

Planning a Race at Borderland

A little about Borderland

Borderland was appropriately named by Oakes and Blanche Ames because it borders the towns of Easton and Sharon. Oakes Ames (1874-1950) was a Harvard Professor in Botany and his wife Blanche Ames (1878-1969) was a self taught artist. Oakes and Blanche had a vision that Borderland would serve as their nature preserve – allowing their four children to grow up surrounded by the natural world – leading to an understanding and an appreciation of nature. After Blanche passed away in 1969, the four kids sold Borderland to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to continue their parents’ vision. Today the Department of Conservation and Recreation manages and operates all 1,773 acres of trails, fields, ponds and historical sites.

Park Rules

- All parking lots have a \$5 per car fee payable at the yellow machine in the Visitor Center parking lot.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Please look for signs noting the park closing time as it changes on a month-to-month basis.
- Absolutely NO ALCOHOL.
- All dogs must be on a leash no more than 10 ft. long.

Steps To Plan Your Event

1. Permit Request

- Must obtain a permit.
 - o Email us at Borderland.Park@State.ma.us
 - Include the date you would like the event (and rain date)
 - Your contact information (and the organizations contact information)
 - Let us know the course in which you will be running / walking
 - The most utilized course is the Pond Walk (2.9 miles)
 - Set up time



- Race time
- Clean up time
- Inform us of approximately how many participants you are expecting
- Also include any other necessary information
- The park supervisor will email you back with more questions and or the approval or denial of your permit request.

2. Advertising

- It is up to you to do your advertising of the event.
- Our address is: 259 Massapoag Ave., North Easton, MA 02356
- If you email us your flyer (or drop a few copies off), we will be more than happy to display them.

3. Parking

- There is a \$5.00 per car parking fee at Borderland State Park
- Decide if you will be paying in advance for the cars. (please give us a weeks notice if you choose this option – and please set up a date and time with the park supervisor in which to pick up the parking passes)
 - For pre-paid parking tickets - MUST have a volunteer (18 years of age or older), at the pay machine handing out the parking passes to your participant.
 - CAN NOT re-sell these parking passes.
 - CAN NOT get a refund for unsold tickets.
 - All parking passes must be dated. (one time use)

4. Set up

- It is your responsibility to provide tables, chairs, tents etc.
- We suggest your volunteers mark the course the night before.
- Park opens everyday at 8:00am, we suggest your volunteers arrive at 8:00am and begin setting up.

Electricity

- We can provide electricity, if you notify us in advance. You must provide extension cords.

Bathrooms

- If you are expecting 100+ participants, please consider getting port-a-johns for your event.
- 150+ people, we require that you have port-a-johns

Tents

- Tents cannot exceed 10x10. If they do, additional fees will apply.

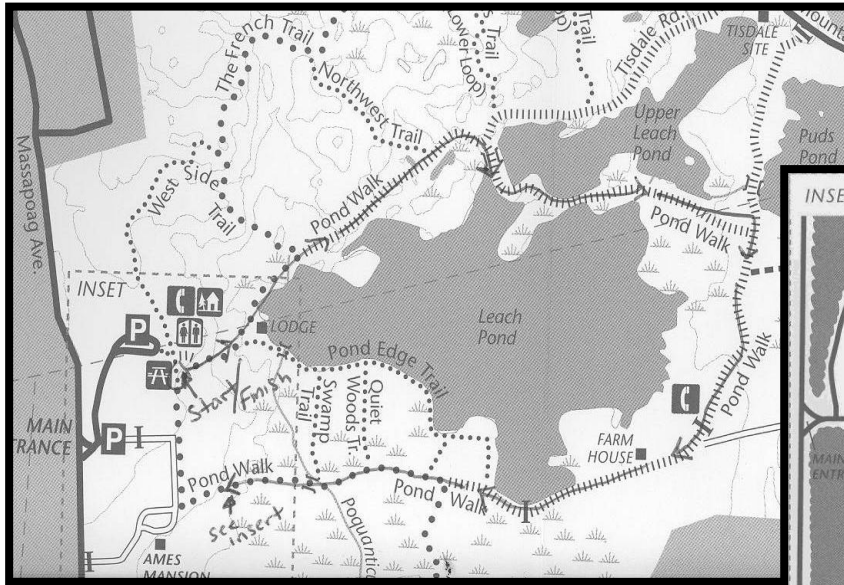
Music

- Please remember there are other visitors at this Historic Park. Music (DJ or a live band) is allowed, however please be respectful of the other park users. If the park staff asks you to turn it down, please follow their instruction.

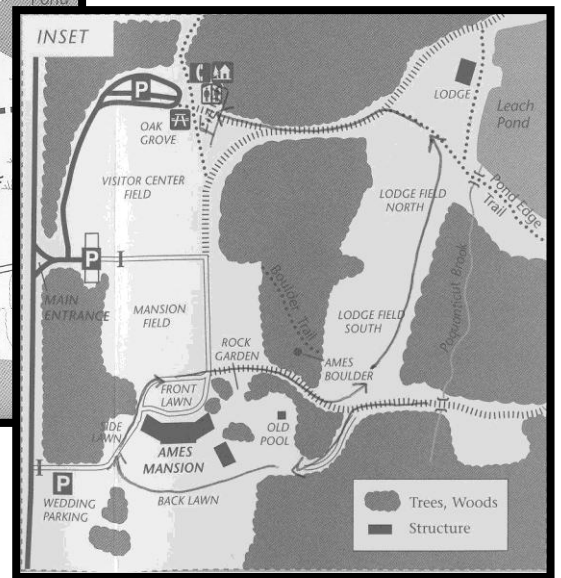
Clean Up

- It is your responsibility to leave the park in a better condition than you found it.
- Carry in what you carry out.
- Please make sure that your group is out prior to the posted closing time.

Maps



Approximately 3.2 mile (5K) course.



FAQs

When should I book?

Please book your event at least one month in advance. Weekends book up quickly at Borderland, so book as soon as you can.

Can the Park Staff help set up our event?

No. The staff will help as much as we can to accommodate your group; however the park has a lot of needs, and there are many visitors we need to assist. If we have time, we will be willing to lend a hand, but do not count on us assisting.

Can we leave our trash?

No. We encourage all our groups to carry out what they carry in. Unless you make prior arrangements with the Park Supervisor.

Can we grill?

Of course. You must bring in your own grill. All grills must be gas/propane. Absolutely no coal grills are allowed.



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What is your website?

Our website is: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/borderland-state-park.html>. Our website contains directions, phone numbers, DCR events, maps and brochures. But for all permits – must be emailed to Borderland.Park@State.MA.US.

Hope to see you soon,

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