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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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit At the Visitor Center for the month of October (open to close). Stop in and check out the amazing art work kids across the state have completed.				1	2 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm	3 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00pm – 1:30pm
4 Explore Nature: Ponding 1:00-2:00pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00– 3:30pm 4:00-4:30pm	5 Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone 1:00-1:30pm	6	7	8	9 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 4:00 - 4:30pm	10
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Program Descriptions

Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit	For the month of October, the Visitor Center will host works of art, done by kids of all ages. Their work will be on display for the entire month of August. Open daily at the Visitor Center from 8:00am to close.
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. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 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.
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.
Kids Mansion Tour	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.
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 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.
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

Explore Nature Series	<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"> • 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 Visitor Center. Rain cancels. • Stonewall Secrets - How did all these stonewalls get into the woods? Who made them? And why? Learn about the history of the stonewalls that criss-cross Borderland State Park as well as the animals who use them today. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.
The Long Hike	Hike to the hardly visited northern-most point of Borderland State Park on this 5-mile, moderately paced recreational hike on the last Friday of September. 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.
Off the Beaten Path Hike	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.
Full Moon Hike	Meet at Visitor Center by 7:00pm and join us for a 2 mile walk under a beautiful full moon. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather, rain and cloud cover cancels the hike. Make sure to bring a flashlight! The park will be open this evening for this event only. <u>First 100 people ONLY- First come, first serve.</u> After the hike, join us for some refreshing apple cider and relax in the field for a little bit. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Movie Behind the Mansion: "Hocus Pocus"	Come Join the Friends of Borderland as they set up a movie behind the mansion, with a big screen. The staff and the Friends of Borderland will decorate the first floor of the Ames Mansion for Halloween, as you arrive at Borderland, walk through the first floor, grab some snacks and make your way to behind the mansion, where we will be showing the Halloween classic movie, "Hocus Pocus", Bring blankets, lawn chairs as you are watching this movie outside, behind the mansion. Movie is rated PG and the movie starts promptly at 6:00pm. For more information, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566. Rain cancels. Reasonable accommodations upon request.
Dr. Seuss Story and Walk	The Friends of Borderland, along with some great volunteers will be presenting Dr. Seuss' book 'What Was I Scared Of?' This interactive story and walk will be approximately 0.75 miles as we find props from the story in the woods. Great for all ages. For more information or for a reasonable accommodation, please call 508-238-6566. Heavy rain will cancel.