



AUGUST 2025 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise stated. Parking fee applies. An adult must accompany children. Rain cancels most programs. In case of inclement weather, confirm by calling (508) 238-6566.

 ADA/Reasonable Accommodation
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Daily	AMES FAMILY PHOTO EXHIBIT 8:00 am—8:00 pm, In the Visitor Center 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.
Daily	SELF-GUIDED BROCHURES 8:00 am—8:00 pm, At the Visitor Center Want to 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.
Tuesdays	MANSION TOURS
Saturdays	Times vary. Registration required. Meet at the Mansion.
Sundays	Step back in time and explore the first floor of the historic Ames Mansion. Free guided tours are offered throughout the week. Themes and times vary. Tours are thirty minutes long, first floor only. Accessible. Advance registration required. Visit https://tinyurl.com/Bordtour to register.
	Tuesday, August 5 1:00-1:30pm: Mansion Tour—Building a Home 2:00-2:30pm: Mansion Tour—Portrait of an Artist 3:00-3:30pm: Kids Mansion Tour
	Tuesday, August 12, 19, and 26 1:00-1:30pm: Mansion Tour—Building a Home 2:00-2:30pm: Kids Mansion Tour
	Saturday, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 1:00-1:30pm: Mansion Tour—Building a Home 2:00-2:30pm: Mansion Tour—Portrait of an Artist 3:00-3:30pm: Kids Mansion Tour
	Sunday, August 10 and 24 1:00-1:30pm: Mansion Tour—Building a Home 2:00-2:30pm: Mansion Tour—Portrait of an Artist 3:00-3:30pm: Kids Mansion Tour
Sundays	KIDLEIDOSCOPE 10:00 am—11:00 am, Meet at the Visitor Center Learn about the natural world through beautifully illustrated books and hands-on activities. We will feature a new book and craft each week. Story hour may be followed by a short nature walk. Best for ages 4+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine.

coming events



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- Thursdays

OFF THE BEATEN PATH HIKE
1:00 pm—3:00 pm, Meet at the Visitor Center
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. Inclement weather may cancel. Call ahead to confirm if weather conditions are questionable.
- Thursdays

KIDS FISHING
5:00 pm—7:00 pm, Meet at Pud's Pond
Do your kids want to learn how to fish? We will supply poles, bait, and will teach you all the basics and some tips, too! Feel free to bring your own supplies if you have them. For this program, please park at the "Tisdale Site" on Mountain Street in Sharon. We will have volunteers stationed at the Tisdale Site to help direct you to park and to Pud's Pond. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Fridays

EXPLORE NATURE SERIES: BY THE POND
1:00 pm—2:00 pm, Meet at the Stone Lodge
Have you ever wondered who lives above and below the surface of Borderland's ponds? Explore pond life through different hands-on activities. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. Best for ages 7+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Inclement weather may cancel.
- Fridays

NICE AND EASY WALK
5:30 pm—7:00 pm, Meet at the Visitor Center
Want to get out on the trails, but don't want to venture too far or hike anywhere too intense? Join Park Staff for a nice and easy walk where we'll explore some well-trodden paths at Borderland together. Walks are 1-2 miles long and are a relaxed pace. For adults and older children. Inclement weather may cancel. Call ahead to confirm if conditions are questionable.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

**Friday,
August 1**

LIVE ANIMAL SHOW

10:00 am—11:00 am, Meet in Picnic Area

Want to learn more about animals from all over the world? Join the Amazing Animal Ambassadors for a live animal show featuring a unique variety of exciting creatures like parrots, large reptiles, exotic mammals, and even live insects! All children must be accompanied by an adult. No cost or registration required. Rain cancels. For more information, please call Borderland at (508) 238-6566.

**Sunday,
August 3,
17, and 31**

FRIENDS OF BORDERLAND 3-FLOOR MANSION TOURS

12:00 pm—2:30 pm, Meet at Ames Mansion

Explore the history of the estate of Oakes and Blanche Ames while supporting the Friends of Borderland State Park. Volunteer tour guides will tell the story of Oakes and Blanche Ames, the mansion, and their love of nature. Tours run every 30 minutes. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tours are \$10 a person, children and Friends members are free. Tickets go on sale day of beginning at 11:30 am. Rain or Shine.

**Saturday,
August 9**

KIDS CONCERT

10:00 am—11:00 am, Meet at Rock Garden

Join popular kids' musician Greg Luzitano and bring the little ones for a set of classic interactive kids songs! Children will be engaged with invitations to sing along, make funny faces, use their imagination, and make noises as Greg leads them through energetic kids' songs. Best for ages 2-6, but all ages will have fun and grown-ups are encouraged to join in! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Inclement weather may cancel or change location. Please email Borderland at borderland.park@mass.gov with questions or for reasonable accommodations.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday,
August 15
and 29

SHARON PUBLIC LIBRARY STORYTIME

4:00 pm—5:00 pm, Meet in Picnic Area

Join the Sharon Public Library for a nature-themed story hour in the picnic area. Bring a picnic dinner or snacks to munch on and join the librarian for a story time filled with songs, games, crafts, and activities! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Inclement weather may cancel or change location.

Register with the Sharon Public Library for updates by following this link: <https://sharonlibrary.azurewebsites.net/Pages/Index/226198/calendar> OR contact Borderland at (508) 238-6566 to ensure program is still happening.

Saturday,
August 16

INSECT DISCOVERY HIKE

10:00 am—12:00 pm, Meet at Visitor Center

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 amazing lifestyles! Join entomologist Don Bennett on this family-friendly insect discovery walk. Bring your own field guides, bug boxes, insect nets, and hand lenses – or borrow ours! Wear comfortable shoes and bring plenty of water. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact borderland.park@mass.gov with any questions.

Saturday,
August 23

MUSHROOM DISCOVERY HIKE

9:00 am—11:00 am, Meet at Visitor Center

Have you ever wondered what fungi can be found at Borderland? Do you want to know how to identify different mushrooms? Join members of the Boston Mycological Club for an in-depth, observation-based hike focused on honing your skills. You'll learn about what role fungi play in the environment and what ecological processes lead to mushroom growth. Then you'll spend time learning how to identify different fungi. Bring appropriate footwear and bring plenty of water. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Inclement weather may cancel. Contact Borderland at borderland.park@mass.gov to ensure program is still happening.