



May 2015

# Borderland State Park



Park Phone Number: 508-238-6566

Park Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/borderland-state-park-generic.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
May is preservation month. Borderland is proud to host 6 Preservation month events: Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals (May 2 and 16), Open Doors at Smith Farm House (May 16), Open Doors at Wilbur Farm House (May 17) and Friends of Borderland Open House at the Ames Mansion (May 17 & 31). Events are denoted with an * sign. For more information on these events, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566.					<b>1</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>2</b> <b>*Mansion Tour: Of Governors &amp; Generals</b> 2:00PM – 2:45PM
<b>3</b> <b>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land</b> 2:00-2:30pm <b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b> 3:00-3:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm <b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b> 3:30-4:00pm	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land</b> 2:00-2:30pm <b>Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights</b> 4:00pm - 4:30pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm <b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b> 3:30-4:00pm	<b>16</b> <b>*Open Doors – Smith Farm House</b> 10:00-2:00pm <b>*Mansion Tour: Of Governors &amp; Generals</b> 2:00PM – 2:45PM
<b>17</b> <b>*Open Doors –Wilbur Farm House</b> 12:00-4:00pm <b>*Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion – Open House</b> 1:00pm - 3:00pm <b>Gift Shop at the Mansion</b> 1:00-3:00pm	<b>18</b> <b>Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist</b> 3:00- 3:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>The Long Hike</b> 9:00am – 1:00pm	<b>23</b> <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 2:00PM – 2:30PM <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 3:00PM – 3:30PM
<b>24</b> <b>Fishing Fest</b> 9:00am-12:00pm <b>Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights</b> 4:00pm - 4:30pm	<b>25</b> <b>Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist</b> 3:00-3:30pm <b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors &amp; Generals</b> 4:00PM – 4:45PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Movie in the Mansion: Beauty and the Beast</b> 6:00pm	<b>30</b> <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 2:00PM – 2:30PM <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 3:00PM – 3:30PM
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# Preservation Month Events

## ABOUT PRESERVATION MONTH 2015:

DCR is pleased to welcome you to our statewide celebration of Preservation Month. With 2015 marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the American Civil War, DCR's theme War and Peace highlights the legacy of war preserved in the Commonwealth's parks. From a Civil War camp at Brook Farm, to the WWII towers at Horseneck Beach and Halibut Point, programs will explore the role of the Commonwealth in American defense, at times of peace, and the commemoration of our war veterans.

Preservation Month 2015 highlights an unprecedented investment in the preservation of the Commonwealth's War Memorial Tower (pictured above). Built in 1933 in memory of Massachusetts' sons and daughters who served the nation, the Mount Greylock War Memorial Tower is undergoing a \$1.6 million rehabilitation to preserve its distinctive character, upgrade building systems, enhance interpretation, and improve accessibility.

DCR is committed to preserving the legacy of Massachusetts' history reflected in the state parks. From Native American sites to designed gardens, DCR's historic properties exhibit centuries of human ingenuity in adapting the land for everyday life. Preservation Month is a time to acknowledge our shared cultural heritage and DCR's work to preserve the past.

<b>Of Governors &amp; Generals (2 Dates)</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 45-minute guided tour learning about the Ames family involvement in war and in politics. Meet in front of the Mansion. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine. No dogs please. \$5 per car parking fee.
<b>Open Doors- Smith Farm House</b>	On Saturday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> 10am -2pm. Preserved through DCR's historic Curatorship Program, this farm is one of several purchased by the Ames family to create their country estate "Borderland." Join the curators to hear about the public/private partnership to rehabilitate this 19 <sup>th</sup> century farmhouse. <i>Access from Bay Road, Easton. All ages, easy walking tour. Dogs on leash. For information contact Carrie Crisman, Executive Director of Smith Farm at Borderland, 508-889-8889.</i>
<b>Open Doors – Wilbur Farm House</b>	On Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> 12-4pm. Visit the Wilbur Farmhouse and see the new addition, built using traditional heavy timber framing methods. Hear about the exciting project to preserve this 18 <sup>th</sup> century farmhouse through DCR's Historic Curatorship Program. Curator Dale Thistle will be working on site working and will make a short presentation at 1pm and 2pm. <i>All ages, but children must be supervised. Heavy rain cancels.</i>
<b>Friends of Borderland – Ames Mansion – Open House (2 Dates)</b>	Explore the history of the Ames Mansion while supporting Friends of Borderland State Park! Volunteer tour guides will be stationed around this fully furnished historical mansion as visitors are allowed to explore the three floor home of Oakes and Blanche Ames. Our volunteer tour guides and staff will be able to answer any questions For all ages. The Friends accept donations. Meet in front of mansion. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland. Rain or shine. During the open h

## Program Descriptions

<b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b>	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.
<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>Mansion Tour: The Ameses 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>Kids Mansion Tour</b>	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.
<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 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.
<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>Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist</b>	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
<b>Fishing Fest</b>	Fishing is a great outdoor activity for families. The Friends of Borderland invite families to join us at Lower Leach pond for some fishing fun. Bring your own fishing gear or use ours. Prizes will be awarded to anglers under 16 years old. Refreshments will be provided.
<b>The Long Hike</b>	Hike to the hardly visited northern-most point of Borderland State Park on this 5-mile, moderately paced recreational hike on Friday May 29, 2015. 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.
<b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b>	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.
<b>Gift Shop at the Mansion</b>	The gift shop will be open during the two open houses in May from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Volunteers will staff the gift shop and all sales will benefit the Friends of Borderland. Cash, Check or Credit Cards will be accepted.
<b>Movie in the Mansion</b>	The Friends of Borderland along with the park staff will transform the 2-story library into an old-fashion movie theatre. The family classic, “Beauty and the Beast”, will be showing. Space is limited, to reserve your seat, please call the park at 508-238-6566, with the number of seats and your name. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine. Snacks will be provided by the Friends of Borderland for a small donation.