



June 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-generic.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
	<b>1</b> <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00-7:00pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>National Trails Day:</b> <b>Pond Walk Hike</b> 10:00am – 11:00am <b>Ames Boulder Hike</b> 1:00-1:15pm
<b>7</b> <b>Explore Nature: Ponding</b> 1:00-2:00pm <b>Mansion Tour:</b> <b>The Ameses and</b> <b>Women's Rights</b> 4:00pm - 4:30pm	<b>8</b> <b>Architecture Tour: A Story in</b> <b>Stone</b> 1:00-1:30pm <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00-7:00pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm <b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors</b> <b>&amp; Generals</b> 3:30-4:00pm	<b>13</b> <b>Ames Boulder Hike</b> 1:00-1:15pm <b>Mansion Tour: Building a</b> <b>Home</b> 2:00pm– 2:30pm
<b>14</b> <b>Explore Nature: Geology</b> <b>Hike</b> 1:00-2:00pm <b>Mansion Tour:</b> <b>A Portrait of an Artist</b> 3:00-3:30pm	<b>15</b> <b>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures</b> <b>of the Land</b> 1:00-1:30pm <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00-7:00pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm <b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors</b> <b>&amp; Generals</b> 3:30-4:00pm	<b>20</b> <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 1:00pm – 1:30pm <b>Mansion Tour: Building a</b> <b>Home</b> 2:00pm – 2:30pm <b>Movie in the Mansion:</b> <b>"Frozen: Sing-a-long"</b> 6:00pm
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<b>28</b> <b>Friends of Borderland Ames</b> <b>Mansion Tour</b> 1:00-3:00pm <b>Gift Shop</b> 1:00-3:00pm	<b>29</b> <b>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures</b> <b>of the Land</b> 1:00-1:30pm <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00-7:00pm	<b>30</b>				

## Program Descriptions

<b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b>	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.
<b>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land</b>	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.
<b>Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> 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.
<b>Kids Mansion Tour</b>	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.
<b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b>	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.
<b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals</b>	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.
<b>Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist</b>	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
<b>Fishing at Borderland</b>	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 1 <sup>st</sup> , 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.
<b>Explore Nature Series</b>	<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"> <li>• <b>Ponding:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Geology Hike</b> - Join us for an easy to moderate hike to see some boulders, and together we will learn how these boulders got where they are today. Along the way we will see some old stone walls, so let's use our detective skills and figure out why there are stone walls in the middle of the woods. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.</li> </ul>
<b>The Long Hike</b>	Hike to the hardly visited northern-most point of Borderland State Park on this 5-mile, moderately paced recreational hike on Friday May 29, 2015. 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.
<b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b>	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.
<b>Ames Boulder Hike</b>	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 15 minute hike. Great for kids and adults alike. Downpour cancels.
<b>National Trails Day: Pond Walk Hike</b>	Join the Park Interpreter for a leisurely walk around Lower Leach Pond to celebrate National Trails Day. As we walk the 2.9 mile path, we will enjoy the beautiful natural landscape the Oakes and Blanche Ames preserved. For adults and older children. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Meet at Visitor Center. Rain cancels.
<b>Gift Shop at the Mansion</b>	The gift shop will be open during the two open houses in May 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.
<b>Movie in the Mansion "Frozen"</b>	The Friends of Borderland along with the park staff will transform the 2-story library into an old-fashion movie theatre. The family classic, "Frozen", will be showing. Oh! It will be the sing-along version, so get ready for a great movie and get ready to sing to this wonderful family movie. 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.
<b>Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion Tours</b>	Explore the history of the Ames Mansion while supporting Friends of Borderland State Park! Volunteer tour guides will be stationed around this fully furnished historical mansion as visitors are allowed to explore the three floor home of Oakes and Blanche Ames. Our volunteer tour guides and staff will be able to answer any questions For all ages. The Friends accept donations. Meet in front of mansion. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland. Rain or shine. During the open h

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<b>"Sticks and Cones on Paving Stones": The Making of the Ames Mansion Mandala</b>	<p>Join artist Patricia Gilmore and learn about the fun and inventive process behind the making of the very first Ames Mansion Mandala in the fall of 2014. The 6 foot nature art installation was created for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Blanche Ames National Art Exhibition and almost all of the elements of design were found right at Borderland State Park.</p> <p>The woods and trails hold so many colors and textures. After the presentation you are invited to join Patricia on a short trail walk where she will point out many of nature's paints that work really well in creating earth art.</p> <p>Patricia Gilmore is a local environmental artist that works internationally. Her site specific land art is scattered throughout New England and beyond. Recently she returned from making and photographing nature mandalas in South America. Several images of her earth art creations can be found in her ISSUU book "Nature Mandalas within an Urban Landscape."</p> <p>This program is great for families, meet at the visitor center, rain or shine.</p>