



September 2017

Borderland State Park

259 Massapoag Ave, North Easton, MA (508) 238-6566

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>± Denotes events that are sponsored by the Friends of Borderland and are Member-Only Events. Become a member today, visit friendsofborderland.org.</p> <p>During the Month of September, the Friends of Borderland will be setting up a 'Giving Tree' inside the Visitor Center. On the tree, there are items / tasks that you can donate that will make an impact on the park that we all LOVE. Check out the "Giving Tree" inside the visitor center and donate if you can.</p>					<p>1 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm Kids Mansion Tour: 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>2 Mansion Tour: Building a Home 1:00pm-1:30pm 2:00pm-2:30pm</p>
<p>3 Explore Nature: Ponding 1:00pm-2:00pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>4 Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>5 ± Full Moon Hike ± 7:30pm-9:00pm</p>	6	7	<p>8 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm Kids Mansion Tour: 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>9 Dog Hike with Ranger Darren 3:00pm-5:00pm</p>
<p>10 Explore Nature: Orienteering and Field activity for Kids 1:00pm-3:00pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>11 Mansion Volunteer Day 1:00pm-3:00pm Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>12 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>13 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>14 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>15 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>	<p>16 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm Dog Hike with Ranger Darren 3:00pm-5:00pm Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition: Opening Reception 7:00pm-10:00pm</p>
<p>17 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm Explore Nature: Geology Hike 1:00pm-2:00pm Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land 3:00pm-3:30pm</p>	<p>18 Mansion Volunteer Day 1:00pm-3:00pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>19 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>20 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>21 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>22 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>23 Long Hike 9:00am-12:00pm Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm Dog Hike with Ranger Darren 3:00pm-5:00pm</p>
<p>24 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm Explore Nature: Stonewall Secrets 1:00pm-2:00pm Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone 3:00pm-3:30pm</p>	<p>25 Mansion Volunteer Day 1:00pm-3:00pm Mansion Tour: Partners in Love and Work 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>26 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>27 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>28 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>29 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>	<p>30 Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm Dog Hike with Ranger Darren 3:00pm-5:00pm</p>

Program Descriptions

Things to Know Before You Go:

- All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Dress for the weather; bring sunscreen, bug spray, water and a snack.
- Programs subject to change and rain cancels most outdoor programs; call ahead to confirm (508) 238-6566.
- Reasonable accommodations are available upon advance request.
- Park Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/borderland-state-park.html>.
- Park Trail Map: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/borderland.pdf>.
- Daily parking fee is \$5 MA Vehicle, \$10 non-MA Vehicle. Information about our annual ParksPass can be found here <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/passes-and-fees/buy-parks-pass-dcr-generic.html>. Seniors (62+, MA resident) can get a lifetime Parks Pass for \$10 at the Visitor Center.

Interior Mansion Tours

Mansion Tour: Building a Home	Come get a look at the fully furnished interior of the Ames Mansion, including the ornate two-story library. On this 30-minute guided tour of the home, you will learn about the history of the Ames Mansion and the Ames Family. First floor only. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain or shine.
Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights	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 19 th 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.
Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals	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.
Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist	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.
Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work	Oakes and Blanche Ames were partners in every aspect of their lives. They worked together raising a family, building a home, in Blanches' work in the suffrage movement and in Oakes botany work. No matter the task at hand, Blanche and Oakes passions were blurred together creating this true partnership. Learn about how they complimented each other in love and in their work on this 30-minute first floor tour. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Mansion. Rain or shine.
Kids Mansion Tour	Great for families with younger kids to explore the first floor of the mansion. What would it be like to be a kid living in this mansion? Join the Park interpreter for this 20-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.

Exterior Mansion Tours	
Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone	The Ames Mansion was built 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. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels.
Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land	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.

Kids Programs	
Explore Nature Series	<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 at the Lodge. Rain cancels. • Orienteering and Field Activity for kids: Learn important tools for hiking safety with Ranger Darren. Kids will learn how to read a map and use a compass. We will take those skills "into the field" for a mock search and rescue mission. Great for kids 5+, must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the visitor center. Rain will cancel. • Stonewall Secrets – Ever wonder why stonewalls crisscross the forests of Massachusetts? Join the park interpreter for a 2 mile hike as we discover why stonewalls are where they are today. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring bug spray and hiking shoes. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels. • Geology Hike – Why are there giant boulders throughout New England? What left these boulders here? On this 2 mile hike learn about these boulders and different uses people in New England had for them. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring bug spray and hiking shoes. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

Programs	
Off the Beaten Path Hike	Let's hike some of the lesser known trails at Borderland State Park. Each week we will change up the hike, exploring different trails and areas of the park on these easy to moderate 2-5 mile hikes. 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.
The Long Hike	Join the park interpreter for this 5+ mile hike, where we will explore the northern most part of Borderland State Park. Moderate terrain and moderate pace. Bring a snack and we will have a little break at Swamp Pond. Dress for the weather, bring water, and wear bug repellent. For adults and older children. Meet at the Visitor Center. Downpour cancels.
Dog Hike with Ranger Darren	Bring your dogs for a ranger led walk at Borderland! Join Ranger Darren for a 3-5 mile moderate hike with a 20 minute break at the Smith Farm fields, where dogs that are under voice control can go off-leash and play or swim. <u>Dogs must be dog-friendly</u> . Hike route varies slightly each week. Dress for the weather, bring water for your dogs, and sun block and bug spray is recommended. Rain cancels. For adults and older children, children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or for reasonable accommodations, please call (508) 238-6566.

Special Events	
Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition	Sept. 12 through Oct. 3, 11am to 3pm (closed Mondays) in the Ames Mansion Library. The Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition returns to Borderland for its 13 th year this September. The Friends of Borderland and the park staff transformed the two-story library into an art gallery. Throughout her life, Blanche Ames created a beautiful body of artwork, much of which still adorns the halls of Borderland's Ames Mansion. Join us in celebrating that artistic legacy and view the artwork by selected artists for this year's exhibition. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland and the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation. Rain or shine.
Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition: Opening Reception	The Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibit will have the opening reception on Saturday September 16, 2017 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm in the Ames Mansion. If you want, get dressed up for this art opening, and enjoy the night. The Friends of Borderland will make this evening a night to remember. Donations are accepted. The Park will be open for this event only. Parking is in front of the Ames Mansion; enter through the maintenance entrance (257 Massapoag Ave., North Easton, MA.). Rain or Shine. For more information, please call 508-238-6566.
Mansion Volunteer Day	Looking for volunteer opportunities? This is that opportunity! Assist the park staff dusting and vacuuming the Ames Mansion. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. For more information or other volunteer opportunities, please email Borderland at Borderland.park@state.ma.us