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Department of Conservation and Recreation

JANUARY 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.



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Daily 8:00am-4:00pm

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 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 head towards the Stone Lodge to read along. Great for all ages.

Various dates and times

DCR Ames Mansion Tours

Explore the 1st-floor of the historic Ames Mansion on these free guided tours. Space is limited. All tours meet at the Ames Mansion. **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.

• 1:00pm-1:30pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays

Of Governors and Generals

Did you know that Blanche and Oakes Ames are related to many politicians and war heroes? Learn about them on this guided tour.

• 2:00pm-2:30pm, Mondays and Wednesdays

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 children.

• 2:00pm-2:30pm, Sundays

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Sundays 10:00-11:00am January 11, 18, & 25

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 January 6, 13, 20, & 27

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 calls Borderland home. All ages welcome. Rain or shine. Great for homeschool groups!

Thursdays 10:00-11:00am January 8, 15, 22, & 29

Winter Adventure Series: Winter Birding

Join us and explore our flock of winter birds! Bird populations shift seasonally, and together we'll explore what birds still call Borderland home, even in chilly temperatures. Hot chocolate will be provided after the hike.

Thursdays 1:00-3:00pm January 8, 15, 22, & 29

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday 10:00am-12:00pm January 4

Southeast Adult Walking Club

Take a 3-mile hike out to the Tisdale Site via our lesstraveled trails. Route will be rocky and hilly. Meet at the Visitor Center. Parking is at 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton

For more information, please call 508-238-6566 or email at borderland.park@mass.gov