



July 2016

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
					1 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-2:30pm Life Through the Looking Glass: Up Close and Far Away 5:00pm-6:30pm	2 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00pm-1:30pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm-4:30pm
3 Life Through the Looking Glass: Up Close and Far Away 10:00am-11:30am Ponding 1:00pm-2:00pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 3:00pm-3:30pm	4 Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 2:00pm-2:30pm Fishing at Borderland 5:00pm -7:00pm	5	6	7	8 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Wildlife Watch 5:30-6:30pm	9 Random Acts of Music 1:00pm – 3:00pm The Ames Family and Women's Rights 5:00pm-5:30pm
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17 South Eastern Massachusetts Walking Club Hike 10:00am-1:00pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00pm-3:30pm	18 Mansion Architecture Tour 2:00pm-2:30pm Fishing at Borderland 5:00pm-7:00pm	19	20	21	22 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Coloring Coffee & Conversation 5:30-7:00pm	23 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00pm-1:30pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm-4:30pm

24 Life Through the Looking Glass: Up Close and Far Away 10:00am-11:30am Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion Tour 1:00pm -3:00pm Gift Shop 1:00pm -3:00pm	25 Mansion Architecture Tour 2:00pm -2:30pm Fishing at Borderland 5:00pm -7:00pm	26	27	28	29 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Wildlife Watch 5:30-6:30pm	30 Mansion Tour: Building a Home 1:00pm-1:30pm Shakespeare In the Park: Rome &Juliet 4:00pm
31 Way Off the Beaten Path Picnic Hike 10:00am-2:00pm Shakespeare In the Park: Rome &Juliet 4:00pm						

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: 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 & 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.
Friends of	Explore the history of the Ames Mansion while supporting Friends of Borderland State Park! Volunteer guides conduct tours

Borderland Ames Mansion Tours	of all three floors of this stately home of Oakes and Blanche Ames. Tours run about every 20 minutes. Maximum of 15 people per tour. For all ages. The Friends accept donations. Meet in front of Mansion. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland. Rain or shine.
Gift Shop at the Ames Mansion	The gift shop will be open during the Friends of Borderlands Mansion Tours 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 accepted. All proceeds go back to supporting the park.
Gift Shop at the Visitor Center	The gift shop will be open during scheduled times. Volunteers will staff the gift shop and all sales will benefit the Friends of Borderland. Cash, check or credit cards accepted. All proceeds go back to supporting the park.
Random Acts of Music: Calling All Musicians	On Saturday July 9th, 2016 from 1:00-3:00pm Borderland State Park invites volunteer local musicians to participate in a musical gathering to further enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our park with random acts of music. We are looking for individuals or small groups to perform in various areas around the park. Can you harmonize with the birds or improvise a duet with your natural surroundings? While repertoire is non-specific music should be appropriate to enhancing the ambiance and outdoor nature of Borderland. The aim is to enrich the experience of visitors around the park. Come meet other musicians and maybe find someone to spontaneously jam with. All instruments welcome providing they are acoustic and non-amplified. Those interested please call ahead, or check in at the visitor center the day of the event 508-238- 6566.
Fishing at Borderland	Fishing is a great outdoor activity for families and friends. We will meet Mondays from 5-7pm at Pud's Pond. 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. Fishing license not required. Parking on Mountain Rd. in Sharon is available. For more information please call the park at 508-238-6566. Downpours cancel.
Life through the Looking Glass: <i>Up Close and Far Away</i>	Wildlife in our State Parks can easily overlooked if we don't pay attention. With some care and the assistance of modern tools we can observe hidden worlds that exist right before our eyes. Join park staff while we observe wildlife with microscopes, magnifying glasses, scopes and binoculars. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Program meets in front of the stone lodge. Sunscreen and bug spray recommended.
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.
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.

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 outdoor tour. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels.
Coloring, Coffee & Conversation	Join the park staff in the Visitor Center for some coffee and conversation while we use adult age coloring books to make our own masterpieces, as Blanche Ames once did at Borderland. Coloring utensils, coloring books, charcoal, sketch pads, 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 shine.
Wildlife Watch	There is a plethora of birds and animals that make Leach Pond their home at Borderland State Park. Often they can be better observed when quiet, and watch with binoculars. Find the park interpreter at the bird blind on the path between upper and lower Leach Ponds. Scope will be provided and feel free to bring your own binoculars. We will record any wildlife activity we observe. For adults and older children. Bug spray and water recommended.
Shakespeare in the Park: "Romeo & Juliet"	The Striving Artists Theatre Company is back at Borderland, and they will perform Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet". This is a free show; children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic. Donations will be accepted. Meet behind the Ames Mansion. Rain Cancels. For more information, please call 508-238-6566 or visit: http://www.strivingartists.org
South Eastern Massachusetts Walking Club	On Sunday July 17 th , the Southeastern Massachusetts Adult Walking Club will meet at Borderland State Park for a hike. The club usually meets each weekend on either a Saturday or Sunday for recreational walks. This club is open to people of 16 years of age and older, and there is no fee to join. Walks average 2 to 5 miles. New walkers are encouraged to participate. Walks will be led by a park ranger or a Walking Club volunteer leader. Borderland charges a \$ 5 parking fee. Program meets at the Visitor Center. Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes.
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.