



FEBRUARY 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 Newcombe 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-4:00pm

Ames Family Photo Exhibit

Stop by the 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 about the architecture of the historic Ames Mansion and the grounds. Self-guided brochures are free and available in the visitor center entryway. All ages.

StoryWalk

A self-guided walk in Borderland featuring the book “Hiders Seekers Finders Keepers: How Animals Adapt in Winter” by Jessica Kulekjian and illustrated by Salini Perera. Follow the Pond Walk starting at the Visitor Center and going down towards the Stone Lodge to read along. For youth accompanied by an adult.

Various dates
and times

DCR Ames Mansion Tours

Explore the 1st-floor of the historic Ames Mansion on these free guided tours. All tours meet at the Ames Mansion. Space is limited; register ahead to guarantee your spot. Walk-ins are 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.

Partners in Love and Work

Learn how Oakes and Blanche Ames complimented each other in love and in work on this 30-minute first floor tour.

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 kids.

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Coming events



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Sundays 10:00–11:00am February 8 & 22	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.
Tuesdays 1:30–2:30pm February 2, 9, 16, & 23	Family Nature Exploration: Animal Activities Join park staff and explore animal pelts, bird feathers, and animal skull replicas to learn more about the wildlife that call Borderland home. All ages welcome. Rain or shine. Great for homeschool groups!
Thursdays 10:00–11:00am February 5 & 19	Winter Adventure Series: A Winter’s Walk Join DCR staff at Borderland for a family walk along the 3-mile Pond Walk Trail. Depending on trail conditions and group size, route may be adjusted. Dress for the weather. After the hike, we will enjoy some hot chocolate by a fire inside the visitor center. For adults and older children. Inclement weather or bad trail conditions will cancel. Call ahead to confirm if conditions are questionable.
Thursdays 10:00–11:00am February 12 & 26	Winter Adventure Series: Basic Tree ID Trees start to drop their leaves in the fall, and some become completely bare by the wintertime. Join Park Staff on a short hike where together we’ll learn how to identify different trees, with and without their leaves! For adults and children ages 6+. Dress warm and wear comfortable shoes. Inclement weather may cancel. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Thursdays 1:00–3:00pm February 5, 12, 19, & 26	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. Hot chocolate will be available after the hike. Call ahead to confirm if conditions are questionable.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday
5:00–7:30pm
February 2

Full Moon Hike
Join park staff for a fun full moon hike. We offer three different paced guided hikes along the Pond Walk Trail under the full moon. Trail is mostly flat. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Best for adults and children ages 5+. Leashed pets are welcome. Inclement weather or trail conditions may cancel. Call ahead if conditions are questionable.

Sunday
10:00-11:00am
February 15

Share Your LOVE for Nature Walk
Celebrate Valentine’s Day and share your love for nature on this 3-mile hike around Lower Leach Pond. Enjoy hot chocolate by the fireplace in the Visitor Center after our stroll. Inclement weather may cancel walk or change route. For adults and older children. Call ahead if conditions are questionable.

Friday
5:00-6:30pm
February 20

Owl Prowl
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Join the park staff for our Owl Prowl. We will learn about owls that can be found in New England, learn some owl calls and then take a 1-2 mile hike to try and hear (and maybe see), an owl or two. After the program we will have owl pellet dissection available inside the visitor center. Dress for the weather. For adults and children ages 6+. Inclement weather may cancel. Call ahead if conditions are questionable.
Space is very limited. Email borderland.park@mass.gov to register.

Saturday
11:00am-12:00pm
February 21

Trailside Museum Animal Encounter
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Join educators from the Mass Audubon Trailside Museum for an animal show featuring their non-releasable wildlife ambassadors. Gain an appreciation for local birds of prey in this hour-long educational program. Great for all ages.
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