



APRIL 2026 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodation is available upon request. Inclement weather may cancel programs. Programs meet at the Visitor Center at 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton unless otherwise advertised. To confirm or for more information call (508) 238-6566.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation
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Coming events

Daily
8:00am-4:00pm

Ames Family Photo Exhibit

Visit the Newcombe Visitor Center to learn about the Ames family and the construction of the Borderland estate through a photographs. Self-guided. All ages.

Self-Guided Brochures

Learn about the architecture of the historic Ames Mansion or the grounds. Self-guided tour brochures are free and available in the entry way of the visitor center. All ages.

StoryWalk

A self-guided walk featuring “Birds in My Backyard” by Lisa Donovan, illustrations by Dee Paras. Follow the Pond Walk from the Visitor Center and head towards the Stone Lodge to read along. For families, young children.

Various dates and times

DCR Ames Mansion Tours

Explore the 1st-floor of the historic Ames Mansion on a free tour. Meet at the mansion. Space is limited; register to guarantee a spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

REGISTER at tinyurl.com/Bordtour.

Building a Home

Come get a look at the fully furnished interior of the Ames Mansion, including the ornate two-story library. Explore the history of the family and the house itself.

- 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM, April 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, & 27

Kids Mansion Tour

What would it be like to be a kid living in the Ames Mansion? Learn about the Ames family and the four children who grew up here. For families with young kids.

- 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM, April 18, 19, 20, 24, & 25

Orchids & Oakes

Oakes Ames is considered one a foremost orchidologists. Learn about Oakes and his botanical work while we explore the first floor of the Ames Mansion together.

- 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM, April 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, & 27

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Coming events

Sunday

10:00-11:00am

April 26

Kidleidoscope

Learn about the natural world through beautifully illustrated books and hands-on activities. We will feature a new book and craft each week. Best for ages 4+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine.

Thursdays

1:00-3:00pm

April 23 & 30

Off the Beaten Path Hike

Join park staff for a guided hike. Explore different trails each week. Hikes are between 2-4 miles long on varied terrain at a moderate pace. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather. For adults and older children. Call ahead to confirm if conditions are questionable.

Thursdays

4:00-5:00pm

April 23 & 30

Wildlife Wonders

Spring is the perfect time to spot different seasonal wildlife. Stop by and learn how to use equipment like spotting scopes to identify various species. Bring your own binoculars if you have them! Inclement weather will cancel. Meeting locations vary:

April 23 – The Bird Blind, beyond the cedar bridge between Upper and Lower Leach ponds

April 30 – Lily Bay, follow Pond Walk starting at the Mansion. A station will be set up by the pond on the left near the Smith Farmhouse

Friday

10:30-11:30am

April 24

Nice and Easy Walk

Want to get out on the trail on a laid-back outdoor adventure? Join park staff for a nice and easy walk where we'll explore some well-trodden paths at Borderland. Walks are 1-2 miles long at a relaxed pace. For adults and older children. Inclement weather may cancel.

Saturday

10:30-11:30am

April 25

Explore Nature: In the Trees

Who calls the woods of Borderland home? What birds are you hearing sing as you explore the trails? Learn about life in Borderland's forests through different hands-on activities. Best for ages 7+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Inclement weather may cancel. Call ahead if conditions are questionable.

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Coming events

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday

12:00–2:30pm

April 12 & 26

Friends of Borderland 3-Floor Tours

Join the Friends of Borderland for a three-floor Ames Mansion tour. Take a step back in time as a volunteer tour guide brings the history of Oakes and Blanche Ames to life. These are the only tours that explore all three floors! Tours are \$10 per person. Children 12 and under, members of the Friends, and veterans are free. Tickets can only be purchased day-of, beginning at 11:30am in front of the Ames Mansion. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tours begin every 30 minutes and meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain or shine.

Saturday

12:00-1:00pm

April 18

Gardening for Adults

Join Ellen Farmer for spring planting tips and tricks. Explore gardening best practices, what to plant and when, and how to design your gardens for both plant health and aesthetics! Ellen has overseen the urns and planters around the mansion and visitor center for many years.

Free. **Registration is required.** To register, email Borderland at borderland.park@mass.gov. For adults only. Inclement weather will reschedule. **Rain Date:** Sunday, April 19 from 12:00-1:00pm. Program meets at the Ames Mansion.

Sunday

9:00am-

11:00am

April 19

Southeast Adult Walking Club

A moderate, four-mile hike on the back trails of Borderland. Enjoy ponds, fields, and rocky hills! Inclement weather may cancel. Call ahead if conditions are questionable.

Tuesday

12:00-1:00pm

April 21

Gardening for Kids

Join Ellen Farmer for a beginner's guide to gardening. Get your hands dirty and explore what soil makes plants the happiest and ideas on how to arrange flowers in their pots for maximum beauty! Ellen has been volunteering at Borderland for over 10 years and has overseen many of the urns and planters around the mansion and visitor center for all to enjoy!

Free. **Pre-registration is required.** To register, please email Borderland at borderland.park@mass.gov. Best for ages 8+. Inclement weather will reschedule. **Rain Date:** Friday, April 24 from 12:00-1:00pm. Program meets at the Ames Mansion.