



June 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	2	<b>3</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm  <b>Mansion Tour:</b> <b>Building a Home</b> 4:00pm - 4:30pm	<b>4</b> <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 1:00pm – 1:30pm  <b>Mansion Tour:</b> <b>Building a Home</b> 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm - 4:30pm
<b>5</b> <b>Coloring, Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 9:00am-11:00am  <b>Explore Nature: Ponding</b> 1:00pm -2:00pm  <b>Mansion Tour:</b> <b>Building a Home</b> 3:00pm - 3:30pm	<b>6</b> <b>Mansion Architecture Tour</b> 3:00pm -3:30:pm  <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00pm -7:00pm	<b>7</b> <b>Explore Nature:</b> <b>Stonewall Secrets</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm	8	9	<b>10</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm  <b>The Ames Family and Women's Rights</b> 4:00pm -4:30pm	<b>11</b> <b>Music In the Park</b> 1:00-3:00pm  <b>The Ames Family and Women's Rights</b> 4:00pm -4:30pm  <b>Ames Boulder Hike</b> 6:00pm-6:45pm
<b>12</b> <b>Coloring, Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 9:00-11:00am  <b>Explore Nature: Ponding</b> 1:00pm -2:00pm  <b>The Ames Family and Women's Rights</b> 3:00 - 3:30pm	<b>13</b> <b>Mansion Architecture Tour</b> 3:00pm -3:30pm  <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00pm -7:00pm	<b>14</b> <b>Explore Nature:</b> <b>Ponding</b> 3:00pm -4:00pm	15	16	<b>17</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm  <b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors &amp; Generals</b> 4:00pm -4:30pm	<b>18</b> <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 1:00pm – 1:30pm  <b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors &amp; Generals</b> 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm -4:30pm  <b>Ames Boulder Hike</b> 6:00pm-6:45pm
<b>19</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 9:30am – 11:00am  <b>Explore Nature: Ponding</b> 1:00pm -2:00pm  <b>Mansion Tour:</b> <b>Building a Home</b> 3:00pm - 3:30pm	<b>20</b> <b>Mansion Architecture Tour</b> 3:00pm -3:30pm  <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00pm -7:00pm	<b>21</b> <b>Explore Nature:</b> <b>Stonewall Secrets</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm	22	23	<b>24</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm  <b>Mansion Tour:</b> <b>Building a Home</b> 4:00pm - 4:30pm	<b>25</b> <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 1:00pm – 1:30pm  <b>Mansion Tour:</b> <b>Building a Home</b> 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm - 4:30pm  <b>Ames Boulder Hike</b> 6:00pm-6:45pm

<b>26</b> <b>Coloring, Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 9:00-11:00am  <b>Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion Tour</b> 1:00pm -3:00pm <b>Gift Shop</b> 1:00pm -3:00pm	<b>27</b> <b>Mansion Architecture Tour</b> 3:00pm -3:30pm  <b>Fishing at Borderland</b> 5:00pm -7:00pm	<b>28</b> <b>Explore Nature: Ponding</b> 3:00pm -4:00pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
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## Program Descriptions

<b>Mansion Tour: The Ames Family and Women's Rights</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> 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.
<b>Mansion Tour: Kids Tour</b>	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.
<b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b>	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.
<b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors &amp; Generals</b>	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.
<b>Friends of Borderland Ames</b>	Explore the history of the Ames Mansion while supporting Friends of Borderland State Park! Volunteer guides conduct 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

<b>Mansion Tours</b>	shine.
<b>Gift Shop at the Ames Mansion</b>	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.
<b>Fishing at Borderland</b>	Fishing is a great outdoor activity for families and friends. We will meet Mondays June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> , 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.
<b>Explore Nature Series</b>	<p>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. Rain cancels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ponding:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Stonewall Secrets</b> - How did all these stonewalls get into the woods? Who made them? And why? Learn about the history of the stonewalls that crisscross 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b>	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.
<b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b>	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.
<b>Coloring, Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>	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, 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.
<b>Music in the Park: Calling Volunteer Local Musicians</b>	On Saturday June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 from 1:00 -3:00pm Borderland State Park invites volunteer local musicians to participate in a musical experiment to further enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our park with the gift of music. Specifically, we are looking for 10 Individuals or small groups to perform in various areas around the park. 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 all around the park grounds whether hiking, biking or out for a causal stroll. All instruments welcome providing they are acoustic and non-amplified. Those interested must register with Borderland State Park staff 508-238- 6566. Limit is 10

	registrations, first come first served.
<b>Ames Boulder Hike</b>	Join the Park Interpreter for a quick hike to the ‘million pound boulder’. How did this huge boulder get here? Learn this and much more on this guided 45 minute hike. Program meets in front of the Ames Mansion. Great for kids and adults alike. Downpour cancels.