



Borderland State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

SEPTEMBER 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 Ave, North Easton unless otherwise advertised. For more info call (508) 238-6566.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation
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Daily
8:00am-7:00pm

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 “Fletcher and The Falling Leaves” by Julia Rawlinson and illustrated by Tiphonie Beeke. 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!

PROGRAMS

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.

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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.

Portrait of an Artist

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.

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

4:00-5:00pm

September 2,
9, 16, 23, & 30

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.

Thursdays

1:00-3:00pm

September 10,
17, & 24

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.

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Thursdays

5:00-6:00pm

September 10,
17, & 24

Wildlife Wonders

Fall is the perfect time to spot different seasonal wildlife! Stop by and learn how to use equipment like spotting scopes to identify various species. Bring your own binoculars if you have them! Drop-in or stay for the duration. Inclement weather will cancel.

- **September 10** – Meet at the Stone Lodge
- **September 17** – Meet at the Bird Blind, over the cedar bridge, between Upper and Lower Leach Pond
- **September 24** – Meet at Lily Bay, just before Smith Farm when you take Pond Walk from the mansion.

Saturdays

11:30am-12:30pm

September 5 &
26

Explore Nature: Animal Pelts & Activities

Explore animal pelts, bird feathers, and animal skull replicas to learn more about the wildlife that calls Borderland home. All ages are welcome. Rain or shine.

Sundays

10:00am-11:00am

September 6 &
27

Kiddleidoscope

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

9:00am-

12:00pm

September 6

The Long Hike

Hike to the northernmost point of Borderland on this guided, 5-mile, moderately paced recreational hike. We'll hike to the Morse Loop and enjoy break on the shores of beautiful Dead Swamp Pond. For adults and older children. Wear sturdy shoes, bring plenty of water and a snack.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday

12:00-2:30pm

September 6 &
20

Friends of Borderland 3-Floor Tours

Join the Friends of Borderland for a three-floor Ames Mansion tour. 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, starting at 11:30am in front of the Ames Mansion. An adult must accompany children. Tours begin every half hour.

Sunday

10:00-11:00am

September 20

Spooky Bones and Creepy Crawlies

***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Join Professor Bugman and start the spooky season off right with this family-friendly exploration of bones, skeletons, and bugs. You'll see the bones and skeletons of animals native to Massachusetts and have the chance to be hands-on with some massive live insects! Space is limited and registration is required. To register, email Borderland at borderland.park@mass.gov with your contact information and the number of adults and children in your group! A great activity for ages 4 and up.

Saturday

7:00pm-9:00pm

September 26

Full Moon Hike

Join park staff for a fun full moon hike! We offer guided hiking groups with different paces along the Pond Walk Trail under the full moon. Trail is mostly flat, 2.7 miles. Be sure to dress for the weather. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Pets must be leashed.

Sunday

10:00am-noon

September 27

Southeast Adult Walking Club

Join park staff for a moderate, 4-mile hike on rocky, hilly, less-traveled trails at Borderland. For ages 16+.

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Coming events