



Borderland State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

JUNE 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 “Over and Under the Pond” by Kate Messner, with art by Christopher Silas Neal. 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**

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.

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.

Partners in Love & Work

Who was Blanche Ames? On this tour, we will learn about her artistic work, her passion, and her legacy. Tour is approximately 30 minutes, first floor only.

**Tuesdays
5:30-6:00pm
June 2, 9, 16,
23, & 30**

Border Land: Weaving Architecture and Nature Together

Oakes and Blanche Ames were incredibly passionate about the natural world, so much so that nature is woven into the design of their home and the grounds around it. Explore these interesting and inventive architectural choices on this guided 30-minute exterior tour.

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Wednesdays

2:00-3:00pm

June 3, 10, 17
& 24

eARTh & Crafts

Join park staff for an outdoor craft highlighting all sorts of different 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.

Wednesdays

5:30-6:30pm

June 3, 10, 17,
& 24

Nice and Easy Walk

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 laid back walk where we'll explore some well-trodden paths at Borderland. Walks are 1-2 miles at a relaxed pace. For adults and older children. Inclement weather may cancel.

Thursday

1:00-3:00pm

June 4, 18, & 25

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.

Saturdays

9:00-9:30am

June 6, 13, 20,
& 27

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Saturdays

11:00am-12:00pm

June 6, 13, 20,
& 27

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.

Saturdays

5:30-6:30pm

June 6, 13, 20,
& 27

Hobby Hub at the Stone Lodge

Do you have an art project you are working on? A hobby you are passionate about? Channel your inner Blanche Ames and join us at the Stone Lodge for an art hour overlooking Lower Leach Pond. Don't have a project? We'll provide materials so you can get one started. Inclement weather may move program to the Visitor Center. Call ahead to confirm location if conditions are questionable. Best for adults and older children.

Sundays

10:00-11:00am

June 7, 14, 21
& 28

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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SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday

9:00-11:00am

June 6



Pedal Through Time: Exploring History and Nature at Borderland

Join the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) to kick off Bike Month! Enjoy a 2-4 mile bike ride with three stops along the way where park staff will talk about the cultural and natural history of the park.

Space for this event is limited; scan the QR code to register. Participants must bring their own gear (bikes, helmets, etc). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday

12:00-2:30pm

June 14 & 28

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.

Thursday

5:00-7:00pm

June 25

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.