



May 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 advance request. Programs subject to change please call ahead

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Explore Nature: Ponding 1:00pm -2:00pm	2 Mansion Architecture Tour 4:00pm -4:30pm	3	4	5	6 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Living in the Ames Mansion 4:00pm - 4:30pm	7 Ames Boulder Hike 1:00-1:45pm Living in the Ames Mansion 4:00pm - 4:30pm
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15	16 Fishing at Borderland 4:00pm -6:00pm (Lodge)	17	18	19	20 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm The Ames Family and Women's Rights 4:00pm - 4:30pm	21 Kids Tour 1:00pm – 1:30pm The Ames Family and Women's Rights 4:00pm - 4:30pm
22 Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion Tour 1:00pm -3:00pm Gift Shop 1:00pm -3:00pm	23 Mansion Architecture Tour 4:00pm -4:30pm Ames Boulder Hike 6:00pm -6:45pm	24 Explore Nature: Ponding 5:00pm -6:00pm	25	26	27 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 4:00pm -4:30pm	28 Kids Tour 1:00pm – 1:30pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 4:00pm -4:30pm
29 Fishing Fest 9:00am-12:00pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 3:00pm -3:30pm	30 Fishing at Borderland 4:00pm -6:00pm (Lodge)	31				

Program Descriptions

<p>Mansion Tour: The Ames Family 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 Tour</p>	<p>Learn what it was like to be a kid living on the Ames Estate. Before television, computers, and modern technology, the four Ames family children who grew up in this beautiful mansion certainly had to be creative passing time when not at school. Great for families with younger kids to explore the first floor of the Ames 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>Living in the Ames Mansion</p>	<p>If walls could tell a story the Ames Mansion at Borderland State Park could fill volumes. Join the Park Interpreter for a 30-minute guided tour learning about the Ames family and the unique features of the Mansion they designed. 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>Fishing is a great outdoor activity for families and friends. We will meet Mondays May 16th and 30th from 4-6pm at the lodge. 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. Fishing license not required. For more information please call the park at 508-238-6566. Downpours cancel.</p>
<p>Explore Nature Series</p>	<p>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 Lodge. Rain cancels.</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 Lodge. Rain cancels.
<p>Off the Beaten Path Hike</p>	<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>
<p>Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion</p>	<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>

Tours	
Gift Shop at the Ames Mansion	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 accepted. All proceeds go back to supporting the park.
Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone	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. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels.
Fishing Festival 2016	Fishing is a great outdoor activity for families. The Friends of Borderland invite families to join us at Lower Leach pond for some fishing fun. Bring your own fishing gear or use ours. Prizes will be awarded to anglers under 16 years old. Refreshments will be provided. Fishing license not required.
Mansion Tour: Of Governors & 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.
Ames Boulder Hike	Join the Park Interpreter for a quick hike to the 'million pound boulder'. How did this huge boulder get here? Learn this and much more on this guided 45 minute hike. Program meets in Front of the Ames Mansion. Great for kids and adults alike. Downpour cancels.