



March 2018

Borderland State Park

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Mansion Tour: Building a Home 11:00am-11:30am Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm	3 Self-guided Architecture Tour: brochures at the visitor center 8:00am-close
4 Kids Mansion Tour 10:00am-10:30am Mansion Tour: Building a Home 11:00am-11:30am Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals 12:00pm-12:30pm Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist 1:00pm-1:30pm	5	6	7	8	9 Mansion Tour: Partners in Love and Work 11:00am-11:30am Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm	10 Explore Nature: Stonewall Secrets 10:00am-11:00am Mansion Tour: The Ames and Womens Rights 12:00pm-12:30pm Kids Mansion Tour: 1:00pm-1:30pm
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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, Meet in front of the mansion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine.

Programs	
Off the Beaten Path Hike	Let's hike some of the lesser known trails during the winter season 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 winter boots. Hike is easy to moderate in difficulty. For adults and older children. Meet at the Visitor Center. Rain, icy trail conditions, and snow may cancel, please call ahead to confirm.
Explore Nature: 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. Great for older children and adults. Rain, snow and icy trails will cancel. To check status of the program, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566. Meet at the visitor center.
Self-Guided Architecture Tour: Brochures inside visitor center	Stop by visitor center and grab a self-guided brochure about the architecture of the Ames Mansion. With the brochure, walk around the exterior of the stately home of Oakes and Blanche Ames. Learn about the history on this self-guided experience and come back at a later date for a formal tour! Brochures can be found inside the visitor center. Great for all ages. Rain or shine.

Special Events	
Friends of Borderland Annual Meeting <i>Guest Speaker: Ellenor Simmons</i>	The Friends of Borderland is a non-profit membership organization. Their mission is to assist in interpreting and preserving the natural and cultural resources at Borderland State Park. Each March, they hold an annual meeting featuring a guest speaker. This year, former park supervisor, Ellenor Simmons, will present on her experiences at Borderland for the last 23 years. Program is free and open to the public. Program will take place in the Ames Mansion and doors will open promptly at 1:00pm. In case of inclement weather, please call Borderland State Park at: 508-238-6566.