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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>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Southeast Adult Walking Club Hike 9:00am-12:00pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals 2:00pm-2:30pm 3:00pm-3:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Fishing at Borderland 5:00pm-7:00pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm</p> <p>Kids Mansion Tour 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>1/8</p> <p>Mansion Tour: Building a Home 1:00pm-1:30pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals 2:00pm-2:30pm</p> <p>Dog Hike with Ranger Darren 3:00pm-5:00pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Self-Guided Garden Tour at visitor center 9:00am-7:00pm</p> <p>Self-Guided kids coloring activity at visitor center 9:00am-7:00pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Fishing at Borderland 5:00pm-7:00pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>± Behind the Scenes: Mansion Tour ± 1:00pm – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm</p> <p>Dog Hike with Ranger Darren 3:00pm-5:00pm</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Explore Nature: Ponding 1:00pm-2:00pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: Partners in Love and Work 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land 2:00pm-2:30pm</p> <p>Fishing at Borderland 5:00pm-7:00pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: Portrait of an Artist 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Mansion Tour: Portrait of an Artist 1:00pm-1:30pm</p> <p>Kids Mansion Tour 2:00pm-2:30pm</p> <p>Dog Hike with Ranger Darren 3:00pm-5:00pm</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Friends of Borderland Mansion Tours 1:00pm-3:00pm</p> <p>Friends of Borderland Gift Shop 1:00pm-3:00pm</p> <p>Kids Mansion Tour 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone 2:00pm-2:30pm</p> <p>Fishing at Borderland 5:00pm-7:00pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: Portrait of an Artist 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land 1:00pm-1:30pm</p> <p>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone 2:00pm-2:30pm</p> <p>Dog Hike with Ranger Darren 3:00pm-5:00pm</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Explore Nature: Geology Hike 1:00pm-2:00pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: The Ames and Women's Rights 3:00pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Mansion Tour: Partners in Love and Work 4:00pm-4:30pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Kids Mansion Tour 2:00pm-2:30pm</p> <p>Fishing at Borderland 5:00pm-7:00pm</p>	<p>From the Diary of Oakes Ames: July 4, 1901: <i>“After dinner we went to the pond and began the evening fireworks. The boys’ band played. Blanche and I took the canoe and paddled around the pond. After the fireworks, we built a bonfire in the pond, then concluded the fourth of July by discharging about two hundred cannon crackers.”</i></p> <p>± denotes events that are sponsored by the Friends of Borderland and are Member-Only events. Become a member today, visit friendsofborderland.org</p>				

Program Descriptions

<p>Things to Know Before You Go:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. • All children must be accompanied by an adult. • Dress for the weather; bring sunscreen, bug spray, water and a snack. • Rain cancels most programs; call ahead to confirm (508) 238-6566. • Reasonable accommodations are available upon advance request. • Park Trail Map: http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/borderland.pdf. • Daily parking fee is \$5 MA Vehicle, \$10 non-MA Vehicle. Information about our annual ParksPass can be found here http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/passes-and-fees/buy-parks-pass-dcr-generic.html. Seniors (62+, MA resident) can get a lifetime Parks Pass for \$10 at the Visitor Center. 	
<p>Interior Mansion Tours</p>	
<p>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</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>Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights</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 19th 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>Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals</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>Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist</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>Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work</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>Kids Mansion Tour</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>

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	
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.
Dog Hike with Ranger Darren	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.
Self-Guided Architecture Tour	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

at the Visitor Center	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? <u>Learn this and more about the family and the secrets of the land.</u> 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	
Friends of Borderland Mansion Tours	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.
Friends of Borderland Gift Shop	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 friendsofborderland.org
± Behind the Scenes Mansion Tour ±	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 a Must. Membership to the Friends of Borderland is a must. 10 people per tour max. Don't miss this unique opportunity. To register please call Borderland State Park at (508) 287-2312. Rain or shine.