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LUXURY LOVES THIS HIDDEN POND

KENNEBUNKPORT — Located on 60 acres of secluded woodlands, Hidden Pond is like a summer camp for grownups (and their kids), albeit a camp for those — like me — who prefer a touch of luxury in their wilderness experience. The 16 two-bedroom cottages and 20 one-bedroom bungalows, tucked in stands of sweet-smelling balsam and white birch trees, all feature gas fireplaces, screened porches with day bed, marble indoor showers, private outdoor shower, Frette linens and robes, small refrigerators with icemakers, coffee-makers, and down-filled duvets. But why make your own coffee when a basket with freshly baked pastries, a thermos of brewed java, and the newspaper is delivered to your door each morning?

I swam laps each day in one of two pools (one adults-only, the other welcomes families), but could also have chosen from a variety of free activities, including morning yoga class, solo hike on Hidden Pond trails, guided hike through a wildlife refuge, beach boot camp, bike excursions, or paid a small fee (\$25) for guided kayaking or stand up paddle-

board lessons. Kid activities include instructed crafts and nature walks. For those who prefer less-rigorous activities, three tree-top spa rooms (yes, in the tree tops!) offer massages, facials, and other body treatments.

A free trolley shuttles shoppers to the center of town. Beach lovers can reach Goose Rocks Beach through Hidden Pond's sister property The Tides Beach Club, where a chair, towel, and chilled water await. Stay for lunch at the Tides and enjoy such seaside classics as lobster rolls, steamed mussels, and fried clams.

Or dine in style at Hidden Pond's Earth, a farm-to-table open-air restaurant created in collaboration with celebrated Boston chef Ken Oringer. (Pictured below is its organic garden.) And what's a weekend in the woods without a bonfire and s'mores? Hidden Pond provides both every night, keeping campers of all ages happy. Rates from \$405, May to Oct. 3.

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