



April 2017

## 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. Programs subject to change please call ahead

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm	15 <b>Coloring, Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 9:00am-11:00am  <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 2:00pm– 2:30pm
16 <b>Kids Crafts: Make your own Greenhouse</b> 10:00am-12:00pm  <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 2:00pm– 2:30pm	17 <b>Live Reptiles!</b> 10:00am-11:00am  <b>Kids Crafts: Paint &amp; Plant Flower Pots</b> 2:00pm-4:00pm	18 <b>Kids Crafts: Make your own Greenhouse</b> 2:00pm-4:00pm	19	20	21 <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 10:00am– 10:30pm  <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm	22 <b>Park Serve Day</b> 11:00am-1:00pm  <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 2:00pm-2:30pm
23 <b>Southeastern Mass Adult Walking Club Hike</b> 1:00pm	24 <b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b> 1:00-1:30pm	25	26	27	28 <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm	29 <b>Coloring, Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 9:00am-11:00am  <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 1:00pm - 1:30pm 2:00pm – 2:30pm
30 <b>The Ames and Women's Rights</b> 1:00pm - 1:30pm 2:00pm- 2:30pm						

## Program Descriptions

Interior Mansion Tours	
<b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b>	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.
<b>Mansion Tour: The Ames 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>Kids Mansion Tour</b>	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 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.

Exterior Mansion Tours	
<b>Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone</b>	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.

Kids Programs	
<b>Kids Crafts</b>	<p>These programs are “drop in” style; stay as long or as little as you want. Park staff will provide all the supplies for each craft and will be making these spring themed crafts with you! Great for kids ages 5 and up who are accompanied by an adult. Program is rain or shine and will be held inside the visitor center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Make your own Greenhouse:</b> We will be filling egg cartons with potting soil, select seeds from a variety of flowers to plant in each plot. Once we have planted the seeds we will wrap your little garden in plastic to create a greenhouse effect. Bring home your creation and put on the window sill and watch as your seeds sprout into beautiful flowers.</li> <li>• <b>Paint &amp; Plant Flower Pot:</b> Spring is in the air, and flowers will soon be blossoming and we want you to join us to paint a flower pot, use some of our potting soil and seeds to plant a variety of flowers. After you are done, bring home your creation and watch what you planted grow throughout the spring season.</li> </ul>

Programs	
<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 or shine.
<b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b>	Lets hike some of the lesser know trails 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 bug

	repellent. Hike is easy to moderate in difficulty. For adults and older children. Meet at the Visitor Center. Downpour cancels.
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<b>Special Events</b>	
<b>Southeast Mass Adult Walking Club Hike</b>	The Southeastern Massachusetts Adult Walking Club meets each weekend on either a Saturday or Sunday, usually at 1:00 pm, 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 always encouraged to participate. On Sunday April 23, 2017 at 1:00pm, the Southeastern Massachusetts Adult Walking Club will be hiking at Borderland, join us for a Moderate 3.5+ mile walk through some lesser known trails at Borderland State Park. Hilly and rocky terrain. Meet at Visitor Center. For more information, call Paul at (508) 238-6566 for more information. Parking fee \$5 MA resident, \$6 out of state.
<b>Live Reptiles!</b>	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.
<b>Park Serve Day</b>	Volunteer at Borderland on Saturday April 22, 2017 as we celebrate Park Serve Day. Let's get the park dressed up for spring. We will tidy up the rock garden, plant flowers and trim some bushes around the mansion. Feel free to bring pansies, begonias and any other annuals you would like to plant. Meet at the mansion