



Borderland State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

JULY 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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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 towards the Stone Lodge to read along. For families with young kids!

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Coming events



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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 your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

REGISTER at tinyurl.com/Bordtour.

Building a Home

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.

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.

Of Governors & Generals

The Ames' are related to many politicians and war heroes. This family shaped Massachusetts and the Nation.

Wednesdays 2:00-3:00pm

July 1, 8, 22
& 29

eARTh & Crafts

Join park staff for an outdoor craft highlighting the 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 move program into the Visitor Center.

Thursdays 1:00-3:00pm

July 2, 9, 16, 23,
& 30

Off the Beaten Path Hike

Explore different trails each week. Guided hikes between 2-4 miles on varied terrain at a moderate pace. Bring water and dress for the weather. For adults and older children.

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Thursdays

5:00-7:00pm

July 2, 9, 16, 23,
& 30

Kids Fishing

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

Saturdays

11:30am-12:30pm

July 4, 11, 18, &
25

Explore Nature: By the Pond

Who lives above in Lower Leach Pond? 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

July 5, 12, 19, &
26

Kidleidoscope

Explore nature 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+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine.

Sunday

11:00am-

12:00pm

July 5, 12, & 26

Explore Nature: Beginner Birding

What birds are you hearing sing as you explore the trails? Did you see a flash of red or yellow amongst the leaves? Learn about the birds who call Borderland home on this stroll through the woods. Great for kids ages 7+ and adults alike! Bring water and binoculars if you have them! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday
12:00-2:30pm
July 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 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
9:00-11:00am
July 19

Southeast Adult Walking Club

A moderate, 3-mile hike out to Granite Hills Upper and Lower loops. These areas will be rooty, rocky, and hilly. Bring plenty of water and comfortable shoes. Inclement weather may cancel. For ages 16+.

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