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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. Programs subject to change please call ahead.

*denotes events with an entry fee. For more information, visit FriendsOfBorderland.org

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Program Descriptions

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.
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, 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	
Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone	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.
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.

Kids Programs	
Explore Nature Series	<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 at the Lodge. Rain cancels. • Geology Hike – Join us for an easy to moderate hike to see some boulders, and together we will learn how these boulders got where they are today. Along the way we will see some old stone walls, so let's use our detective skills

	and figure out why there are stone walls in the middle of the woods. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.
Fishing at Borderland	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.

Programs	
Coloring, Coffee & Conversation	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.
Off the Beaten Path Hike	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.
The Long Hike	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.
Self-Guided Architecture Tour at the visitor center	Stop by the visitor center, where the staff will set up a table of self-guided architecture tours pamphlets. The self guided pamphlets will take you on a journey around the Ames mansion and learn a little about when it was built, who designed the 22,000+ square foot mansion and much more. Rain or shine.
Self-Guided Garden Tour at the visitor center	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.
Self-Guided Kids Coloring activity at the visitor center	Stop by the visitor center, where the staff will set up a kid's activity table, full of coloring pages, discovery back packs and much more! These activities are all self-guided and will be available until supplies last. Rain or shine

Special Events	
Duck Drop	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) <u>Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance online at FriendsOfBorderland.org. Tickets are \$35.00 per person.</u> Attendees may park at the Ames Mansion. Rain or shine. For more information, or to purchase your tickets, please visit friendsOfBorderland.org .
Sheppard Sisters	The Sheppard Sisters will be making their debut at Borderland State Park. Their 2017 program is titled " <i>Lets Go</i> ", and will

	<p>feature a wide range of classical, musical and folk songs. This high energy, talented duo will fill the Ames Mansion with music and entertain the audience. The Sheppard Sisters, Suzanne Sheppard and her sister, mezzo-soprano Lisa Sheppard Hadley have been performing together since childhood, and now with over 20 years of individual, professional experience, they come together as a dynamic duo.</p> <p>This event has been made possible by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation and the Friends of Borderland.</p> <p>This event is FREE and open to the public. Space is limited, first-come, first-seated. For older children and adults. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine. For reasonable accommodations or for more information, please call (508) 238-6566.</p>
Friends of Borderland Mansion Tours	<p>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.</p>