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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 advance request. Programs subject to change please call ahead to confirm.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit</i></p> <p>At the Visitor Center the Month of October (open to close). Experience the creativity of children of all ages across the State through featured Art Work.</p>			<p><i>StoryWalk™</i></p> <p><i>"Gone Fishing" by Earlene Long</i> <i>Illustrated by Richard Brown</i></p> <p>Beginning at the Stone Lodge and continuing along the Pond Edge Trail. Experience a self-guided trail walk punctuated by a story and illustrations. (October 1st-15th)</p> <p><small>The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library</small></p>		<p>1 Blanche Ames National Art Exhibition 11:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: The Ames Family and Women's Rights 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	
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Program Descriptions

Mansion Tour: The Ames Family 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: 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 research, paintings and overall contributions to the art world. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or Shine.
Mansion Tour: Kids Tour	Learn what it was like to be a kid living on the Ames Estate. Before television, computers, and modern technology, the four Ames family children who grew up in this beautiful mansion certainly had to be creative passing time when not at school. Great for families with younger kids to explore the first floor of the Ames 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	If walls could tell a story the Ames Mansion at Borderland State Park could fill volumes. Join the Park Interpreter for a 30-minute guided tour learning about the Ames Family and the unique features of the Mansion they designed. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Mansion. Rain or Shine.
Mansion Tour: Of Governors	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

& Generals	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.
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 tour that will proceed around the outside of the Mansion. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels.
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 Lodge. Rain cancels.
Coloring, Coffee & Conversation	Blanche and her brother Adelbert created one of the most sophisticated color notation systems of the time. Join the park staff in the visitor center for some coffee and conversation while we use adult age coloring books, charcoal and pads to make our own masterpieces and pay homage to Blanche Ames contributions to the art domain. Coloring utensils, coloring books, sketch pads, charcoal, 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, snow or shine.
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.
Way Off the Beaten Path Hike	Explore the trails less traveled on this 4- to 6 mile informative and recreational hike. Route and theme varies. A small easily carried picnic lunch is recommended. Dress for the weather, bring water, and wear bug repellent. Hike is moderate to challenging in difficulty. For adults and older children. Meet at the Visitor Center. Downpour cancels.
Special Events	
The 13th Annual Blanche Ames National Art Exhibition	From October 1st through October 8th, 11am to 3pm (closed Mondays) in the Ames Mansion Library. The Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition returns to Borderland for its 13 th year this September. Throughout her life, Blanche Ames created a beautiful body of artwork, much of which still adorns the halls of Borderland's Ames Mansion. Join us in celebrating that artistic legacy and view the artwork by selected artists for this year's exhibition. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland and the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation. Rain or shine.
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. Open daily at the Visitor Center from 8:00am to close.
Borderland	From October 1 st through the 15 th Enjoy a Borderland State Park self-guided StoryWalk™ "Gone Fishing" by Earlene Long Illustrated by Richard Brown. Beginning at the Stone Lodge and continuing along the Pond Edge Trail. Follow the trail where

Story Walk™ “Gone Fishing”	pages of the book will be placed in order along a short hike. The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library
Campfire Stories and Activities	On Saturday October 15 th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Join us for some family fun around the campfire at the old stone lodge located near the visitors center next to Leach Pond. We may read some spooky halloween tails and learn about the Ames family history and their use of the lodge. We will also learn some handy skills, tricks, and safety tips about having a campfire. Marshmallows are always welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Borderland Full Moon Hike	On Monday October 17, 2016, at 7:00pm, meet at Visitor Center and join us for a 2.9 mile walk under a beautiful full moon. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather, rain and cloud cover cancels the hike. The park will be open this evening for this event only. After the hike, join us for some refreshing apple cider. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Borderland Pumpkin Carving	On Sunday, October 23 rd from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Join the Park Staff and the Friends of Borderland for some good old fashioned pumpkin carving fun to celebrate the season. <u>Please bring your own pumpkin and carving tools.</u> Tables, hot chocolate, apple cider and Halloween Spirit provided. Costumes welcome! Small prizes given to creative pumpkins. Take your Jack O Lantern home or display it at the park (candles also provided). Event takes place in the Visitor Center, for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.
Poe Night	On Saturday, October 29 th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Join DCR and the Friends of Borderland State Park for The Return of Poe Night! This popular event at the Ames Mansion will feature local poet Rich Berg as he becomes Edgar Allen Poe. Mr. Berg will perform in the Mansion library. Don't miss this exciting event. <i>Edgar Allen Poe was born in Boston, MA in 1809, he is best known for his works of Gothic fiction.</i>