

## Borderland State Park

257 Massapoag Avenue  
North Easton MA 02356

*department of*  
Conservation and Recreation



Welcome, Wedding Planners!

Thank you for your inquiry regarding wedding ceremonies at Borderland State Park. Enclosed is additional information for your review. If you have not scheduled a date and would like to, please contact the park at [Borderland.Park@state.ma.us](mailto:Borderland.Park@state.ma.us) or 508-238-6566 to check for availability.

Provided your requested date is available, we require a Letter of Request be sent to us by mail or email including your name, address, phone number, area of park to be utilized (see attached map), approximate number of attendees and time of the ceremony. Upon receipt of your Letter of Request, along with the map indicating which area you wish to utilize, a Recreation Permit (\$50) will be prepared and mailed or emailed to you for your review and signature. We will need to receive your Letter of Request as soon as possible in advance of your scheduled event in order to process your permit.

If you will be using a tent, a Special Use Permit (\$45), including proof of insurance, will be required in place of the Recreation Permit. This permit must be processed by the Boston permit office, which requires an application form. This form can be obtained from [www.mass.gov/dcr/](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/).

There is a parking fee for all visitors entering the park. The fee is \$5.00 per vehicle per day. An annual pass may be purchased for \$60.00 and senior citizens 62 years and older may obtain a senior pass for a one time \$10 fee. In addition, vehicles with HP and DV plates will be exempt from the parking fee. The parking fee is collected for all users and all events at the park including weddings.

The parking fee for weddings must be paid at least one week in advance of the scheduled wedding. You should estimate the number of vehicles that will be attending your wedding and multiply that number by \$5.00 to calculate the parking fee.

Special arrangements must be made and additional fees must be paid if the group is over 100 people.

In the case of inclement weather or if the wedding is cancelled, the fees paid will *not* be refunded.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Borderland State Park  
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### *WEDDING INFORMATION AT BORDERLAND STATE PARK*

- ❖ Reservations are required for wedding ceremonies; please call 508-238-6566. When you make reservations we will need your name, address, phone number, time of ceremony and area to be utilized. Please note your set up and clean up should be completed during your requested time.
- ❖ Wedding ceremonies may be held anywhere within the state park. Most, however, are held on the lawns that surround the Ames Mansion: FRONT LAWN, ROCK GARDEN, OLD POOL, BACK LAWN.
- ❖ Chairs, isle runners, trellises, floral arrangements and other similar items may be set up the day of the ceremony. They must be removed immediately after the ceremony.
- ❖ A tent or canopy may also be erected with one exception: Tents may not be set up inside the circular hedge/front lawn of the Mansion. You are responsible for contracting with a rental company to rent and set up a tent.
- ❖ If an electric piano, organ or stereo is used, you must provide your own generator or battery-operated equipment: electric service is not available.
- ❖ Parking for wedding guests will be on the grass lawn next to the park's Maintenance Building. There is capacity for 100 vehicles. Vehicle access to the Mansion and parking is from the service road that leads to the Mansion at 257 Massapoag Avenue. On the wedding day you may erect signs to identify your wedding parking at the entrance to the service road. Do not nail signs to trees.
- ❖ The wedding party may drive to the Mansion. Elderly guests or guests with difficulty walking may also be driven to the Mansion. Cars that are used to drop off guests with difficulty walking must be parked with the other guests' cars after drop-off. All other guests must park in the designated parking area.
- ❖ The Mansion is not available as a back up in case of rain. You may rent the meeting room in the park's Visitor Center if it has not already been reserved; however, the capacity of the room is only 40 people. Most people who have their ceremony at the park schedule the hall where their reception is to be held as a back up in case of rain.
- ❖ Restroom facilities for guests are located in the park's Visitor Center. The Ames Mansion will not be open or available for any part of the wedding.
- ❖ You should avoid Sunday afternoon ceremonies. This is the busiest day of the week at the park. The Mansion is also often open for tours and other park functions on Sunday afternoons.
- ❖ We recommend you avoid scheduling weddings in late April or early May because of mosquitoes and black flies.
- ❖ Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all state parks in Massachusetts.

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