

Suggested MassParks Hikes and Rides!

Borderland State Park

259 Massapoag Avenue, 508-238-6566

To help you plan your visit to Borderland, we offer the following suggested hike and ride routes that we think visitors might enjoy. **Introductory hikes or rides** are relatively short and appropriate for most users, including families with children. **Signature hikes and rides** are recommended trail experiences that may be longer or more difficult, but that highlights some of the best features of this park.

Introductory Hike

Pond Walk

Trailhead: Begin at the Park's Main Entrance

Lat/Long: 42.062441, -71.166414

Distance: 3.0 miles, **Difficulty:** Easy

Brief Description: *Follow the carriage road leading around Lower Leach Pond. This beautiful trail is mostly wooded. You will pass the picturesque stone lodge, foundations, dam and bridge, open fields, the 1910 Ames Mansion and the picnic grounds. A self-guided brochure is available here:*

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/borderland/selfguided-family-hikes.pdf>

Introductory Hike

Shady Way to Lily Bay

Trailhead: Start at the Visitor Center

Lat/Long: 42.062441, -71.166414

Distance: 1.5 miles, **Difficulty:** Easy

Brief Description: *Lily Bay is a shallow inlet teeming with water lilies, painted turtles and birds. From the Visitor Center, turn left down the hill towards Leach Pond. Keep right to continue on the Pond Edge Trail, keeping Lower Leach Pond on your left. The Pond Edge Trail ends at Bay Road carriage road at the edge of Lily Bay. Enjoy the view from the bench on the left. Loop back on the carriage road toward the disc golf field. Turn right into the field and keep to the left side. Turn left onto the Boulder Trail leading into the woods. Follow it a few yards uphill to the Ames Boulder. Continue uphill and make your way back to the Visitor Center.*



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Signature Mountain Bike Borderland Single Track

Trailhead: Begin at the Park's Main Entrance Parking Lot

Lat/Long: 42.062441, -71.166414

Distance: Varies, **Difficulty:** Moderate

Brief Description: *Head north from the parking lot on the West Side Trail. Continue roughly north and explore various trails including French, Northwest and NEMBA trail. Remember to yield to pedestrians.*

Things to Remember:

- **Time, distance, difficulty:** average hiker pace is estimated at 1.5 miles per hour. Most distances are round-trip. Plan conservatively, start early. Be aware of weather and sunset. Trail difficulty ratings based on ruggedness and gradient are *easy, moderate, or difficult*.
- **Wear weather appropriate clothing**, layer for temperature changes. Appropriate footwear is a must. Trails can be wet.
- **Parking at trailheads:** Day use parking fee applies. Space may be limited. Be courteous to avoid blocking in others. Do not leave valuables in your car.
- **Bring a map, and share your plans with someone.**
- **Drinking water** is usually not available. Bring plenty! Trailside sources should be treated.
- **Stay on designated trails:** Follow painted blazes and signs if available. Double blazes indicate an intersection or direction change.
- **Pace & group size:** keep your group together; hike only as fast as your group's slowest hiker or rider. Limit group size to 12 people or fewer to lessen impacts.
- **Carry-in, carry-out all trash:** Leave No Trace outdoor ethics are strongly encouraged. For more information visit <http://www.Int.org/programs/principles.php>
- **Pets are generally permitted** on 10-foot maximum leash and under control at all times. Please clean up after your pet and dispose of all waste outside of park. Be aware of local park rules and that not all users appreciate encountering pets, even when friendly.
- **Be aware that some trails are not well marked.**
- **Be aware of hunting seasons** and wear blaze orange when appropriate. For season info visit: http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/regulations/abstracts/hunting_dates.pdf



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