



August 2017

# Borderland State Park

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Denotes events that REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION. To pre-register, please call Borderland at (508) 238-6566. ± Denotes events that are sponsored by the Friends of Borderland and are Member-Only Events. Become a member today, visit <a href="http://friendsofborderland.org">friendsofborderland.org</a> .		1	2	3	4	<b>5</b> <b>Self-Guided Garden Tour - Start at Visitor Center</b> 9:00am-7:00pm  <b>Dog Hike with Ranger Darren</b> 3:00pm-5:00pm
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<b>13</b>  <b>First Peoples before Myles Standish</b> 1:00pm-2:00pm  <b>± Behind the Scenes Mansion Tour ±</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm 4:00pm-5:00pm	<b>14</b>  <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00pm-7:00pm  <b>Borderland Photo Scavenger Hunt</b> Self-Guided, thru August 20	<b>15</b>  <b>Borderland Photo Scavenger Hunt</b> Self-Guided, thru August 20	<b>16</b>  <b>Sharon Library Story Hour inside the Ames Mansion</b> 10:30am-11:30am  <b>Borderland Photo Scavenger Hunt</b> Self-Guided, thru August 20	<b>17</b>  <b>Borderland Photo Scavenger Hunt</b> Self-Guided, thru August 20	<b>18</b> <b>Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights</b> 10:00am -10:30am  <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm-3:00pm  <b>Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights</b> 4:00pm-4:30pm  <b>Borderland Photo Scavenger Hunt</b> Self-Guided, thru August 20	<b>19</b> <b>Explore Nature: Ponding</b> 12:00pm-1:00pm  <b>Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm 3:00pm-3:30pm  <b>Dog Hike with Ranger Darren</b> 3:00pm-5:00pm  <b>Borderland Photo Scavenger Hunt</b> Self-Guided, thru August 20
<b>20</b> <b>New England Society of Botanical Artists Demonstration</b> 12:00pm-3:00pm  <b>Borderland Photo Scavenger Hunt</b> <i>Last Day! Turn yours in by 3:00pm!</i>  <b>Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist</b> 4:00pm-4:30pm	<b>21</b>  <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00pm-7:00pm	22	23	<b>24</b>  <b>Shakespeare in the Park: "Hamlet"</b> 7:30pm-9:30pm	<b>25</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm-3:00pm  <b>Explore Nature: Stonewall Secrets</b> 5:00pm-6:00pm	<b>26</b> <b>The Long Hike</b> 9:00am-12:00pm  <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm  <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 3:00pm-3:30pm  <b>Dog Hike with Ranger Darren</b> 3:00pm-5:00pm
<b>27</b>  <b>Explore Nature: Insect Walk</b> 11:00am-12:00pm  <b>Friends of Borderland Mansion Tours &amp; Gift Shop</b> 1:00pm-3:00pm	<b>28</b>  <b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm  <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00pm-7:00pm	29	30	31	From the Diary of Oakes Ames: Friday, August 27, 1915  <i>"I went to the State House to help other members of the Campaign Committee assemble the governors from the suffrage states for lunch at Belleview... Eleven governors and ex-governors in succession told of the satisfactory results obtained through equal suffrage"</i>  <b>August is Women's Equality Month!</b>	

## Program Descriptions

<p><b>Things to Know Before You Go:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.</li> <li>• All children must be accompanied by an adult.</li> <li>• Dress for the weather; bring sunscreen, bug spray, water and a snack.</li> <li>• Programs subject to change and rain cancels most outdoor programs; call ahead to confirm (508) 238-6566.</li> <li>• Reasonable accommodations are available upon advance request.</li> <li>• Park Website: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/borderland-state-park.html">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/borderland-state-park.html</a>.</li> <li>• Park Trail Map: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/borderland.pdf">http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/borderland.pdf</a>.</li> <li>• Daily parking fee is \$5 MA Vehicle, \$10 non-MA Vehicle. Information about our annual ParksPass can be found here <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/passes-and-fees/buy-parks-pass-dcr-generic.html">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/passes-and-fees/buy-parks-pass-dcr-generic.html</a>. Seniors (62+, MA resident) can get a lifetime Parks Pass for \$10 at the Visitor Center.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Interior Mansion Tours</b></p>	
<p><b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Mansion Tour: Partners in Love &amp; Work</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Kids Mansion Tour</b></p>	<p>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.</p>

<b>Exterior Mansion Tours</b>	
<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.

<b>Kids Programs</b>	
<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> <li>• <b>Stonewall Secrets</b> – 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. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring bug spray and hiking shoes. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.</li> <li>• <b>Insect Walk</b> – Together lets discover insects that can be found under rocks and logs and even in the pond! Join Ranger Darren for a short walk to the lodge as we will leave no stone un-turned. Together we will work to identify and collect some bugs. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring bug spray and hiking shoes. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.</li> </ul>
<b>Fishing at Borderland</b>	Fishing is a great outdoor activity for families and friends. 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 parking location or for more information please call the park at 508-238-6566. Downpours cancel.

<b>Programs</b>	
<b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b>	Let's hike some of the lesser known 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>Dog Hike with Ranger Darren</b>	Bring your dogs for a ranger led walk at Borderland! Join Ranger Darren for a 3-5 mile moderate hike with a 20 minute break at the Smith Farm fields, where dogs that are under voice control can go off-leash and play or swim. <u>Dogs must be dog-friendly.</u> Hike route varies slightly each week. Dress for the weather, bring water for your dogs, and sun block and bug spray is recommended. Rain cancels. For adults and older children, children must be accompanied by an adult. For more

	information or for reasonable accommodations, please call (508) 238-6566.
<b>Self-Guided Garden Tour at the Visitor Center</b>	Stop by the Visitor Center, where the staff will set up a table of self-guided garden tours pamphlets. The self-guided pamphlets will take you on a journey through the rock garden, to the old swimming pool and to the trout pond. Why did the Ames family want a rock garden? Learn this and more about the family and the secrets of the land. Rain or shine.

<b>Special Events</b>	
<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>Friends of Borderland Gift Shop</b>	During the monthly Ames Mansion tours, the Friends of Borderland will have their gift shop open inside the mansion. All purchases benefit the Friends of Borderland, a non-profit organization, to fulfill their mission. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. For more information, please visit <a href="http://friendsofborderland.org">friendsofborderland.org</a> .
<b>± Behind the Scenes Mansion Tour ±</b>	For Friends of Borderland Members Only. Join volunteer tour guides and explore the areas of the Ames Mansion not typically seen, while explaining the history of the Ames family. Explore some of their closets, get an up close and personal look at some of the families sporting equipment and even check out a part of the basement. For older children and adults only. Pre-registration is required. Membership to the Friends of Borderland is required. <b>10 people per tour max. Don't miss this unique opportunity. To register please call Borderland State Park at (508) 238-6566. Rain or shine.</b>
<b>Discover Bats!</b>	Why are bats important? Where do the bats live in the winter and summer months? Learn all about bats of Massachusetts with a DCR bat ecologist. Learn about myths and misconceptions during a 45 minute presentation inside the Visitor Center. After the indoor presentation, we will take a short walk to look and listen for bats around Borderland. Rain or shine; rain will cancel the outdoor portion of the program. Wear appropriate footwear for a short walk; bring bug spray and a flash light. <b>Program is limited to 15 people, pre-registration is required. To register, please call Borderland at (508) 238-6566.</b> For older children (ages 10+) and adults, children must be accompanied by an adult. For reasonable accommodations or more information, please call (508) 238-6566.
<b>Insect Discovery Walk</b>	Dragonflies, ladybugs, crickets, butterflies, ants, aphids, and giant mystery beetles! A two-hour insect discovery walk with experts will help you see them up close, hear their sounds and understand their amazing lifestyles. Join entomologists Jane O'Donnell and Don Bennett at the Lawrence Newcomb Visitor Center. Bring your own field guide, bug box, insect net, hand lens – or borrow ours. We'll start at the Lawrence Newcomb Visitor Center. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes – no baby-strollers! Reasonable accommodation upon request.
<b>First Peoples before Myles Standish</b>	What was life like here in South Eastern Massachusetts before the arrival of the Pilgrims? How did the First Peoples of this region live? This program explores the lives, culture and practices of local Wampanoag people prior to, and immediately after European contact. Join special guest, DCR Interpreter Dan Byrnes from Myles Standish State Forest at the Visitor Center at Borderland for this special program. The Visitor Center is air conditioned and this program is rain or shine. For older children and adults, children must be accompanied by an adult, for reasonable accommodations or more information, please call (508) 238-6566.
<b>Sharon Library Story Hour inside</b>	Join a Sharon Librarian inside the Ames Library for a story hour. The park staff will have crafts and activities for kids and families to play after the story hour, behind the mansion. Great for families with children 3-9 years old. All children must be

<b>the Mansion</b>	accompanied by an adult. Park in the wedding parking field, located at 257 Massapoag Ave., North Easton. Rain will cancel outside activities only. For more information, please call Borderland State park at (508)-238-6566.
<b>Shakespeare in the Park “Hamlet”</b>	Free outdoor Shakespeare returns with Brown Box’s most ambitious production yet! <i>Hamlet</i> , Shakespeare’s pivotal work, delves deep into the recesses of human consciousness in a raw and unforgiving examination of a treacherous political landscape and one Prince’s struggle with the weighty consequences of action, inaction, pain, numbness, and the ever-terrifying unknown. Murder, treason, intrigue, and betrayal culminate to form this harrowing and timeless theatrical masterpiece. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks for this outdoor show. Dress for the weather and bring bug spray. For more information or reasonable accommodations, please call Borderland at (508) 238-6566. Park in front of the Ames Mansion for this event. Enter the park via the service entrance at 257 Massapoag Ave., North Easton, MA.
<b>Borderland Photo Scavenger Hunt</b>	Monday, Aug 14-Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> . Come test your knowledge of the sites of Borderland with a photo scavenger hunt! Stop by the Visitor Center any time during the week to pick up your entry. Search the park for the items seen in the pictures and take a selfie there! Each correct picture gains you entries into the prize drawing held at the conclusion of the week. The more you find, the better your chances! Submissions must be received by Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm by showing your pictures to park staff or emailing to <a href="mailto:borderland.park@state.ma.us">borderland.park@state.ma.us</a> . Limit of one entry per family/address.