



May 2017

## 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 request. Programs subject to change please call ahead .

\*denotes events with an entry fee. Tickets must be purchased online at FriendsOfBorderland.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm <b>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land</b> 4:00pm-4:30pm	<b>6</b> <b>Coloring, Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 9:00am-11:00am <b>Explore Nature: Ponding</b> 1:00pm-2:00pm
<b>7</b> <b>**Friends of Borderland "Spring Tea"***</b> 2:00pm-4:00pm	<b>8</b> <b>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Brown Box Theater Presents: "Songs of the New World"</b> 7:30pm-9:30pm	<b>12</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights</b> 1:00pm-1:30pm 2:00pm- 2:30pm 3:00pm-3:30pm	<b>15</b> <b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm <b>Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights</b> 4:00pm-4:30pm	<b>20</b> <b>Coloring, Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 9:00am-11:00am <b>Explore Nature: Ponding</b> 1:00pm-2:00pm <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 3:00pm-3:30pm
<b>21</b> <b>Friends of Borderland Mansion Tours</b> 1:00pm-3:00pm	<b>22</b> <b>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm <b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals</b> 4:00pm-4:30pm	<b>27</b> <b>The Long Hike</b> 9:00am-12:00pm <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm 3:00pm-3:30pm
<b>28</b> <b>Fishing Fest</b> 9:00am-12:00pm <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 3:00pm - 3:30pm <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 4:00pm-4:30pm	<b>29</b> <b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm <b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals</b> 3:00pm-3:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

## Program Descriptions

Interior Mansion Tours	
<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 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.
<b>Mansion Tour: The Ames 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>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>Kids Mansion Tour</b>	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	
<b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b>	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.
<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.

Kids Programs	
<b>Explore Nature Series</b>	<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 at the Lodge. Rain cancels.</li> </ul>

Programs	
<b>Coloring, Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>	Join the park staff in the visitor center for some coffee and conversation while we use adult age coloring books to make our own masterpieces, as Blanche Ames once did at Borderland. Coloring utensils, coloring books, coffee and great conversation

	will be provided. Feel free to bring your own coloring book or your own art supplies. For older children and adults. Rain or shine.
<b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b>	Let's hike some of the lesser know 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.
<b>The Long Hike</b>	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.

<b>Special Events</b>	
<b>Friends of Borderland "Spring Tea"</b>	On Sunday May 7, 2017 at 2:00pm inside the Ames Mansion. Enjoy tea, light sandwiches, pastries and much more in the ornate two story library that belonged to Oakes and Blanche Ames. Dress up and feel like a Duchess having afternoon tea with other guests at the beautiful Ames Mansion!! (Totally optional) <b><u>Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance online at <a href="http://friendsofborderland.org">friendsofborderland.org</a>. Tickets are \$35.00 per person.</u></b> Attendees may park at the Ames Mansion. Rain or shine. For more information, or to purchase your tickets, please visit <a href="http://friendsofborderland.org">friendsofborderland.org</a> .
<b>Brown Box Theater Presents: "Songs from the New World"</b>	<p><i><b>Songs for a New World</b></i>, Jason Robert Brown's breathtaking song cycle, weaves together the stories and voices of a diverse cast of characters in a musical journey that transcends time and space. A soaring, vibrant score transports the audience through a mesmerizing exploration of the unknown world and the tough choices that follow. Bursting with life and discovery, <i><b>Songs for a New World</b></i> begs to be liberated from the walls of a theatre. This musical spectacular will be presented under the stars on the lawn behind the Ames Mansion.</p> <p>For your comfort, feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair. Recommended for ages 13 and up. THE PERFORMANCE IS FREE! Donations welcome.</p> <p>For more info and weather updates, visit <a href="http://www.brownboxtheatre.org">www.brownboxtheatre.org</a> or call the DCR events line at 617-698-1802, ext. 3</p>
<b>Friends of Borderland Mansion Tours</b>	Explore the history of the Ames Mansion while supporting Friends of Borderland State Park! Volunteer guides conduct tours of the stately home of Oakes and Blanche Ames. Tours begin every 20 minutes, and 15 people max per tour. For all ages. The Friends of Borderland gladly accept donations. Meet in front of mansion. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Rain or shine.
<b>Fishing Fest</b>	Sunday, May 29, 2017 from 9:00am to noon. Join the Friends of Borderland for the annual fishing festival on Lower Leach Pond! Bring your own pole or borrow one of ours! For all ages. Heavy rains cancel. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Meet at the Lodge. Snacks and Prizes for all kids who participate. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland and the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation.

