We will have a hot chocolate behind the mansion, on top of the hill. Meet behind mansion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please call the park at 508-238-6566.