



November & December 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.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
November 22 Explore Nature: Geology Hike 1:00pm -2:00pm Mansion Tour: The Amesess and Women's Rights 3:00pm – 3:30pm	23	24	25	26	27 The "Too Much Turkey" Long Hike 9:00am – 1:00pm	28 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00pm – 1:30pm Mansion Tour: The Amesess and Women's Rights 2:00pm - 2:30pm
29 Explore Nature: Stonewall Secrets 1:00 - 2:00pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00pm - 3:30pm	30	DECEMBER 2015 1	2	3	4 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm	5 Gift Shop Sale at Visitor Center 11:00-2:00pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00pm - 3:30pm
6 Holiday Hand Bell Choir <i>\$10.00 donation</i> 2:00pm Movie in the Mansion: "Polar Express" 6:00pm	7	8	9	10	11 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm	12 Gift Shop Sale at Visitor Center 11:00am - 2:00pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00pm - 3:30pm
13 "A Christmas Carol" A Dramatic Reading <i>\$5.00 donation</i> 1:00pm	14	15	16	17	18 The Long Hike 9:00am – 1:00pm	19 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00pm – 1:30pm Mansion Tour: Portrait of an Artist 2:00pm - 2:30pm
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Program Descriptions

<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: 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>Kids Mansion Tour</p>	<p>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.</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 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.</p>
<p>Explore Nature Series</p>	<p>This program will be offered Sunday afternoons in November. We'll explore the natural world of Borderland State Park with guided walks, games and activities. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels. Here are the programs for November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Stonewall Secrets - How did all these stonewalls get into the woods? Who made them? And why? Learn about the history of the stonewalls that criss-cross Borderland State Park as well as the animals who use them today. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.
<p>The "Too Much Turkey" Long Hike</p>	<p>Did you eat too much turkey and pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving? Well, come hike to the hardly visited northern-most point of Borderland State Park on this 5-mile, moderately paced recreational hike on the last Friday of November. 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. Downpour, snow, or icy trails cancel.</p>

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, snow, or icy trails cancel.
Movie in the Mansion: “Polar Express”	Come Join the Friends of Borderland as they transform the two story library into an old fashion movie theatre with a big screen as we show, the holiday classic “Polar Express”. Movie is rated PG and the movie starts promptly at 6:00pm. Reservations are required due to limited seating. There will be refreshments and donations will be accepted during this event. For more information and to pre-register, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566. Reasonable accommodations upon request.
Hand Bell Choir	Ring in the season with the Unity Church Hand Bell Choir in the ornate two-story Ames Mansion Library. Refreshments will be served at this popular event. Tickets are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Limited seating –first come –first seated. In case of snow, or for more information, please call 508-238-6566.
“A Christmas Carol” a Dramatic Reading	The Friends of Borderland and the Bank of Easton present Paul Hayden and Bill McCarthy as they do a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens, “A Christmas Carol.” They perform this holiday reading throughout New England and we are honored to host them for a second year inside the Ames Mansion. \$5.00 donation is required; seating is limited –first come first seated. In case of snow or for more information, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566.
Gift Shop Sale	Get your holiday presents from your favorite state park! The Friends of Borderlands gift shop will be open the first two Saturdays of December from 11:00am-2:00pm in the visitor center. Enjoy savings on selected items. The limited edition Ames Mansion ornament will be on sale, along with books, sweaters, hats, shirts, notecards and much more. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of Borderland and their mission to preserve Borderland. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. For more information, please visit www.friendsofborderland.org .