

PSA: Eleven Madison Park Is Popping Up in the Hamptons This Summer

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Every year, a fresh crop of restaurants competes for the attention of hungry (and discerning) Hamptonites. But this year, one spot is bound to be the most coveted reservation in town: Eleven Madison Park. The revered NYC stalwart that was recently named the world's best restaurant, is—much like everyone else in Manhattan—headed east for the summer.

Set to open on June 22 in East Hampton (in the space that previously housed Moby's), EMP Summer House won't be an exact replica but rather a summer-vacation spinoff. Along with a dining room inside the farmhouse, the backyard will be equipped with picnic tables under a tent for alfresco dining. The spot promises to be much more casual than the Manhattan location, with a seafood-centric à la carte menu that includes a lobster boil. (It's also rumored you'll be able to pick up takeout baskets for the best beach picnic ever.)

The reason for this Michelin-starred stroke of fortune? Eleven Madison Park's owners, chef Daniel Humm and restaurateur Will Guidara, are closing the city restaurant on June 9 for the first major renovations to the kitchen and dining room since it opened 20 years ago.

Instead of being out of a job for months, the entire Eleven Madison Park staff is heading to the Hamptons to work at the pop-up.

Reservations went live on Monday, and the restaurant is expected to stay open through early September. The only catch in grabbing a table at what will likely be the Hamptons' hottest summer restaurant? You need to have an American Express card. That's because EMP Summer House is being done in collaboration with AmEx (which will be the only credit card accepted at the pop-up).

But if you can't nab a reservation, all hope is not lost: The backyard is saved for walk-ins. Just be prepared for the inevitable wait.

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