



April 2018

Borderland State Park

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Explore Nature: Stonewall Secrets 10:00am-11:00am Mansion Tour: Building a Home 1:00pm-1:30pm 2:00pm-2:30pm	2	3	4	5	6 Mansion Tour: The Ames and Womens Rights 11:00am-11:30am Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm	7 Mansion Tour: Building a Home 1:00pm-1:30pm 2:00pm-2:30pm Annual Amphibian Search 7:00pm
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22 Volunteer Tour Guide Training¹ 12:00pm-1:00pm 3 Floor Mansion Tour² 1:00pm-1:35pm Kids Mansion Tour: 3:00pm-3:30pm	23	24	25	26 Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone 11:00am-11:30am Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land 12:00pm-12:30pm	27 Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist 11:00am-11:30am Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm	28 Park Serve Day at Borderland 3:00pm-5:00pm Self-Guided Architecture Tour: Brochures inside visitor center 8:00am- close
29 Explore Nature: Geology Hike 12:00pm-12:30pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 1:00pm-1:30pm 2:00pm-2:30pm Friends of Borderland Members-Only: Full Moon Hike³ 8:00pm	30	<p align="center">Private Mansion Tours Available:</p> <p align="center">For groups of 8 people or more. Please email Paul.Clifford2@state.ma.us to check availability and to book a private tour. First floor only. Free, parking fees do apply.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>¹ Do you love Borderland and the Ames History? The Friends of Borderland are looking for Volunteer Tour Guides. Training will be held inside the Ames Mansion on April 22, 2018. The Friends of Borderland are looking for both tour guides and ushers. For more information, or for those who are interested, please email Paul at Paul.Clifford2@state.ma.us</p> <p>² Friends of Borderland are offering one (1) three floor mansion tour at 1:00pm. Space is limited, 15 people max.</p> <p>³ Full Moon Hike if for members of the Friends of Borderland Only. Become a member today online at FriendsOfBorderland.org</p>				

Program Descriptions

Things to Know Before You Go:

- 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.
- Programs subject to change and rain cancels most outdoor programs; call ahead to confirm (508) 238-6566.
- Reasonable accommodations are available upon advance request.
- Park Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/borderland-state-park.html>.
- 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.

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.
Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work	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.
Kids Mansion	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

Tour	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.
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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.
Self-Guided Architecture Tour: Brochures inside visitor center	Stop by visitor center and grab a self-guided brochure about the architecture of the Ames Mansion. With the brochure, walk around the exterior of the stately home of Oakes and Blanche Ames. Learn about the history on this self-guided experience and come back at a later date for a formal tour! Brochures can be found inside the visitor center. Great for all ages. Rain or shine.

Programs	
Off the Beaten Path Hike	Let's hike some of the lesser known trails during the winter season 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 winter boots. Hike is easy to moderate in difficulty. For adults and older children. Meet at the Visitor Center. Heavy rain and inclement weather will cancel.
Sunrise Hike	Are you a morning person? Want to take a guided walk in the early hours of the morning and watch as the sun rises over Borderland? Join the park interpreter for a 3 mile morning walk. Great for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at visitor center. Rain will cancel.
Family Spring Walk	After being cooped up inside all winter, grab your hiking shoes and join the park interpreter for a 2.9 mile stroll around Lower Leach Pond. Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome. Great for older children and adults. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the visitor center. Rain will cancel.
Self-Guided: Make your own Greenhouse	Stop by the visitor center, where the staff will have directions and some supplies to make your own little egg carton green house. We ask that you bring your own egg cartoons for our supplies are limited. After you make your own little green house, take it home and watch the process from seed to flower. Supplies are limited, while supplies last. One per person. Self-guided craft will be hosted inside the visitor center. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Explore Nature Series	The Explore Nature Series focuses on a younger audience and provides a basic understanding of the natural world. Themes vary. Listed below you will find the themes offered for this month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stonewall Secrets: Have you ever wondered why there are stone walls in the middle of a forest? How did they get there? Who made them? Join the park interpreter for an easy to moderate walk to locate some unique stone walls and learn about how and why they are there. Meet at visitor center. For children and curious adults; all children must be

	<p>accompanied by an adult. Rain cancels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of Spring: As winter thaws into spring, animals and birds become more active, trees and plants begin to bud. Along an easy to moderate walk with the park interpreter, we will look for signs of spring. Before the hike, all children will be given a free small nature journal, so along the walk we can make notes! Meet at the visitor center. For children and curious adults. 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.
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Special Events	
Live Reptiles!	On Thursday, April 19, 2018 Marla Isaacs from New England Raptor and Reptile is back at Borderland, and this time she has brought some of her reptile friends. Join us as Marla teaches us about reptiles and see some up close, like an alligator! This is a free event and is sponsored by the Friends of Borderland and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Program will be held inside the visitor center. Rain or shine.
Park Serve Day at Borderland	Do you want to give back to Borderland State Park? Join the park staff behind the Ames Mansion, where we will be doing gardening work. Weeding, mulching, raking, planting etc. Staff will provide water and tools. Please bring your own gardening gloves. For more information, please call Borderland State Park at 508-238-6566. Meet behind the mansion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain will cancel.
Story Hour inside Ames Mansion	Join Ms. Jessica, children's librarian from the Sharon Public Library and the Staff at Borderland inside the Ames mansion library. After the story, there will be coloring and crafts for the children. Great for children of all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. The story hour will be held inside the Ames Mansion at Borderland State Park. Park in the main parking lot, located at 259 Massapoag Avenue in North Easton, MA. Program is free, for more information call Borderland State Park at (508) 238-6566.
Friends of Borderland Volunteer Tour Guide Training	Do you love history? Do you love Borderland State Park? The Friends of Borderland are recruiting volunteer tour guides and will be providing a training session on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 12:00pm inside the Ames Mansion. The Friends of Borderland are looking for both tour guides and ushers and will provide you with all the material you will need to perform a tour. To find 2018 Friends of Borderland tour dates, please visit their website at: FriendsOfBorderland.org . If you have any questions, please call Borderland state park at 508-238-6566 or email Paul at Paul.Clifford2@state.ma.us . Tour guide training is rain or shine inside the Ames Mansion.
Friends of Borderland 3 Floor Tour	The Friends of Borderland and their volunteer tour guides will be providing one (1) 3-story mansion tour on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 1:00pm. Join us and explore the fully furnished estate of Oakes and Blanche Ames. 15 people max. No reservations will be taken, must meet in front of the mansion by 1:00pm, first 15 people will be guaranteed a spot on the tour. Great for older children and adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566.
Friends of Borderland: Member Only Full Moon Hike	Are you a member of the Friends of Borderland? As a perk of being a member of the organization, you will be invited to "Member-only" events, such as a Full Moon hike on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 8:00pm. Join the Friends of Borderland as the lead a 3 mile hike under the full moon. Bring your own flashlight. Meet at the visitor center. Park will be open for this program only. Rain will cancel. Not a member? Do you want to become a member? Visit their website: FriendsOfBorderland.org to become a member.

