



August 2015

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August is Women's Equality Month						1
Each year Borderland Celebrates Women's Equality Month by highlighting the role Blanche Ames played in the women's rights movement. Did you know that Blanche, besides being an accomplished artist, she was a political cartoonist and a women's rights leader? Join the Park interpreter on one of the women's rights tours offered this month to learn about this remarkable women who lived here.						Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights 2:00 - 2:30pm
2 Explore Nature: Ponding 1:00-2:00pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00- 3:30pm 4:00-4:00pm	3 Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land 1:00-1:30pm Fishing at Borderland 5:00-7:00pm	4	5	6	7 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work 4:00 - 4:30pm	8
9 Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist 10:00-10:30pm Teddy Bear Picnic 3:00pm	10 Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone 1:00-1:30pm Fishing at Borderland 5:00-7:00pm	11	12	13	14 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 4:00 - 4:30pm	15 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00pm – 1:30pm Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights 2:00 - 2:30pm 3:00-3:30pm
16 New England Society of Botanical Artists (NESBA) Demonstrations 12:00-3:00pm Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion Tour 1:00-3:00pm Gift Shop 1:00-3:00pm Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights 4:00 - 4:30pm	17 Fishing at Borderland 5:00-7:00pm	18	19	20	21 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm	22 Insect Discovery Walk 10:00am
23 Pond Walk 10:00-11:00am Explore Nature: Stonewall Secrets 1:00-2:00pm	24 Fishing at Borderland 5:00-7:00pm	25	26	27	28 The Long Hike 9:00am – 1:00pm	29 Nature Activity Table 1:00-3:00pm
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Program Descriptions

<p>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</p>	<p>The Ames Mansion was built over 100 years ago. Designed by Blanche Ames herself, the Mansion features many modern conveniences for its time. Explore the exterior of the Ames Mansion and learn about its construction on this 30-minute outdoor tour. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels.</p>
<p>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land</p>	<p>In the early 1900s, rock gardens were all the rage! Harvard botanist, Oakes Ames enjoyed spending time in this garden featuring many different types of plants, as well as interesting rock features and a fountain. DCR and the Friends of Borderland have spent the last few years working to rehabilitate the rock garden, and it looks great! Learn all about the gardens of the Ames Mansion as well as the recent restoration efforts. For adults and older children. All Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of mansion. Rain cancels.</p>
<p>Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights</p>	<p>Did you know that 100 years ago, when the Ames Mansion was built, women did not have the right to vote? Oakes and Blanche Ames's involvement in the struggle for women's rights helped pass the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution on August 18, 1920. During this 30-minute guided tour of the first floor of the Ames Mansion, you will learn about their women's suffrage efforts and view some of Blanche's suffrage artwork and political cartoons. First floor only. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain or shine.</p>
<p>Kids Mansion Tour</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</p>	<p>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 or shine.</p>
<p>Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals</p>	<p>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 Mansion. Rain or Shine.</p>
<p>Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist</p>	<p>Let's go beyond the framed paintings and discover the lasting impressions of artist Blanche Ames. Join the Park Interpreter for a 30-minute tour to gain an understanding of Blanche's contributions to the art world and science community alike. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Mansion. Rain or Shine</p>
<p>Fishing at Borderland</p>	<p>Formally known as "Fishing with Ranger Buck", we have decided to rename the program "Fishing at Borderland". Fishing is a great outdoor activity for families and friends. Starting June 1st, we will meet every Monday night from 5-7pm at Puds Pond throughout the summer. We will supply the bait and fishing poles, bring your own if you would like. Great for ALL ages and ALL skill levels. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please call the park at 508-238-6566. Downpours cancel.</p>

Explore Nature Series	<p>This program will be offered most Sunday mornings. We'll explore the natural world of Borderland State Park with guided walks, games and activities. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels. Here are the programs for August:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ponding: Using nets and buckets, let's catch some of the critters who live in Leach Pond. We will then determine the water quality in Leach Pond using a tally of the types of animals we find. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels. • Stonewall Secrets - How did all these stonewalls get into the woods? Who made them? And why? Learn about the history of the stonewalls that criss-cross Borderland State Park as well as the animals who use them today. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.
The Long Hike	<p>Hike to the hardly visited northern-most point of Borderland State Park on this 5-mile, moderately paced recreational hike on the last Friday of August. We'll hike to the Morse Loop and enjoy a snack on the shores of the beautiful and peaceful Dead Swamp Pond. For adults and older children. Wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water, as well as a snack to eat at the pond. Meet at Visitor Center. Rain cancels.</p>
Off the Beaten Path Hike	<p>Explore the trails less traveled 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 cancels.</p>
Pond Walk	<p>Join the Park Interpreter for a leisurely 2.9 mile walk around lower leach pond. For adults and older children. Meet at the Visitor Center. Downpour cancels.</p>
Movie in the Mansion "Wizard of Oz"	<p>The Friends of Borderland along with the park staff will transform the 2-story library into an old-fashion movie theatre. The family classic, "wizard of oz", will be showing. Space is limited, to reserve your seat, please call the park at 508-238-6566, with the number of seats and your name. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine. Snacks will be provided by the Friends of Borderland for a small donation.</p>
Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion Tours	<p>Explore the history of the Ames Mansion while supporting Friends of Borderland State Park! Volunteer guides conduct tours of all three floors of this stately home of Oakes and Blanche Ames. Tours run about every 20 minutes. Maximum of 15 people per tour. For all ages. The Friends accept donations. Meet in front of mansion. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland. Rain or shine.</p>
Gift Shop at the Ames Mansion	<p>The gift shop will be open during the Friends of Borderlands Mansion Tours from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Volunteers will staff the gift shop and all sales will benefit the Friends of Borderland. Cash, Check or Credit Cards will be accepted.</p>
Insect Discovery Walk	<p>On Saturday August 22 at 10am, meet at Visitor Center and join Entomologists Don Bennett and Dr Jane O'Donnell on this family-friendly insect discovery walk - and bring nets if you have them! Wear comfortable clothing and hiking shoes. For families with children. Together we will discover a lot of cool and fascinating insects. Sponsored by the Friends of Borderland and DCR. Some nets and other miscellaneous tools will be provided. Rain or Shine.</p>
Nature Activity Table	<p>The park interpreter will set up a nature activity table, full of activities, crafts and projects to do. Stop by for 10 minutes or for an hour and discover different aspects of the natural world. The table will be set up next to the visitor center – in case of rain, the table will be set up inside the visitor center. Great for all ages, all children must be accompanied by an adult.</p>

Teddy Bear Picnic	Join us on Sunday August 9, 2015 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm for a Borderland favorite!, The Teddy Bear Picnic. Bring a picnic, and a teddy bear or favorite stuffed animal and a lawn chair or blanket. Tina Stone of Tina's Tunes and Tales will be singing, telling teddy bear tales. Come dance and sing and have your teddy bear checked out by a teddy bear doctor. This event will finish with the parade of teddy bears. Meet behind the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels, all children must be accompanied by an adult.
New England Society of Botanical Artists (NESBA): Demonstrations	On August 16, 2015 from 11:00-3:00pm behind the Ames Mansion—Stop on by the Ames Mansion to watch talented botanical artists at work! Blanche Ames, the Women of this estate was a botanical artist as well – so come check out the New England Society of Botanical Artists as they complete beautiful pieces, as Blanche did many years ago. Bring your own drawing utensils and join in the fun! The Friends of Borderland will provide some drawing material. The artists will have some work for sale – cash only. Watch history in the making and interact with the artists as they draw, sketch and paint! Rain or Shine.