



August 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
	<b>1</b> <b>Mansion Architecture Tour</b> 2:00pm-2:45pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm  <b>The Ames Family and Women's Rights</b> 3:30pm-4:00pm  <b>Campfire Stories and Activities</b> 5:30-7:00pm	<b>6</b> <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 1:00pm-1:30pm  <b>The Ames Family and Women's Rights</b> 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm-4:30pm
<b>7</b> <b>The Ames Family and Women's Rights</b> 11:00am-11:30am 3:00pm-3:30pm  <b>Ponding</b> 1:00pm-2:00pm  <b>Perseid Meteor Shower Observation</b> 9pm-11pm	<b>8</b> <b>Mansion Architecture Tour</b> 2:00pm-2:45pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm  <b>Observing Nature Using Different Methods</b> 3:30pm-4:30pm  <b>Campfire Stories and Activities</b> 5:30-7:00pm	<b>13</b> <b>Insect Discovery Walk</b> 10:00am-11:00am  <b>Kids Mansion Tour</b> 1:00pm-1:30pm  <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm-4:30pm
<b>14</b> <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 11:00am-11:30am  <b>Ponding</b> 1:00pm -2:00pm  <b>Teddy Bear Picnic Concert</b> 3:00pm-5:00pm	<b>15</b> <b>Mansion Architecture Tour</b> 2:00pm -2:45pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm  <b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors &amp; Generals</b> 3:30pm-4:00pm  <b>Campfire Stories and Activities</b> 5:30-7:00pm	<b>20</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>21</b> <b>Ponding</b> 10:00am-11:00am  <b>New England Society of Botanical Artists</b> 12:00-3:00pm	<b>22</b> <b>Mansion Architecture Tour</b> 2:00pm -2:45pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm - 2:30pm  <b>Observing Nature Using Different Methods</b> 3:30pm-4:30pm  <b>Campfire Stories and Activities</b> 5:30-7:00pm	<b>27</b> <b>Vintage Baseball Game Double Header</b> 10:00am-3:00pm  <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 3:00pm-3:30pm 4:00pm-4:30pm

<b>28</b> <b>Way off the Beaten Path</b> <b>(Picnic) Hike</b> 9:30am-12:30pm  <b>Friends of Borderland Ames</b> <b>Mansion Tour</b> 1:00pm -3:00pm  <b>Gift Shop</b> 1:00pm -3:00pm	<b>29</b> <b>Mansion Architecture Tour</b> 2:00pm -2:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</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 Mansion</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 shine.

<b>Tours</b>	
<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>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 45-minute tour that will begin outside and finish inside. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels.
<b>Observing Nature Using Different Methods</b>	Nature 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.
<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.
<b>Campfire Stories and Activities</b>	Join park staff at Borderland State Park on Fridays at 5:30pm for some family fun around the campfire at the old stone lodge located near the visitors center next to Leach Pond. We may read some spooky tails and learn about the Ames family history and their use of the lodge. We will also learn some handy skills, tricks, and safety tips about having a campfire. Marshmallows are always welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
<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>Way Off the Beaten Path Hike</b>	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.
<b>Special Events</b>	
<b>Teddy Bear Picnic and Concert</b>	On Sunday, August 14 <sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Join park staff and The Friends of Borderland for a Teddy Bear Picnic and Concert! Renowned singer and storyteller Tina Stone will perform interactive songs for children and families. Bring your favorite teddy bear or bring all your teddy bears a picnic and a blanket and join Tina, as she sings. Make sure your teddy bear gets checked out by our special doctors! There may even be a special guest. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain cancels. Meet behind the Ames Mansion. Program is free; there is a \$5.00 per car parking fee. Please call (508) 238-6566 for more information.

<b>Perseid Meteor Shower Observation</b>	On Sunday, August 7 <sup>th</sup> , from 9:00pm-11:00pm, Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair and join park staff for the observation of the Perseid meteor shower. This is an annual meteor shower that is extremely regular in its timing and can potentially be visible for weeks in the late summer sky, depending on weather and location. These “shooting stars” are named after the constellation Perseus, which is located in roughly the same point of the night sky where the Perseid meteor shower appears to come from. The event will take place in the field adjacent the parking lot next to the visitor center. Park will be open after hours for those attending the program. Special guest, Tim Barker Professor of Astronomy at Wheaton College will be on hand to answer questions.
<b>New England Society of Botanical Artists</b>	On Sunday, August 21 <sup>st</sup> from 12:00pm-3:00pm. Stop on by the Ames Mansion to watch talented botanical artists at work! Blanche Ames, the lady of this estate was a botanical artist as well – so come check out the New England Society of Botanical Artists as they complete beautiful pieces, as Blanche did many years ago. There will also be music and fun art activities for children and families. The artists will have some work for sale – cash only. Watch history in the making and interact with the artists as they draw, sketch and paint!
<b>Insect Discovery Walk</b>	On Saturday, August 13 <sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-11:00am. Join Entomologists Janr O'Donnell and Don Bennett on this family-friendly insect discovery walk - and bring nets if you have them! Wear comfortable clothing and hiking shoes. For families with children. Sponsored by the Friends of Borderland and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Meet at the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.
<b>Vintage Baseball Game Double Header</b>	On Saturday, August 27 <sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-3:00pm. A vintage game of “base ball” as it was meant to be played, barehanded and by gentlemen’s rules. Players could even be fined for cussing or smoking cigars on the field. Well, this is a baseball reenactment, featuring authentic uniforms, equipment, and rules from the early days of the sport. Join us on the front lawn of the Ames Mansion and enjoy a good old-fashioned rivalry as the Friends welcome back the <b>Providence Grays</b> and the <b>New Hampshire Granite</b> to Borderland State Park! First pitch is at 10:00am. Don’t forget your peanuts and Cracker Jacks. Bring lawn chairs For all ages. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland Rain or shine. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. All children must be accompanied by an adult.