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Hidden Pond expands bungalow offering

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Hidden Pond in Kennebunkport, Maine, opened in 2008 and has already undergone expansion. When it reopens for the season in early May, the 60-acre resort will unveil 20 new bungalow cottages (it started with 14, each conceived by a different Maine designer), a tree-house spa and Earth, a new restaurant in collaboration with James Beard award winner, Chef Ken Oringer, he the culinary brain behind Boston's Clio, Uni, and Toro.

The cottages are set among balsam and birch groves, feature indoor and outdoor living spaces, come with screened-in porches with daybeds for two and other amenities. Earth's focus is "farm to fork," with a menu featuring vegetables and herbs from the resort's organic garden and freshly caught salmon and local meats. Spring will bring things like oven-roasted fiddlehead ferns, for example, and wood-roasted local lobster with green curry butter and grilled lemon.

The Tree Spa features three treetop spa rooms some eight feet above ground connected by a cat walk through the trees with a variety of treatments offered using ingredients from the resort garden, including rosemary, mint and lavender.

Hidden Pond is owned by Kennebunkport Resort Collection, which includes newly opened The Tides Beach Club, the Kennebunkport Inn, the Cottages at Cabot Cove, and Old Ford Inn & Resort. Hidden Pond rates run from \$425-\$985 per night. An opening rate of \$399 for the bungalow cottages is offered through June 23. For information, visit www.hiddenpondmaine.com or call 207-967-9050.