

# Borderland State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

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*Sunday, July 17*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -**

## COMING EVENTS AT BORDERLAND STATE PARK

**Off The Beaten Path Hike.** Thursday, July 21, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Explore the trails less traveled on this weekly 3- to 4-mile informative and recreational hike. Route and theme varies every week. Dress for the weather, bring water, and wear bug repellent. Hike is easy to moderate in difficulty. For adults and older children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet at the Visitor Center. Downpour cancels.

**Ames Mansion Garden Tour.** Sunday, July 24, 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join the Park Interpreter for a half-hour outdoor tour of the Ames Mansion gardens. For adults and older children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet in front of mansion. Rain cancels.

**Folk Music Concert.** Sunday, July 24, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join Friends of Borderland for a folk music concert with Ron Carlson from the folk band "Riverbend." For all ages. All children must be accompanied by an

adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. \$2 per car parking fee. Program held at Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

**Nature in Your Backyard.** Sunday, July 24, 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn about the common plant and animal life that you may find in your own backyard, including wildflowers, trees, birds, and butterflies. For all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels.

**Fishing Clinic.** Monday, July 25, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon fishing on the shores of Lower Leach Pond with your friendly local ranger. Bring your own equipment or use some of ours – limited number of poles available. Bait provided. Mass. fishing license not required. For all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet at the spillway at Puds Pond, approximately 1.5 miles from the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

**Mansion Tour: Building a Home.** Monday, July 25, 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about the history of the building of the Ames Mansion on this 30-minute guided tour of the first floor of the home. For adults and older children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels.

**Off The Beaten Path Hike.** Thursday, July 28, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Explore the trails less traveled on this weekly 3- to 4-mile informative and recreational hike. Route and theme varies every week. Dress for the weather, bring water, and wear bug repellent. Hike is easy to moderate in difficulty. For adults and older children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet at the Visitor Center. Downpour cancels.

**Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights.** Friday, July 29, 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about Oakes and Blanche Ames's involvement in the struggle for women's rights on this 30-minute guided tour of the first floor of the home. For adults and older children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Reservations required: please call Joe at 508-238-6566. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet in front of mansion. Rain or shine.

**Movies at the Mansion: "Up".** Friday, July 29, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On the last Friday evening of the month, the ornate, two-story library of the Ames Mansion transforms into a classic movie theater, complete with refreshments and snacks. This month, bring the whole family to see Disney-Pixar's inspirational film "Up." Admission is free; a small donation is requested for refreshments and snacks. RSVP required: please call Joe at 508-238-6566 to reserve seats. Rain or shine.

**Kidleidoscope!** Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The popular preschool program "Kidleidoscope!" has returned to Borderland. This weekly one-hour program includes a guided nature walk with a park ranger, a story, and a craft. For children ages 2 to 6; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-

enrollment required; please call Joe at 508-238-6566 to enroll. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet at the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

**Ames Mansion Architecture Tour.** Saturday, July 30, 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Explore the exterior of the Ames Mansion and learn about its construction on this 30-minute outdoor tour. For adults and older children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet in front of mansion. Rain cancels.

**The Long Hike.** Sunday, July 31, 8 a.m. to Noon. Hike to the hardly visited northern-most point of Borderland State Park on this 5- to 6-mile, moderately paced recreational hike. We'll hike to Morse Loop and enjoy a snack on the shores of the beautiful and peaceful Dead Swamp Pond. Wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water and bug repellent, as well as a snack to eat at the pond. For adults and older children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. \$2 per car parking fee. Meet at Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

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**Tennis on the Ames Mansion Court.** Daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Play tennis on the Ames Mansion court on the back lawn of the mansion. Bring your own equipment. First come, first serve. Free - just come and play! \$2 per car parking fee.

Unless otherwise noted, events meet at the Lawrence Newcomb Visitor Center, are free of charge and open to all. No pre-registration required. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Call Park Supervisor Ellenor at 508-238-6566.

Borderland State Park is located off Massapoag Avenue on the Easton/Sharon line. There is a parking fee of \$2 per car payable at the yellow machine. Those individuals over the age of 62 should visit the office in the Visitor Center for a free lifetime parking pass. Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. See the DCR Events Calendar at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/events.htm>.

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