



Borderland State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

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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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Daily
8:00am-8:00pm

Ames Family Photo Exhibit

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

Self-Guided Brochures

Learn more 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 “Summer Song” by Kevin Henkes and illustrated by Laura Dronzek. Follow the Pond Walk starting at the Visitor Center and head down towards the Stone Lodge to read along. Perfect for families with young children!

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**Various dates
and times. Tours
last 30 minutes.**

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 your 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.

Ameses and Women's Rights

Over 100 years ago, when the Ames Mansion was built, women did not have the right to vote. On this tour, you will learn about the Ames family's involvement in the women's rights movement. For adults and older children.

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.

**Wednesdays
2:00-3:00pm
August 5, 19, &
26**

eARTh & Crafts

Join park staff for an outdoor craft highlighting plants and animals that call Borderland home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Drop-in or stay for the duration. Meet in the picnic area. Inclement weather will bring program into the Visitor Center.

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Thursdays

1:00-3:00pm

August 6, 13, &
27

Off the Beaten Path Hike

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

Thursdays

5:00-7:00pm

August 6, 13,
20, & 27

Kids Fishing

Do you want to learn how to fish? We will supply poles and bait, and teach you all the basics and some tips, too! Feel free to bring your own equipment if you have it. Park at the Tisdale Site on Mountain Street in Sharon. Volunteers will direct you to park and to Pud's Pond. Email borderland.park@mass.gov with any questions. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturdays

11:30am-12:30pm

August 1, 15, &
29

Explore Nature: By the Pond

Have you ever wondered who lives above and below the surface of Lower Leach Pond? Join us for ponding; we'll take nets, scoop up the leaf litter at the bottom of the pond, and learn about what we find hidden there. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Program meets at the Stone Lodge.

Sundays

10:00am-11:00am

August 2, 16, 23,
& 30

Kidleidoscope

Explore the natural world through beautifully illustrated books and hands-on activities. We will feature a new story and craft each week. Weather and time permitting, we'll even hit the trails for a short hike after the craft! Best for ages 4+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine.

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Sunday

11:00am-

12:00pm

August 2, 9, 16,
23, & 30

Explore Nature: Beginner Birding

What birds can you hear as you explore the trails? Did you see a flash of red or yellow amongst the leaves? Learn about the birds who live here on this forest stroll. For ages 7+ and adults. Bring water and binoculars if you have them. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday

9:00-11:00am

August 8

Mushroom Discovery Hike

Have you ever wondered what fungi can be found at Borderland? Do you want to know how to identify mushrooms? Join members of the Boston Mycological Club for an observation-based hike to grow your skills. Bring sturdy footwear, water, and bug spray. For ages 6+.

Sunday

12:00-2:30pm

August 9 & 23

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 guide brings the story of Oakes and Blanche Ames to life. These are the only tours that explore all three floors!

\$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. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tours begin every 30 minutes.

Sunday

10:00am-

12:00pm

August 15

Insect Discovery Hike

Dragonflies, ladybugs, crickets, butterflies, and beetles! A 2-hour insect discovery walk with experts will help you see them up close, hear their sounds, and understand their lives. Join entomologist Don Bennett on this family-friendly walk. Bring field guides, bug boxes, insect nets, and hand lenses, or borrow ours! Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

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