



November & December 2017 Borderland State Park

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 26 Mansion Tour: Building a Home 12:00pm-12:30pm 1:00pm-1:30pm	27	28	29	30	DECEMBER 1 Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals 11:00am-11:30am Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm	2 Friends of Borderland Gift Shop Sale at the visitor center 10:00am-3:00pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 12:00pm-12:30pm 1:00pm-1:30pm Full Moon Hike 6:00pm-8:00pm
3 Holiday Handbell Concert inside the Ames Mansion* 2:00pm-3:30pm	4	5	6	7	8 Mansion Tour: Partners in Love and Work 11:00am-11:30am Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm	9 Coloring, Coffee and Conversation 9:00am-11:00am Mansion Tour: The Ames and Womens Rights 12:00pm-12:30pm 1:00pm-1:30pm
10 Christmas Carol: a dramatic reading inside the Ames Mansion* 1:00pm-2:30pm	11	12	13	14	15 Mansion Tour: The Ames and Womens Rights 11:00am-11:30am Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm	16 Coloring, Coffee and Conversation 9:00am-11:00am Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals 12:00pm-12:30pm 1:00pm-1:30pm
17 Kids Mansion Tour: 12:00pm-12:30pm Mansion Tour: Partners in Love and Work 1:00pm-1:30pm	18	19	20	21	22 Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist 11:00am-11:30am Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm	23 Coloring, Coffee and Conversation 9:00am-11:00am Southeast Mass Adult Walking Club Hike 1:00pm-3:00pm
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31 Last Day of the Year Hike 10:00am-1:00pm			*denotes events that have an entry fee			

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. • 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. 	
<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 Ames 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</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</p>

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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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. Rain, icy trail conditions, and snow may cancel, please call ahead to confirm.
Southeast Adult Walking Club	Join the Park Interpreter for a 3-4 mile hike at Borderland on December 23, 2017. Open to the public. Adults only. Dress for the weather and wear winter boots. Meet at the visitor center. Inclement weather, icy trails will cancel, please call ahead to confirm. After the hike, join us for some hot chocolate inside the visitor center.
Full Moon Hike	The December full moon is called the "Cold Moon", join us for a 2.9 mile walk under the full moon. Great for older children and adults. Moderate pace walk with frequent stops. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather, bring a flash light. Inclement weather and cloud cover cancels the hike, call ahead to confirm. The park will be open this evening for this event only. After the hike, join us at the visitor center for some hot chocolate. Meet at the visitor center, hike leaves promptly at 6:00pm, so please arrive prior.
Last Day of the Year Hike	Let's say goodbye to 2017 with a nice 5 mile recreational hike at Borderland State Park. Connect with nature and reflect on the past year on this moderate paced hike along lesser used trails. Great for older children and adults. Dress for the weather. Inclement weather cancels; we may shorten the route depending on temperature and trail conditions. Meet at the Visitor Center. After the hike, meet back at the Visitor Center for some hot chocolate.
Coloring, Coffee and Conversation	Blanche Ames was a self-taught artist, and obtained a college degree in Art History from Smith College in 1899, so let us keep the arts and Blanches' memory alive at Borderland. Join the park staff in the Visitor Center for some coffee and conversation while we use adult coloring books to make our own masterpieces. All skill levels are welcome. 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, snow or shine.

Special Events	
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 .
Holiday Handbell Concert	On Sunday December 3, from 2:00 to 3:30pm in the Ames Mansion Library, 'ring' in the season with the Unity Church Hand Bell Choir in the ornate two-story library of the Ames Mansion! Refreshments will be served following this popular annual event, and free parking will be available at the mansion. The bell choir, now in its 26th year, is led by Director Susan Maffa, soprano soloist at Unity for 31 years and a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music who has performed extensively throughout Boston and the South Shore. Tickets are \$8 per person for members of Friends of Borderland and \$10 per person for non-members. There is limited seating – first-come, first-seated. Rain or shine (in case of snow, please call the park).
Christmas Carol	Join Gary Poholek as he perform a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol".

	<p>This performance in Borderland State Park’s historic Ames Mansion Library is a fitting place for this reading. Gary’s dramatic reading has captured audiences throughout New England. He performs each of the characters with different voices and mannerisms .The Friends of Borderland are honored to host this outstanding performance at Borderland State Park. This is great for all ages. There is limited space – first come – first seated. The cost for the public is a donation of \$10, \$8 for members of the Friends of Borderland. This event is rain or shine. In case of snow, please call Borderland State Park at 508-238-6566.</p>
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